

Holy Rosary Messenger

Holy Rosary Parish, New Holstein, WI

July 2009

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good People of Holy Rosary,

Summer is finally with us and vacation time has arrived. It is good to take some time to rest, relax, and unwind. There is no question that we live in the fast lane. Everything today is about how we can do things faster and better. While progress is good, we need to realize that "Rome wasn't built in a day."

Once again I want to stress the importance of that special day of rest – Sunday. By God's own commandments there is to be a Sabbath (day of rest) in the week. It is the Lord's Day. Today we have made it "our" day.

Recently one of our grade schoolers announced to me that he had missed Mass on that Sunday. When asked why, he said he had a ball game. It saddens me when I find parents who think a ball game on Sunday is more important for their kids than their relation with their God. How far we have drifted in this modern world of it's all about me.

Good friends, take some restful time this summer and reflect on where you stand with God. We know God must be the center of our lives. The question we face must have a better answer – is God the center? Count your blessings, enjoy the beauty of nature, the warm love of friends and family, and the special gifts God has filled your life. Let's all slow down and smell the roses.

Sincerely,
Fr. Harry



MASS CHANGE

On Saturday, August 1, there will be no 4:00 PM Mass at Holy Rosary. St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Polka Mass at the St. Anna Firemen's Park that afternoon. The Mass will be followed by a Pork Dinner.

On Sunday, August 2, we will have an 8:30 and 10:00 AM Mass. Please note: If you are scheduled as a cantor, organist, server, usher, greeter, lector or Eucharistic minister on the minister schedules for August 1 4:00 PM Mass, you are asked to please serve at the 8:30 AM Mass on August 2.



HOLY ROSARY FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival is October 18. Have you considered making something for the Craft Booth? We have some really crafty people in our parish, so please consider making something for the Booth.

Will you have extra items in your garden this year? Sign up sheets will be out in September for potatoes, carrots, cabbage and many other items. Any donations you can made help to defray our costs.

Fall Festival raffle tickets will be out in the near future. Your support in helping to sell a few is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH R.O.C.K.' S. ACTIVITIES

As our year comes to a close, I wish to thank all the students and parents that helped assist with our monthly Bingo at Willowpark Residence Home, volunteering to work with the Catholic Knight members on their 'Join Hands Day', helped with our Brat Fry/Car Wash/Bake Sale, and finally a special thank you to all involved with our Youth R.O.C.K.'S. Choir, whose dedication and commitment should be applauded. I truly appreciate everyone's support.

Congratulations and praise to the following high school students for their outstanding Christian Service at our parish: Brandon Balazs, Jacob Berchem, Lauren Feider, Ashley Gulig, Kevin Kutz, Taylor Lechler, Emily Meyers, Kari Meyers, Gregory Parker, Marty Pleviak, Melissa Schmitz, and Erin Wiley. Let us recognize and praise our future Christians leaders for their participation by going well beyond the normal service requirements at our parish. Way to go, Students!

Vital Youth Ministry continues to impact our parish with prayers for our students and our Vital Planning Team. Our next goal will be to implement our plan into action and involve more adults to help in our Vital Focus Areas of Youth Ministry. The following items are needed: heavy duty 4-drawer filing cabinet, large dorm-room size refrigerator, camcorder for videos, and book shelf, please call me at 898-4334, if you can assist in anyway.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF CALUMET COUNTY will be held on Friday, August 21 – Saturday, August 22 at New Holstein High School's Track Field beginning at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Our Team is called Holy Rosary YOUTH. Students will need permission slips to attend this event. This event is all-evening long, the students and I will not be staying overnight, so parents need to pick up their students at 1:00 am after the free pizza is served. After all Masses on the weekends of July 26, August 2, and August 9, we will be selling white Remembrance Luminaria Bags for \$ 10.00 for the event and forming a Paper Chain of names. The money raised helps to support American Cancer Society programs in research, education and service. Donations can be made out to the "American Cancer Society" for our parish's team.

Reality C.H.E.C.K. Work Camp was held at St. Agnes Parish, Green Bay during the week of June 22 – 26. Reality C.H.E.C.K. stands for Catholic Hands Exhibiting Christian Kindness. Three students and I attended and had an awesome service experience. Each of us have written about our adventures and our thoughts can be found on the second page of this newsletter. Thank you to those parishioners who helped financially to sponsor the students' costs.

Coming Soon: Youth Walk/Run for Hunger will be Sunday, September 13, beginning at 1:00 pm. Again, students Grades 7 through 12 will be required to participate and collect pledges for this worthwhile cause to assist our local Helping Hands Food Pantry. A great way to help out our local area with funds they need! **AND** St. John Bosco's Youth Day will be held at Holy Hill, Hubertus, WI on Saturday, October 3. We have gone for the past 5 years and the students truly enjoy this day of faith and fellowship in which they can experience the presence of Jesus. Admission is Free. It's a great day and experience!!

Thank you to those parishioners who have donated financially to our YOUTH R.O.C.K.' S. Youth Ministry. God Bless You!

Carla Nennig, Youth Minister

4th QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues (Year to Date):	
Church support:	\$ 310,897.63
Fund Raising:	\$ 40,553.42
Restricted & Unrestricted	
Donations:	\$ 68,406.64
Miscellaneous:	\$ 27,467.26
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 447,324.95
Disbursements:	
Personnel:	\$ 131,038.49
Purchased Services/Supplies	\$ 24,722.33
Building & Grounds	\$ 81,523.84
General & Office Supplies	\$ 13,995.93
School Subsidy	\$ 163,527.64
Other:	\$ 19,215.78
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 434,024.01
•Income Over Expenses:	\$ 13,300.94
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•Borrowed from Restricted Accounts to meet expenses (from 2004/05 - 2008/09)--	\$ (117,822.99)

BUILDING & GROUNDS

IMPROVEMENT FUND	
•April Receipts	\$ 1,647.21
•April Expenses	\$ 584.52
•May Receipts	\$ 1,642.98
•May Expenses	\$ 1,364.00
•June Receipts	\$ 2,554.85
•June Expenses	\$ 459.00
•B & G Fund Balance	\$ 73,287.83

Don't take a vacation without God!

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Reality C.H.E.C.K. Catholic Work Camp

During the week of June 22, four members of YOUTH R.O.C.K.' S. attended Reality C.H.E.C.K. Catholic Work Camp at St. Agnes Parish in Green Bay. Reality C.H.E.C.K. stands for Catholic Hands Exhibiting Christian Kindness. It's a week-long adventure (work camp) serving those in need in Green Bay's community and making a difference in their lives. It was dynamic, a faith-filled experience and exhausting!!

Monday began with an explanation of what was expected of us and what type of service/work was needed to be done. There were 7 work groups and everyone had assigned work sites for the week. Each day was broken up into a morning work session and an afternoon work session. Our day would always begin and end with a beautiful Prayer Service which included prayer, music, and movement. The various work sites included painting a weather-beaten garage and newly formed Youth Ministry Room in an old convent; working at disabled and elderly homes; tearing down a shabby building and cleaning up an old house at the Norbertine Volunteer Community by their Abbey; and working at The Bridge-Between Retreat Center in Denmark. We were greeted with smiles as we cleaned inside some apartments and houses by washing dishes and windows, vacuuming or cleaning bathrooms; outside chores would include mowing lawns, trimming bushes, planting flowers, pulling weeds in gardens, cleaning out gutters and washing the outsides of windows. The Bridge-Between Retreat Center was everyone's favorite work site because Dominican Sisters Caroline and Diane would show us their animals and farm which consists of the Silo and Granary Cottage Retreat Center. After cleaning up the animal's stalls and adding new hay in the barn, they made us a fantastic lunch with great conversations about living a wholistic lifestyle by taking care of our Earth and its land and how we should be good stewards of our Earth by reusing our resources and not being wasteful with our water.

After all day in the heat and humidity, we came back exhausted; took a quick shower; had dinner; then the evening program begin after Mass. Bishop Ricken made a surprise visit on Thursday evening by joining us for dinner and spending time with the students. That evening ended with a 'treat' of going into St. Agnes' air-conditioned church for an Adoration Prayer Service. Silently, we all said a prayer of thanks to God for the invention of air conditioning. Friday was clean-up day. Our accommodations were inside St. Agnes' Grade School, so everyone worked together to restore their school's classrooms. On the way home, our discussion in the car was that this 'Work Camp' was definitely not all fun and games, but hard work with benefits by enjoying a great faith experience, because we made new friends, spent time in prayer, and have a whole new attitude about helping others in our community. God Bless You!

Carla Nennig, Youth Minister

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

I had a lot of fun at Reality C.H.E.C.K. Work Camp because I had the opportunity to meet and work with many teens in our diocese. We worked at many elderly people's homes who were very nice to us and gave us refreshments and snacks. They appreciated our hard work and energy. In the evening, we had some free time where we could hangout with our new friends and play foosball or just chill out. This experience increased my abilities to become a better worker and learn many new skills while serving others in need.

Marty Pleviak

Although it was very hot and humid all day and night at Reality C.H.E.C.K. Work Camp, we still went out to our assigned work sites to help people by performing some type of community service. The work camp was a great thrill for me to attend because I really enjoyed helping out the people that we did, whether it was painting the Youth Ministry Room at a church, a house in the neighborhood where we pulled weeds and cleaned out their gutters or cleaning out the llama's stalls at The Bridge-Between Retreat Center. The best experience was meeting a lot of new people, and together as a team, we would do all kinds of hard work with them; and everyone had a great time doing service, including me. It was very rewarding for me to help people and to take delight in seeing their happy faces, especially the elderly, when we were finished working. I'm looking forward to next year to be able to take part in this wonderful camp again.

Brandon Balazs

For me, Reality C.H.E.C.K. Work Camp was a great experience. I met many new friends and became even closer in my faith, and helped some great people by doing community service. When we left early Monday morning, I knew very little of what to expect. Knowing only Brandon, Marty, and Mrs. Nennig, it didn't take long before I met some very nice girls who I shared a room with (we were sleeping in classrooms). During that hot week, we constantly heard "DRINK WATER!" because they didn't want anyone to pass out from being dehydrated. Even though it was the hottest day, Tuesday was my best day of the week, because my work group went to The Bridge-Between. As soon as we arrived, we were greeted cheerfully by one of the Sisters who lives there. We went into their house and prayed for them and their Retreat Center. Our job was picking weeds in their organic gardens for the first half of the day when it was still cool outside. Then, it was time for lunch where we shared our sack lunches with them and the Sisters shared their delicious soup and dessert with us. In closing, I would say it had been a wonderful opportunity by meeting new friends to last a lifetime, doing service for others that may be incapable of doing

things for themselves, and being able to become even closer in your faith by seeing God in others.

God Bless, Taylor Lechler



Please remember in your prayers the following members of our parish community who have passed away since March:

- Marian Steiner
- Wilmer Freund
- Gene Hoerth
- Frederick Klauck
- Ronald Rumpf
- Arlyn Steffen
- Francis Dhein
- Josephine Reese
- Elrieda Thelen

May God grant them eternal rest!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 15 – Catechist Training at Kiel
- July 25-August 9 – Youth R.O.C.K.'S. Selling "Relay for Life" Remembrance Luminaria Bags at Weekend Masses
- August 21 & 22 – Relay for Life
- September 9 or 13 – Parent/Student Rel Ed Meetings
- September 13 – Youth Walk for Hunger
- September 27 – Parish Annual Meeting
- October 18 – Fall Festival



✠ CATHOLIC TRIVIA ✠

1. Which is the process whereby the Church recognizes a person to be a saint or model of holiness?
 - a. Canonization
 - b. Dispensation
 - c. Confirmation
 - d. Baptism
2. Which is the most familiar symbol used in Christianity?
 - a. The fish
 - b. The cross
 - c. The dove
 - d. The star
3. Which of these is not an image of Jesus?
 - a. Good shepherd
 - b. Bread of life
 - c. A dove
4. Whose challenge of Church practices in the sixteenth century began the protestant Reformation?
 - a. King Henry VIII
 - b. Galileo
 - c. Martin Luther
 - d. Shakespeare
5. St. James and St. Paul urge us to pray _____.
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Constantly
 - d. Only on Sunday
6. Which of these is called the "Body of Christ?"
 - a. The Pope
 - b. The Church
 - c. The Bible
 - d. The Cross

Catholic Trivia Answers: 1. a, 2. b, 3. c, 4. c, 5. c, 6. b