

Holy Rosary Messenger

Holy Rosary Parish, New Holstein, WI

January 2012

FROM THE PARISH DIRECTOR'S DESK

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ! It is my hope and prayer that Christ was born anew within your heart, your family and your relationships this past Christmas. What a blessing it is that our God is born within the stables of our lives – the messiness, the stench and the unexpected places where we least expect God to show up. May we always be filled with gratitude that our messiness does not scare or keep our God from us.

As we continue to progress through our year, I wanted to touch base with what has been going on these past six months. Deacon Pat and I have been busy working with both the Parish and Finance Councils. Particularly, we've been working with the Parish Council working to set goals based upon the parish visioning that took place last year. One of our priorities is to become a more welcoming community, and we've been exploring ways to do that. We continue to ask ourselves "Who isn't gathered with us around the altar table that needs to be here?"

Bishop Ricken also challenged us through his recent pastoral letter, Parishes: Called to be Holy, Fully Alive, Fully Engaged. This pastoral letter focuses on six areas of pastoral life within parishes: Evangelization; Youth, Young Adult and Family; Leadership; Education; Eucharist; and Dignity of Human Life. Specifically, the bishop asked us to focus this year on Eucharist, since the new Roman Missal was being introduced within our parishes this past Advent. To that end, both Parish Council and the Prayer and Worship Committee have been focused on answering the question "How can we pray better as a faith community?"

The answers to both of the above mentioned questions are not easy (and we welcome your voice!). There can often be as many opinions around the table as there are people. But for us to be a community of faith, centered on the Eucharist and the love of Jesus Christ, we are called to invite and welcome all to the table of the Lord. For that to happen, we need to be the evangelizers – inviting, welcoming, asking, telling and reminding all those present in our lives of the life that can be found in Jesus Christ. It also means we need to be open to the ideas, creativity and wisdom these new individuals and families bring with them. Inviting others into our lives and into our church can be an exciting, scary and messy thing. And that, as the lesson of the stable tells us, is precisely where God is found.

Just like Christ's visit to the stable some 2000 years ago, may we be open to meeting him in new ways this coming year. Thanks for all you do on behalf of Holy Rosary Parish!

Joe



'SPRING INTO CASH' RAFFLE!

We are well underway with this year's "Spring Into Cash" Raffle. This raffle is one of our major fundraisers for our parish and we greatly appreciate everyone's support as we look to reach our goal of \$12,700.

The drawing will be held on Friday, March 9, 2010, at 7:30 PM in the gym at the conclusion of the Fish Boil being sponsored by our Religious Education Program. We will again be paying out in excess of \$13,000 in prize money with the top prize being worth \$5,000. Additional tickets are also available in each wing of church or at the Parish Office for anyone hoping to sell a few extra. Ticket stubs and money can be dropped off anytime at the parish office or into the locked, metal boxes in the vestibule of each wing of church. All tickets and money need to be returned by Monday, March 5. So again, thank you for your support and if you purchased a ticket, Good Luck!

BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2012 Bishop's Appeal will be kicking off the weekend of February 4 & 5. Here is an opportunity to help the larger Church in its mission of reaching out to those who are in need in our diocese. Whether it is through resources and training for our Religious Education program and Parish Councils or through the work of Catholic Charities for those individuals and families who are struggling, we all have the opportunity to Renew through Christ our commitment as disciples to help those in need. When that pledge card comes in the mail, please give some prayerful consideration to all the blessings that God has bestowed on you and your family. Please give generously to this year's Bishop's Appeal.



HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Have a little trouble hearing in church? Holy Rosary has available Hearing Assistance Devices for you to use. The devices are available in all wings of church. Please ask any usher for assistance.



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

Jeanette Vanman
Marvin Hoerth
Ursula Rettela
Stephen Rach
Nadine Bosma
Virginia Gasch
Shari Schad
Dolores Fett
Odelia Ramminger

May God grant them eternal rest!

JOE & DEACON PAT'S SCHEDULE

Although our Parish Director Joe Zenk and our Deacon Pat Knier rotate between our linked parishes, you are welcome to call them at any of the parishes. The office numbers are: Holy Rosary – 898-4884; St. Ann – 894-3147; SS. Peter & Paul – 894-3553. Joe's email is pdjoezenk@gmail.com. Deacon Pat's is dcnpatknier@gmail.com. The following is their usual schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St Ann			Pat-AM	Joe Pat-AM	+
Holy Rosary	Pat-PM *	Pat-AM	Joe	Pat-PM	+
SS Peter & Paul	Pat-AM *	Joe Pat-PM	Pat-PM		+

* Deacon Pat rotates the location when he presides at the Monday morning Liturgy of the Word at Holy Rosary.

+ On Fridays, Joe rotates between the parishes where needed.



✠ CATHOLIC TRIVIA ✠

1. What did the Israelites eat which saved their lives in the desert?

a. Manna	b. Lamb
c. Unleavened bread	d. Twinkie

2. What did Jesus tell us to seek first before everything else?

a. The kingdom of God	b. Peace on earth
c. Manna from heaven	d. Money

3. How long should we fast before receiving Communion?

a. One hour	b. Three hours
c. Thirty minutes	d. No fasting needed

4. Which of these is a form of penance?

a. Prayer	b. Works of mercy
c. Giving alms	d. All of the above

5. What was the most important role of the prophets in the Old Testament?

a. To offer sacrifice	b. To interpret dreams
c. To tell stories	d. To call people to a change of heart

2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues (Year to Date):

Church support:	\$ 138,882.32
Fund Raising:	\$ 16,310.16
Restricted & Unrestricted	
Donations:	\$ 23,736.42
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 12,740.90</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 191,669.80

Disbursements:

Personnel:	\$ 73,997.90
Purchased Service/Supplies	\$ 11,655.89
Building & Grounds	\$ 16,360.05
General & Office Supplies	\$ 5,109.20
School Subsidy	\$ 67,500.00
Other:	<u>\$ 18,462.54</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 193,085.58

•Income Over Expenses: \$ (1,415.78)

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•Borrowed from Restricted

Accounts to meet expenses	
(from 2004/05 - 2010/11)--	\$(120,620.03)
Borrowed 2011/12--	\$ (4,180.47)
Total Borrowed--	<u>\$ (124,912.85)</u>

BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND

•July Receipts	\$ 1,279.27
•July Expenses	\$ 0.00

•August Receipts	\$ 1,105.25
•August Expenses	\$ 328.06

•September Receipts	\$ 1,177.24
•September Expenses	\$ 17,446.40

•October Receipts	\$ 1,844.77
•October Expenses	\$ 0.00

•November Receipts	\$ 1,255.56
•November Expenses	\$ 2,166.64

•December Receipts	\$ 1,086.49
•December Expenses	\$ 0.00

•B & G Fund Balance \$ 67,963.50



Mark Your Calendars!

3RD ANNUAL FISH BOIL

Sponsored by
Holy Rosary Religious Education
Department

Friday, March 9

Watch the bulletin for serving times.

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“SPRING INTO CASH”

Raffle Drawing

7:30 PM

\$13,500 in Prizes to be Given Away!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 20 – Helping Hands Food Pantry (3rd Friday of the month)
- February 6 – Rosary for the States (1st Monday of the month)
- February 22 – Ash Wednesday
- February 23 to 25 – Divine Savior Basketball Tournament
- March 2 to 4 – Divine Savior Basketball Tournament
- March 9 – Rel Ed's Fish Boil and the 'Spring Into Cash' Raffle Drawing
- March 11 – Mother/Daughter Breakfast
- March 18 – Father & Son Breakfast
- April 8 – Easter



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

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

Thank you for your support with our Christmas Cookie, Candy and Greeting Card Sale. The remaining unsold packages were purchased by a parishioner and donated to our Helping Hands Food Pantry, so others may enjoy the homemade treats, too. I am so thankful to our Religious Ed. families who made the delicious goodies.

Our Operation Christmas Child Project was a success. We packaged 52 shoe gift boxes and sent them out in November. Empty shoe boxes were filled with various gifts, wrapped, and distributed to children in over 100 countries including Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Our community helping children in the world sharing the Good News of Jesus and giving of ourselves so they may have an especially nice Christmas. I have been notified that our Christmas gift boxes were sent to the countries of India and Zambia, Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to the many students, parents, and parishioners of Holy Rosary and community service organizations who helped to raise \$1,378.00 for the Helping Hands Food Pantry with the New Holstein Area Youth Walk/Run for Hunger. Your generosity has truly helped those in need in our area.

We served lunch for many homeless and jobless residents and non-residents of the New Community Shelter in Green Bay in October. Our Youth have a real appreciation for their lives after visiting the shelter. Thank you for assisting with bars, cookies, and donations to help keep our food costs down.

Students will again be visiting the Willowpark Assisted Living Residence Nursing Home monthly to play Bingo with the residents. Residents are so happy and grateful when we come to visit on Saturday mornings. In December, we had walked the halls and sang Christmas Carols.

You know the power of prayer, so we would ask you to especially

pray for our Youth. As adults, through daily prayer, we can ask God to intervene on their behalf. Developing a powerful intercessory prayer base for our Youth in Grades 7 thru 12, we had Students' Name Cards available for any parishioner in October who would like to pray daily for an individual student. Please return your card by February 12. It takes an entire parish to build a vibrant Youth Ministry!

Saturday, October 22 was "Make A Difference Day". Our students along with the Catholic Financial Life (formerly Catholic Knights) members raked leaves in the community for Senior Citizens. As always, parents and friends assisted and joined in on the fun. We can make a difference in our community!

Wednesday, November 16, students who attended the Young Neighbors in Action Chicago Service Trip last July spoke about their experiences on this Catholic Social Justice Week working with the residences of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Home in Chicago. Next Summer our trip will be to St. Louis, Missouri. **Read about our trip and the student's experiences in the following articles.**

Be sure to check on our parish's website www.holyrosarynewholstein.org under Religious Formation for updates on our Youth activities and cool website links for students.

Save the Date!! Religious Ed. FISH BOIL will be Friday, March 9.

Future 2012 activities: Winter Fun Event to Sunburst Ski Resort, Kewaskum on February 12, making and baking cookies for the many families of our Helping Hands Food Pantry, participation in a 30 hour Famine, serving lunch at the New Community Shelter, attending Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally at Mt. Mary College, Milwaukee, fun event at Badger Sports Park in Appleton, and much more to come.

God Bless You for your continued support of our Youth!

Carla Nennig, Youth Minister



YNIA CHICAGO SERVICE TRIP – July 17-23, 2011

Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) provides a solid, Catholic approach to a week-long Summer Service and Justice learning experience in the United States that balances Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, direct service, and a justice consciousness. It provides the experiences, skills, and learning needed to make change possible.

Young Neighbors helps participants grow in their understanding of the world around them. By looking at needs and issues in our communities, we learn the need for service, working for justice, and being an advocate. The hope is to move our teens from being doers of service to being people of justice.

It is more than just a week of doing service. It is a service-learning experience. It is about helping Youth both deepen their commitment to the gospel challenge, to love, serve, and work for justice in the world today—right here—right now.

Our Chicago Work Site had 80 students including students from Maryland, Chicago, Kansas, Michigan, as well as, Wisconsin. The week includes prayer and reflection every day, socializing and fun—meeting new friends, singing, dancing, and community-area recreation.

Service: Each Young Neighbors team focuses on a single, week-long work project. Some teams were involved heavily in direct service—working with soup kitchens, homeless shelters, recreation programs and abuse centers to help ease people's pressing needs. Others split the day between direct contact with the needy, painting and repair projects with the sponsoring agency. Still others spend their day with more physical projects, working with Habitat for Humanity or similar local groups.

Our group of 7 worked daily at **Misericordia Heart of Mercy Home**. Misericordia is located in Chicago on 30 acres of land. It's home to 615 residents (children and adults) who are developmentally disabled, with some who are physically challenged. They can live on campus as early as 3 years old and stay for their entire life. The

residents are from all religious, racial, and social economic backgrounds. They are provided with residential housing, either living on campus or in local neighborhoods. Also provided is educational opportunities, health and wellness activities, medical and therapy services, as well as, recreational, spiritual, and employment opportunities.

Misericordia offers paid job opportunities for qualified residents and makes them feel special and normal. There are many volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences who donate their time daily directly working with the residents. Fund raising is a year-around effort. They have a restaurant called **Greenhouse Inn** where the residents staff and operate the warm and inviting restaurant. It's open for lunch on Tuesday – Friday and on Sunday has breakfast and brunch.

Their **Hearts and Flour Bakery** bakes cakes, breads, cookies, caramel corn, and brownies daily. These home-made treats are beautifully wrapped and can be purchased in the restaurant or on their website. Their brownies are cut in heart shapes and beautifully packaged and are sold as their Misericordia Signature Treat.

Their **Art Department** produces beautiful paintings, ceramic bowls and glassware, and holiday gifts for sale in their Restaurant's Gift Shop. Several times a year, they have an Art Fair selling these beautiful paintings and art pieces.

For our Service Experience, we had many different work opportunities including working in the Art Department, Bakery, either making & baking the goodies or gift packaging them, working in the laundry facility, greenhouse and nursery, physical work-out gym, and assisting students in their school. At the beginning, we didn't know what to expect, but after the first day, we were all just amazed at this wonderful facility in Chicago and their wonderful residents. We felt honored to have the opportunity to spend our week with these residents.

Our evenings included opportunities with dynamic prayer services and meeting new friends in the program; experiencing an evening with learning about money and economics of today; going to Lake Michigan's beach and enjoying Chicago's deep-dish pizza; and visiting a local Hispanic church and learning about their hardships with gangs in

their neighborhoods, as well as, learning some Salsa, Merenge, and Zumba dance moves.

Everyone enjoyed the week despite the humidity and hot 90 degree weather in Chicago.

Carla Nennig, Youth Minister

Thank you to all those who made our Service Trip to Chicago possible.

**Carla Nennig, Luann Steffen, Emily Heus, Jaime Langenfeld,
Ronald Balazs, Kendra Steffen, and Derek Steffes**

(The following are the experience reports written by the Holy Rosary students who attended.)

Leaving the parking lot of Holy Rosary that morning, I wasn't sure what to expect in Chicago. It was close to 100 degrees, humid, and knowing that we were going to stay in a place without any air conditioning was getting me worried. When we finally found Our Lady of Victory Parish (site where we would be eating & sleeping), realizing that we were staying on the 3rd floor of their school in that heat, I was wondering how long it would take for my Mom to get there to pick me up. When we started the first day's activities, I began to think it wasn't going to be that bad. Sure, it was h-o-t; but we had all of these great people to be with. Getting into random groups was so much fun, meeting and talking to people from Michigan, Maryland, Kansas, and Chicago was an eye opener on how so many young people around the country wanted to make a difference for those less fortunate than us.

On our first work day at Misericordia, it was a little peculiar because in our small town, we see few people who are developmentally disabled and we weren't accustomed to seeing hundreds of these people in one area. It was a little overwhelming at first. Our tour guide did a wonderful job at making us feel at home and explaining about their campus and work areas, but I was still worried on how I was going to fit in here. I was very anxious when she told us that we were all splitting up and we would be going to different areas of this campus. Walking into the room, I felt like an outcast, because I was the 'new' kid in class. The difference between a high school classroom though was that my feeling of being an outcast completely disappeared within 10 seconds. Almost everyone in that whole classroom took the time to come up and introduce themselves, ask me my name, where I was from, my birthday, and wanted to know everything about my life. The residents were interested in who I was and I was interested in them, too. Within 10 minutes, all my feelings of being uncomfortable vanished and I felt like I belonged in their classroom. By the end of class, I was wondering why everyone in the world couldn't be like this; they were so nice, so willing to help, and so goodhearted without holding anything back.

That evening, our day just kept on getting better because our YNIA leaders were so nice and even through the heat, I loved every minute of staying with all of the kids from other states. We played activities, talked about our work sites, how working with all these different people in the various sites was changing us and our view of the world and our faith. By the time we went to bed, I was not only physically exhausted, but mentally exhausted, too. By the end of the week, I was so sad to leave, even though I missed my Mom so much, I didn't want to leave the residents from Misericordia or the YNIA kids. The trip to Chicago was such a good experience, and though it was called a 'service trip', I felt like I got so much more out of it than any of the residents I helped. I had a blast, learned more about my faith and became more of an adult from this experience. This trip helped me to become a better person by always putting others first, following my faith no matter what, and made me fully appreciate my life here in New Holstein. Thank you so much for helping out on sending me on the journey I took this Summer to Chicago.

– Jaime Langenfeld

This Young Neighbors In Action Chicago Service Trip was probably one of the greatest experiences I've had yet. Our group from Holy Rosary worked with developmentally disabled people at an assisted living residence called Misericordia. We had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities ranging from baking to crafts to laundry, all the while interacting with and getting to know the residents. Because we were having so much fun, it hardly felt like 'work'. Meeting other volunteers from around the country was an added bonus. Relaxing on the beach and salsa dancing are a few examples of our nightly activities. Strange as it may seem, even our daily prayer services were fun. I actually found myself looking forward to the evening gatherings as a group to celebrate in prayer and discussing our day's work. The prayer services were lively and up-beat and really made us want to participate. This trip was the opportunity of a lifetime and I would do it again in a heartbeat. Thank you for financially helping our group fund this Service Trip to Chicago.

– Emily Heus

This Summer, I had the opportunity to travel with my Youth R.O.C.K.' S. group from Holy Rosary to a parish in Chicago. We went there to help the YNIA with a volunteer project for a week. Our group included five other students and two adults. We had the opportunity to work at a great site called Misericordia. It is a home for over 600 developmentally disabled children and adults. Before we even left on our trip, we discussed the details of this work site, proper clothes to wear, and the disabled residents we would be helping, so that we would feel more comfortable about working there. My Mom explained to me before I left that this place would be like going to a Special Olympics Meet that I take part in because of my Cognitive Disability.

Some of the things that we helped with were laundry, helping in the bakery and packaging the heart shaped cookies and brownies. We would work alongside the residents of Misericordia in the bakery and their laundry facility. They would tell me when I wasn't folding the clothes correctly or packaging their cookies wrong. They also have a fitness room and they make and sell their bakery and art work in their restaurant's gift shop. It was a very hot and humid week, but we did get to cool off and enjoy Lake Michigan's beach one afternoon. While we were there, we enjoyed Chicago's deep dish pizza. I met a lot of different and new people and I plan to go again next Summer. It was a very rewarding experience for me and I hope that others will want to go with us on next year's journey and give some of their time to helping others. It truly was a blast! Thank you to everyone who made donations for us to attend this Service Trip. Thanks to Mrs. Nennig and Mrs. Steffen for giving a week of their Summer to take us on this rewarding and faithful experience.

– Ronald Balazs

**July 2012, we plan to go to St. Louis, Missouri.
Fundraising for our next trip will begin soon!
Any Donations toward the trip are greatly appreciated!**