

Holy Rosary Messenger

Holy Rosary Parish, New Holstein, WI

April 2009

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

A question we might ask ourselves – What is a parish? As members of Holy Rosary, what is this parish we call ours?

A parish is the gathering of families of Catholic faith that centers in a church building and other facilities for worship, ministry, and support. For a parish to be truly alive all members must be part of its threefold life. Baptism gathers us into this community and the parish enables us to fully follow the path of faith on our life-long journey.

Once again, I wish to stress that true membership in a parish begins at the altar. Our weekend gatherings for Mass give us the opportunity to hear God's Word and be fed with the Bread of Life. Jesus makes this perfectly clear in the Gospels when He states without the Eucharist we have no life in us. The simple fact is that if we are present and participating in the weekly celebration of Eucharist we are building a life of faith and love that will lead to being part of ministry and support of God's work here and throughout the world.

My prayer and plea in this new Easter season is that all of us will be active, living, and participating members of this family of God at Holy Rosary. In the words of an early Church writer "the glory of God is man fully alive." May all of us be that glory of God!

Sincerely,

Fr. Harry



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Our Lenten journey will soon conclude with the Holy Week events, climaxing with our Easter celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection. Please join us on the journey. The Holy Week schedule is:

Holy Thursday, April 9 – 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 10 – 1:00 PM

Easter Vigil, April 11 – 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 12 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM



BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 2 when we will be having our annual Beautification Day. We all know it has been a LONG winter, so the parish grounds are going to need a good sprucing up. Volunteers of any age are welcome to help out. We will begin at 8:00 AM. Please bring gloves, rakes, and shovels, if you can, to help make the work easier. Rain Date will be May 16,

As stated in the last newsletter, this past fall and early winter was a very busy time for the parish with several building & grounds projects in and around our parish. Windows were replaced in the kitchen and bathrooms in the school, the steam traps were tested and replaced in the school, and new gym lights were installed. Although we have not yet received the energy rebate on the new lights, we did receive the rebate for the steam traps. We wish to thank New Holstein Utilities and WPS for sponsoring these rebates. The Focus on Energy rebate, in the amount of \$2880.00 significantly helped reduce the total project bill of \$10,460.00 for the steam traps. We have also seen a significant savings in our heating costs this winter.

This winter gave our snow removal equipment a good workout and unfortunately we needed to replace the brush attachment for the tractor. It is through your generosity to the Building & Grounds Improvement Fund that we had the money available to replace the brush quickly. God loves a cheerful giver and so do we. We are so very gratefully for all you do to help our parish with your donations.



SPRING INTO CASH RAFFLE!

Do you hold a winning ticket in this year's "Spring Into Cash" raffle? The saying goes - You can't win if you don't enter. It's not too late to pick up a few extra tickets for the raffle. Extra tickets are available in church, at the rectory, or from Chris Scholz, Gary Winkler or Jon Berchem.

Sold tickets and money can be returned anytime between now and April 18. They can be dropped into the metal boxes in any wing of church or dropped off at the rectory. Don't forget to attend the Raffle Drawing Social on Saturday, April 25 following the 4:00 PM Mass. Details on the social can be found elsewhere in this mailing.

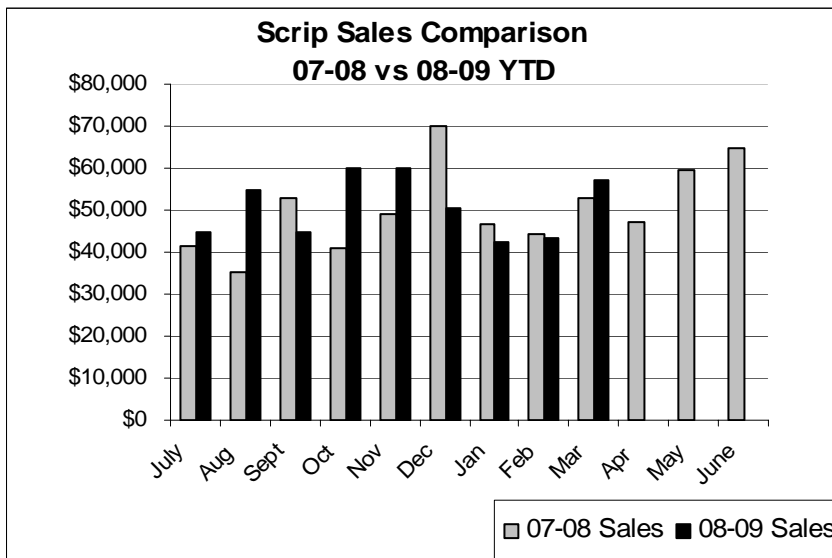
Thank you for supporting our parish fundraiser and good luck on the raffle!

3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT		BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Revenues (Year to Date):		•January Receipts	\$ 1,279.83
Church support:	\$ 231,501.09	•January Expenses	\$ 3,759.50
Fund Raising:	\$ 29,167.54	•February Receipts	\$ 1,411.24
Restricted & Unrestricted		•February Expenses	\$ 2,487.00
Donations:	\$ 62,101.09	•March Receipts	\$ 4,685.20
Miscellaneous:	\$ 20,202.01	•March Expenses	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 342,971.73	• B & G Fund Balance	\$ 69,850.31
Disbursements:			
Personnel:	\$ 97,115.97		
Purchased Services/Supplies	\$ 17,745.97		
Building & Grounds\$	67,240.13		
General & Office Supplies	\$ 9,703.27		
School Subsidy	\$ 121,684.44		
Other:	\$ 11,140.43		
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 324,630.21		
•Income Over Expenses:	\$ 18,341.52		
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•Borrowed from Restricted			
Accounts to meet expenses			
(from 2004/05 - 2008/09)-- \$ (129,001.27)			

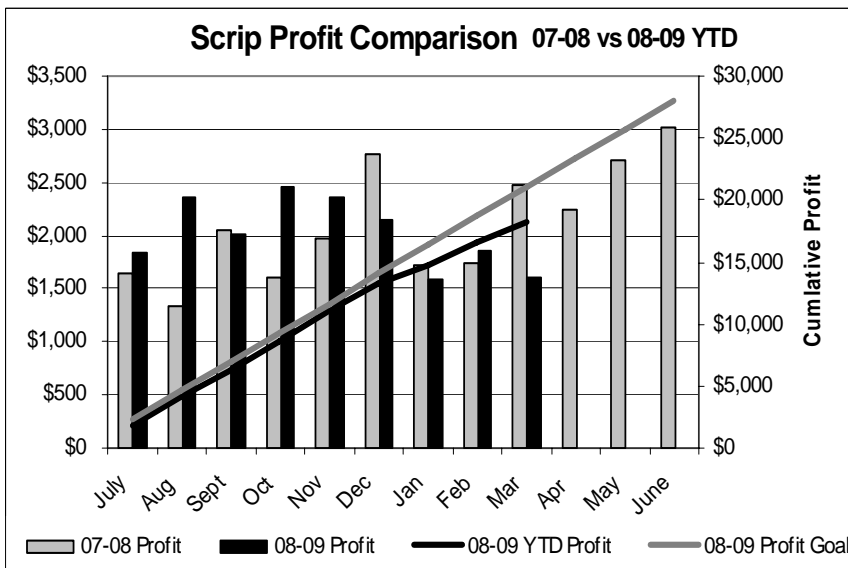
Renew Your Faith This Easter

SCRIP UPDATE

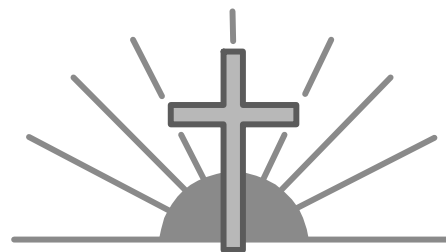
As you know the easiest way to contribute to the parish without personnel sacrifice is to purchase scrip. Buy a \$25 scrip card, get your \$25 of goods or services and the parish receives a rebate from the business. We had a great start to the year for 2008-09; however, sales have tapered off in the last quarter as shown below in the graphs. Please continue to support this essential fundraising activity.



This graph shows sales decreases in 3 out of the past 4 months of 08-09 as compared to 07-08.



This graph shows profit decreases in 3 out of the past 4 months of 08-09 as compared to 07-08 (thick Bars and left side scale). It also shows that we are well below our profit goal year-to-date. (Thin lines and right side scale)



In Memoriam

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

- Ralph Orth
 - Elmer Mertens
 - Elmer Freund
 - Alice Schwantes
 - Walter Bartel
 - Emil Klapperich
 - Philip Westenberger
- May God grant them eternal rest!*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5 to 11 – Holy Week
- April 12 – Happy Easter
- April 18 – Daughters of Isabella State Convention
- April 19 – First Communion
- April 25 – Girl Scout Food Drive
- May 2 – Beautification Day
- May 2 & 3 – Divine Savior School Plant Sale
- May 10 – Happy Mother’s Day
- Right to Life Rose Sale
- May 16 – Youth R.O.C.K.’S. Car Wash



✠ CATHOLIC TRIVIA ✠

1. What does the word “Eucharist” mean?
 - a. Bread
 - b. Thanksgiving
 - c. Communion
 - d. Table

2. In the story of creation, what did God do on the Sabbath?
 - a. Created woman
 - b. Spent the day in prayer
 - c. Rested
 - d. Created the heavens

3. What mysteries of the Rosary focus on the passion and death of Jesus?
 - a. Glorious
 - b. Sorrowful
 - c. Joyful
 - d. Sinful

4. In what religion does Christianity have its roots?
 - a. Islam
 - b. Paganism
 - c. Muslim
 - d. Judaism

5. Which Jewish festival is celebrated near the time that Christians celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ?

- a. Hanukkah
- b. Yom Kippur
- c. Passover
- d. Purim

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