HOLY TRINITY
317 West Fifth Street, Haugen
715-234-2508
Masses
Wednesday 8:15AM
Sunday 8:30AM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES-Dobie
2411 23rd Street, Rice Lake
715-234-2917
Parish Center: 715-234-6268
Masses
Friday 8:15AM
Saturday 4:00PM
Sunday 10:00AM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
408 South Main Street, Birchwood
715-354-3704
Masses
Thursday 8:30AM
Sunday 11:30AM

ST. JOSEPH
111 West Marshall Street, Rice Lake
715-234-2032
Masses
Tuesday 5:30PM
Wednesday 8:30AM
Thursday & Friday 7:00AM
Saturday 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM, 10:30AM, & 5:30PM

Holy Trinity
Our Lady of Lourdes
St. John the Evangelist
St. Joseph

Reverend Ed Anderson, Pastor ext. 1
Reverend Samuel Schneider, Associate Pastor ext. 8
Deacon: Dennis Geisler

Cluster Contact Information:
111 West Marshall Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-234-2032 Fax: 715-234-7757
Website: www.stjosephricelake.org Email: stjoseph@chibardun.net
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Business Manager:	Aaron Hendricks, ext. 6
Cluster Office Staff:	Shannon Wahl, ext. 0
	Sandi Sirianni, ext. 2
Religious Education Office:	Cluster Catechetical Leader: Rose Schullo, ext. 5
	CRE/Youth Minister: Laura Schissel, ext.5
	CRE: Kristine Deering, Office: 715-234-2508
	Home: 715-234-2348
	Youth Minister: Jessica Romportl, ext. 5
	Office Assistant: Rachael Hartman, ext. 5
Parish Nurse Office:	Mondays 10:00 AM – Noon
	Mary Jo Bednarek, R.N. and Karen Novotny, R.N.
St. Joseph School:	Principal: Jerry Van Dyke, ext. 4
	Office Administrator: Julie Mazourek, ext. 3

Baptism: Parents/God-Parents must arrange to attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.
Reconciliation: Individual Reconciliation is available by appointment or as scheduled in the bulletin.
Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact the cluster office.
Rite of Christian Initiation: This is a process of faith sharing and liturgical celebrations to become Catholic. Contact the cluster office.
Perpetual Adoration: You are invited to be an adorer at Our Lady of Lourdes 715-296-4279 and/or St. Joseph 715-736-3266.
Adorers pray 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Call for more information.
New "Parishioners" are welcome to register in our parish communities. Registration packets available at the cluster office or at each church.
Bulletin Deadline: Announcements and information for the bulletin must be in the cluster office by **4:00 PM Monday.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 21, 2018
MASSES AND INTENTIONS JANUARY 22ND–JANUARY 28TH

Monday	7:00 AM	St. Joseph	Communion Service
Tuesday	5:30 PM	St. Joseph	Kenna LaMere ✝
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Holy Trinity	Anna Romportl ✝
	8:30 AM	St. Joseph	Special Intention
Thursday	7:00 AM	St. Joseph	Deceased Members of the Joseph & Mary Dostal Family ✝
	8:30 AM	St. John the Evangelist	Christine DeFoe ✝
Friday	7:00 AM	St. Joseph	JoAnn Buergi ✝
	8:15 AM	Our Lady of Lourdes	Grace Oberts ✝
Saturday	4:00 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes	Jean Ebner ✝
	4:30 PM	St. Joseph	Myrle Robarge ✝
Sunday	8:30 AM	St. Joseph	Sister Bonnie Alho ✝
	8:30 AM	Holy Trinity	Ed & Bev Kinnick ✝
	10:00 AM	Our Lady of Lourdes	Craig Tomesh ✝
	10:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the People of Our Cluster Parishes
	11:30 AM	St. John the Evangelist	Greg Kemp ✝
	5:30 PM	St. Joseph	All Souls ✝

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27TH–JANUARY 28TH

Holy Trinity

8:30 AM Sunday—
Altar Servers: Harrison Lipke, Scott Kinnick
Reader: Cindy Westphal
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Tandy Konop, Rebecca Hanson, Anita Drost, Pat Kennedy, Marilyn Zimmerman
Ushers: Tim Marshall, Jerry Kaczmarek, Nicole Stodola, Tim Bernard

Our Lady of Lourdes

4:00 PM Saturday—
Altar Servers: Abby Dykstra, Jack Grundin
Reader: Betty Haughian
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Dennis & Floreen Penzkover, Marybell Lenz
Hospitality: Ambrose Unton, Kaitlyn Roux, Kayla Derousseau, Mike Smith
Scrip: Jackie Golden

10:00 AM Sunday—
Altar Servers: Emily & Ethan Smith
Reader: Ken Drost
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Joe Dvorak, Mary Schnacky, Jeremy Peterson, Janice Solum, Carol Olson
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Karen Germanson
Hospitality: Steve & Michelle Fisher Family, Norb & Nancy Pintens
Scrip: Katie Hanvelt

St. John the Evangelist

11:30 AM Sunday—
Server: Emma Skar
Reader: Jerry Van Zeeland
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Russell Kemp, Terryl Heinlein
Sacristan: Shelley Jilek

St. Joseph

4:30 PM Saturday—
Altar Servers: Mia James, Joe Kroeger, (any server present)
Reader: Frank Petit
Gift Bearers: Diane Malinovsky, Marge Mueller
Greeters: Trudy Kroeger, Patty Shervey
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Donna Klossner, Janet Knutson, Greg & Lisa Leach, Diane Malinovsky, Sue Peterson, Joannie Rado
Fellowship Bakers: Lu Gargulak, Mary Geisler, Jill Schmidt
Fellowship Servers: Sue Peterson
Scrip Sales: Melissa Couture

8:30 AM Sunday—
Altar Servers: Andrew & Emma Nelson, (any server present)
Reader: Vern Volovsek
Gift Bearers: Sue Pelto, Mary Rust
Greeters: Dan & Laurie Schwab
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Jennifer Nelson, Gene & Sarrah Sirianni, Randy & Jayne Stewart, Jane Ullrich, Patti Willers
Fellowship Bakers: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Fellowship Servers: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Scrip Sales: Sheri Brunette

10:30 AM Sunday—
Altar Servers: Karver & Kaydra Krovoza, Will Johnson
Reader: St. Joseph School Student
Gift Bearers: Tom & Jacquie Swanson
Greeters: Arnold & Phyllis Checkalski
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Larry & Jan Fetkenheuer, Sue Johnston, Sarah Klonowski, Barb Malom, Bob Rogalla, David Swanson
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Mary Kay Handorf
Fellowship Bakers: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Fellowship Servers: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Scrip Sales: Jane Fetting

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, SEMINARIANS AND PARISHIONERS

This week we pray for Rev. Barg Anderson; Deacon Lawrence Hennemann; Daniel Tracy; and for the Rose Nelson Family from Holy Trinity, Richard Robarge Family from Our Lady of Lourdes, Jennifer Garrett Family from St. John the Evangelist, and Carolyn Demers Family from St. Joseph.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS?—St. Joseph Prayer Network: Contact Shannon Wahl at 715-234-2032 (Daytime) or 715-458-1648 (Evening). Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John the Evangelist Prayer Chain: Contact Donna Meinen at 715-234-6542. Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John the Evangelist Email Prayer Network: Contact: aydaigle@gmail.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS—If you or someone you know becomes sick or hospitalized and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the cluster parish office at 715-234-2032. Also, let us know if you or someone else would like to be added to our prayer list. Please pray for the following people: Mary Bilodeau, Marcus Uchytil, Samuel Uchytil, Renee Watrud, Linda Stodola, Corinne Lewis, Joannie Denison, Jeffrey James Lewis, Mary Malinovsky, Josephine Zahurance, Robert Stoker, Sr. Claudine Balio, Rhoda Schnacky, Tom Birhanzel, Stella Blake, Gerhardt Groehler, Theresa Weinert, Tristian Vobornik, Gil Daniel, Beverly Norelius, Nicole Stodola, Mike Johnston, Lanor Relford, Jim Richie, Tena Cunningham, Gary & Carol Fifarek, Melissa Howard, Kevin Mikyska, Mary Jo Krovoza, Fr. Eugene Hornung, Gary Bauer, Jerry Felten, Joe Malinovsky, Mike Cich, Pat Weseli, Laverne & Elizabeth Fossum, Jan Nichols, Chris Davis, Pat Finnegan, Taylor Willger, Arlene Harris, Joe Sirianni, Karen Ferguson, Carol Richter, Gorman Hayes, Rod Olson, Gloria O'Flanagan, Donald Skopec, Jr., Josie Romanowski, Barbara Mancl, Noah Isham, Nancy Emerson, Kathleen Roux, Joshua Anderson-West, Steven Krause, Ty Herrman, Molly Fee, Kate Heffner, Jean Robarge, Don Schleiss, Brittney Wellvang, Omar O'Connell, Lloyd & Adeline Meier, Jason Gabriel, Melissa Dollaway, Richard Dostal, Laura, Ava & Gabe Sierra, Louise Jilek, Dolores Miller, Gerry Grant, Candy Hayes, Lorraine Richter, Marge Long, Charlotte Grilley, Richard Hokanson, Irene Dodge, Joy Ranallo, LilyMae Dogoth, James Boesen, Lenny Snoble and Bob McGarvey.

REST IN PEACE—Mary Jane McGarvey died on Tuesday, January 16. Her funeral was held at St. Joseph Church on Friday, January 19, with burial in the Church cemetery. Paul Blaeser died on Tuesday, January 16. His funeral was held in St. Paul on Saturday, January 20. Please pray for Mary Jane, Paul and their families.

WORD OF LIFE—

"When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Find out in "What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion: www.bit.ly/friendconsidering-abortion."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion", www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion

VOCATION VIEW

Come after me. Jesus called Andrew and Peter and James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to drop your nets and follow?

Adoration Chapel

At Our Lady of Lourdes
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

JESUS invites you to come and Spend 1 Hour with Him each week.
***"Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."* Matthew 11:28**

The available open hours are:
SUNDAY - 7AM, 2:00pm
MONDAY - 2:00 pm
TUESDAY – 4:30AM-6AM (Until March), 11:00 pm
WEDNESDAY – 8AM (Until April) Midnight
THURSDAY - 2AM, 11:00pm
FRIDAY – 3AM, 11AM (Every other week), 7:00pm (Every other week)
SATURDAY - Midnight, 11AM (Every other week) Noon, 1:00pm (2X each month), 3:00 pm (1st and 3rd until March), 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Adoration Phone: 715-296-4279
You are invited to take an hour for 4 weeks.
Call to talk to someone today! God Bless You!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
ST. JOSEPH – COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS!

"Make reparation for the ingratitude of men. Spend an hour in prayer to appease divine justice, to implore mercy for sinners, to honor me, to console me for my bitter suffering when abandoned by my apostles, when they did not watch one hour with me."
Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

You are invited to spend an hour adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adorers pray **24 hours** a day in our chapel and **ALL** are welcomed.

The following hours are still in need of a scheduled Adorer. If this hour does not work for you, please prayerfully consider any hour during the week to visit the chapel. Please call Kelly Orr (715-736-3266) with any questions.

Hourly Adorer	7:00-8:00 am Sundays
Hourly Adorer	8:00-8:30 am Sundays (before Mass)
Hourly Adorer	5:00-5:30 pm on Sundays (before Mass)
Hourly Adorer	2:00-3:00 am Mondays
Hourly Adorer	2:00-3:00 am Tuesdays
Hourly Adorer	1:00-2:00 am Wednesdays
Hourly Adorer	1:00-2:00 am Thursdays
Hourly Adorer	12:00 pm-1:00 pm Fridays
Hourly Adorer	4:00-5:00 pm Fridays
Hourly Adorer	12:00-1:00 pm Saturdays
Hourly Adorer	1:00-2:00 pm Saturdays
Hourly Adorer	7:00-8:00 pm Saturdays
Hourly Adorer	8:00-9:00 pm Saturdays

EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

22 Monday	23 Tuesday	24 Wednesday	
NO SCHOOL Noon Prayer Service at St. Joseph Cemetery Tomb of the Unborn 6:00 AM @ KC Hall *The Bible and the Sacraments* 6:00 PM @ OLOL Adoration Holy Hour For Vocations 6:30 PM @ St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry	8:30 AM School Rosary Come and Join Us! 6:00 PM @ St. Joseph Rectory - RCIA	*Religious Education* 3:45-5:00 PM @ St. Joseph Gr K thru 5 6:15-7:45 PM @ OLOL Gr. K – 5 6:15-7:45 PM @ St. Joseph Gr. 6 thru 11 Light Meal @ St. Joseph - 5:45 – 6:15 PM	
25 Thursday 9:00 AM @ St. John's Newborn/AIDS/Hospice Meeting	**26 Friday**	**27 Saturday** 8:00 AM @ Holy Trinity Parish Council Meeting 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Joseph Catholic Schools Week Collection this weekend	**28 Sunday** 8:00 AM-Noon @ St. Joseph KC Pancake Breakfast Come and join us! Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week @ 10:30 AM Mass @ St. Joseph Noon-2:00 PM @ SJ School Family Fun Fest/Dance Party 6:00 PM @ St. Joseph BASE Training @ SJ School Computer Lab 6:30 PM @ OLOL Bible Study, "The Prophets"

A LOOK AHEAD

29 Monday	30 Tuesday	31 Wednesday
6:00 AM @ KC Hall *The Bible and the Sacraments* 6:00 PM @ OLOL Adoration Holy Hour For Vocations	8:30 AM School Rosary Come and Join Us!	*Religious Education* 3:45-5:00 PM @ St. Joseph Gr K thru 5 6:15-7:45 PM @ OLOL Gr. K – 5 6:15-7:45 PM @ St. Joseph Gr. 6 thru 11 Light Meal @ St. Joseph - 5:45 – 6:15 PM

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3

1 Thursday	2 Friday	3 Saturday	4 Sunday
4:30 PM @ St. Joseph Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30 PM @ St. Joseph School KC Knowledge/Free Throw Contests 7:00 PM @ St. John's Parish Council Meeting	8:30 AM School Mass w/Bishop 5:30 PM @ St. Joseph Anchored in Christ Adoration/Praise & Worship followed by dinner	10:00 AM & 3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Joseph Blessing of the Throats @ Weekend Masses	Blessing of the Throats @ Weekend Masses 6:30 PM @ OLOL Bible Study, "The Prophets"

STEWARDSHIP

Week of January 14, 2018	Holy Trinity	Our Lady of Lourdes	St. John the Evangelist	St. Joseph
Adult Envelopes	956.00	2941.00	690.00	5185.00
ACH Contributions	80.00	1240.00	350.00	5645.00
Loose Collection	76.00	312.80	115.00	548.75
* Miscellaneous Envelopes	5.00	15.00	130.00	251.00
**Miscellaneous	3.00	338.75	20.25	116.47
Total	1120.00	4847.55	1305.25	11746.22
Building/Maintenance Fund	30.00	55.00	10.00	100.00

* This is Energy, Insurance, Holy Day, and other envelopes in your contribution packets.
** This is fellowship, candles, etc.

PARISH OPPORTUNITIES

Meet Lynn Price, Our New Director of Religious Education for the cluster!

I was born in Wisconsin and raised in Belvidere, IL along with my eight siblings. My husband and I raised our two sons in southwest Wisconsin and became empty nesters in the Spring of 2017. I had taught Religious Education for eight years in the Diocese of Madison and then began attending Catholic conferences, going on pilgrimages, and traveling as a public speaker. My professional career includes small business management, business development, corporate analytics and leadership, and most recently I served as the Executive Director of the Dodgeville Area Chamber of Commerce. I feel very fortunate to be called to work in ministry here in the Cluster and look forward to finding ways to teach and share our beautiful Catholic faith with the students.

Prayer Service for the Unborn

This Monday, January 22, marks the 45th Anniversary of the passage of Roe vs. Wade legalizing the killing of the unborn. Please join us in a short prayer service at St. Joseph Cemetery in Rice Lake at 12:00 Noon on the 22nd at the Tomb of the Unborn.

Everyone is invited!

The Knights of Columbus #9546 from Our Lady of Lourdes, St. John's and Holy Trinity will be hosting a Pancake, Eggs & Sausage Breakfast at Holy Trinity Church this Sunday, January 21, from 8:00 am-Noon. The menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, Louie's Finer Meats (sausage), toast, coffee, juice and milk. The cost of the breakfast is a free will donation. All proceeds will be used to help fund youth attending EXTREME FAITH CAMP in 2018. Mark your calendar now and join us for a delicious breakfast while also helping to support our youth!

Come and Kick Off Catholic Schools Week with a Pancake Breakfast!!

The Rice Lake Knights of Columbus #2137 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at St. Joseph Church next Sunday, January 28, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Menu consists of: pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs with coffee, juice and milk. The proceeds from this breakfast will go to the Pregnancy Help Center. Cost of the breakfast is a free-will donation. Come and treat yourself and your family to a delicious breakfast. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Friday	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Coming Soon: Brand New Church Bulletin!!

Beginning the weekend of February 11th, The Four Parishes will have a BRAND NEW Church Bulletin. It will save the Parish a lot of time and money and have a professional look with vibrant FULL COLOR. Please consider advertising in the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parishes. It's a terrific way to get your name in front of the parish families, business owners, and visitors at the church. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, for a family, or a sponsorship ad for a non-profit organization. This is a great way for businesses to promote what they do, while at the same time connecting with the community, and benefitting the church at the same time. If you are interested in participating, or just curious as to prices and want more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488, or call her at the parish office during these two weeks at (715) 234-2032. You can also email Gina anytime at: gshaughnessy@4LPi.com

Save the date!!

Fr Ed has been asked to be a spiritual director on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The tentative dates are July 16th through the 26th. This would be a wonderful time to go to the Holy Land and visit the actual site where our Lord walked. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks. Mark your calendar!

BASE Training for Cluster Adults

All adults in our cluster interested in assisting or volunteering with children, teens or vulnerable adults must receive training and be background checked by the diocese every five years. If you have never received this training and are interested in serving in one of these capacities please call the school or religious education office to register. Sunday, January 28, at 6:00 pm in the St. Joseph School Computer Lab.

Mark Your Calendar - March 11th

Holy Trinity CCW is already making plans for their 2018 Dinner on Sunday, March 11, from 11 AM to 2 PM. Again the delicious meal of pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, chicken, dressing, potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberries, roll, choice of pie and kolache will be served. Cost is $10.00 for adults, $4.00 for children and $1.00 for preschoolers. Bake sale. Takeouts available. Handicapped accessible hall. No one goes home hungry. All faithful helpers and bakers are again needed.

Pax Christi Nominees for St. Joseph

Pax Christi nominees from St. Joseph are now being accepted for this award. There is a box the back of the church where people can put names for nominees. Do you know of a woman in the parish whose deeds reflect a gentle and steadfast spirit? Does her work reflect her love for God and her neighbor? Is she a role model in the parish? Has she risen above hardship, and difficulties to perform her works of charity? How has she served in her church? Does she show her Christian spirit in her everyday life? If you would like to submit someone for this award please place your nomination into the box before January 28th. *Thank you!*

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Throughout the month of January there will be baby bottles in the back of the churches. Please support the work of Rice Lake's Pregnancy Help Center by taking a bottle today and filling it with your change, dollars, or a check made out to Pregnancy Help Center. Please return your bottles to the back of the churches over the next month. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES (GR. PK – ADULT)

Our Cluster Religious Education Welcomes You

You are invited and welcome to bring your child/family to our cluster religious education classes at any time throughout the year. Please call Rachael at 715.234.5062 ext. 5 or email her at rhartman@chibardun.net and we will get you registered. We and the Lord want you ☺

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES (GR. 8 – 12)

MASS & MUFFINS – Cluster teens are invited to come and celebrate Mass together and enjoy fellowship with each other every first Thursday of the month! Mass & Muffins includes 7am Thursday morning Mass at St. Joseph Church on the first Thursday of the month followed by gathering together in the church hall for muffins & juice. COME!!! ☺

***** ALL teens in grades 8 – 12 are members of the Warriors for Christ Youth Group! Encourage your teens to get involved! ☺ *****

Faith Family Academics Service
St Joseph School
RICE LAKE

Sign up Now!

St. Joseph School is currently compiling a list of children to be screened at our Kindergarten Screening set for March 8th. Please contact the SJS office ASAP (715.234.7721 ext. 3) if you have a child you would like to have participate in the screening. Our preschool students are NOT automatically added to the list, so 4K parents, please be sure to call!! Children do need to be five by September 1, 2018 to be considered for the 2018-2019 kindergarten class, beginning this fall.

THANK YOU!

This week we received a check in the amount of $925.30 from Box Tops for Education! A huge thank you to our coordinators that sort and prepare the box tops for submission. Keep sending in the Box Tops for Education; each is worth 10 cents, and as you can see, they add up fast!

COMMUNITY AND AREA OPPORTUNITIES

Family Rosary Across America LIVE!

On Monday, January 15th, Relevant Radio® presented the *Family Rosary Across America.* This is the first LIVE and interactive radio program to bring the entire country together at the same time to pray the rosary. Fr. Dave Heney leads the rosary LIVE from Los Angeles, Monday through Friday at 8pm ET / 5pm PT. Fr. Dave, pastor of St. Bruno Catholic Church in Whittier, CA, is the founder of "The University Series", a large multi-parish adult education program and also is the host of the 'Come, Pray the Rosary' website.

"The rosary is a most powerful prayer, recommended by the Blessed Mother, saints, popes, and ordinary folks who have experienced the mercy of God through the intercession of Our Lady," said Rev. Francis Hoffman "Fr. Rocky", Executive Director. "Relevant Radio is truly thrilled that we can now bring the entire country together on a daily basis to pray the rosary as a family. To our knowledge, this has never happened before, and we are full of hope that this pious devotion will bring many graces to our families, listeners, Church and country."

Host Fr. Dave Heney said, "Imagine your joy as you hear people praying for your intentions, and your joy knowing that your prayers are helping others in our family of faith who are in need! Imagine people all across America joining their voices together in the rosary at the same time. Join your voice with them in this live rosary broadcast." Listeners will be able to call in or email their prayer intentions each day at 888-914-9149 or rosary@relevantradio.com to be prayed for during the broadcast. This program will be immediately followed by our daily presentation of Holy Mass from the Chapel of the Nativity in Green Bay.

Give a Pint, Get a Pint

Come and save a life (or 3)! The Rice Lake Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, February 5, from 11:00am - 5:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, at 1121 Nunn Ave., Rice Lake. Donate a pint of blood; receive a coupon for a pint of custard from the Rice Lake Culver's Restaurant. To make an appointment please call 800-733-2767 or on the internet, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter: Knights of Columbus to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your support and the lives that can be saved through your donation.

Scholarship Opportunity

High school seniors that are cluster members are invited to apply for a $350 scholarship in memory of Sister Bonnie Alho. For full details and to apply please visit www.BonnieAlhoScholarship.org.

Ice Fishing Contest at St. Joseph Church in Amery

St. Joseph Church in Amery will hold their Annual Ice Fishing Contest, Chicken Dinner and Raffle next Sunday, January 31. The fishing contest runs from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm (noon for kids), with door prizes and prizes for the largest fish in each category. A chicken dinner will be served at the church at 1050 Keller Ave. Cost for the dinner is $9.00 for adults, $5.00 for ages 6-12, with 5 and under free. Carryouts will be available. For more information contact St. Joseph Church at 715-268-7717 or visit the website at www.stjosephamery.org.

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2018

My Dear Friends in Christ:

Having served as pastor of a parish with a school and now as bishop, I am committed to our mission of preaching the Gospel and assuring the formation in the faith of every Catholic. I could certainly not do that successfully without our 14 Catholic schools. This is why I echo the vision of my fellow U.S. Bishops in three vital commitments: Catholic schools will continue to provide a Gospel-based education of the highest quality; will be available, accessible, affordable; and will be staffed by highly qualified administrators and teachers.

Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed is the theme for the 2018 Catholic Schools Week celebration. The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week from January 28 - February 3.

Each year, during Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate what makes Catholic education special. As we celebrate, we give thanks to those who advance the mission of our schools and acknowledge the generous donors who provide sustained support, without which, our schools would not be able to survive and thrive as they do. Again we continue the tradition of a special diocesan-wide offering that will provide immediate and direct funding assistance for our schools. Although this is but one way to address challenges facing our schools, the Catholic Schools Week Collection provides an additional source of support for schools based on the number of students. Some schools are also participating in the NCEA National Day of Giving to be held throughout the day on January 30.

Our Catholic schools are currently in the third year of a four-year Strategic Management and Development Initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to help schools become exceptional, well-managed institutions through institutionalized best practices. Through the grant provided by Catholic Extension, Catholic School Management, Inc. is providing consultation services to help our schools strengthen their Catholic identity, define goals, improve the efficiency of school boards, enhance school image and communications, raise funds, manage enrollment, and market themselves more productively.

Catholic schools continue to be a very important and effective means of the Church in her mission to educate our children and young people who are the future leaders of the Church. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I would like to personally applaud the parents who choose to make the sacrifices necessary to give their children a Catholic school education. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the administrators, faculty and staffs of our Catholic schools and Department of Catholic Formation – Department of Schools for their deep faith, hard work and dedication to our children and families. May God bless these educators for the wonderful work they do.

To all those who so faithfully and generously support the work of our Catholic schools, THANK YOU for your life of stewardship and faith.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

Attach this letter to the parish bulletin, or read from the pulpit. It will also be published in the Catholic Herald.

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2018 DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

14 Schools
1808 Students
195 Teachers

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

All fourteen schools...

- † Have a mission of faith
- † Participate in daily prayer
- † Display and use sacramentals
- † Participate in the parish
- † Celebrate weekly Mass
- † Celebrate Reconciliation twice a year
- † Recite the Rosary
- † Pray before the Blessed Sacrament
- † Pray the Stations of the Cross
- † Offer retreats
- † Participate in service learning
- † Use curriculum referenced from the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- † Evangelize to 100% of our students and families

In our diocese...

- † 77% of the teachers are Catholic
- † 57% of the teachers hold Elevated Catechetical Certification
- † 72% of the students are Catholic

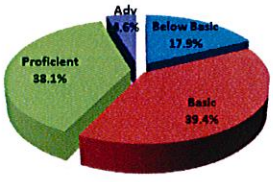
Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Superior are a mission of the Church entrusted by Jesus Christ to instill Catholic faith and morals in our students. Within community, our schools prepare students spiritually, academically, and physically to proclaim and live out the Good News in preparation for eternal life.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

All our schools....

- † Provide regular, Catholic integrated, instruction in religion, reading, language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, art and music
- † Administer the Northwest Evaluation Association—Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA-MAP) at least two times per year

Math Grades 2-8 Spring 2017 Projected Proficiency to Forward Exam



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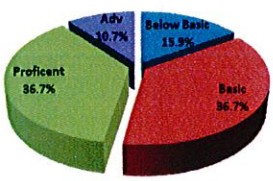


LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Our fourteen schools...

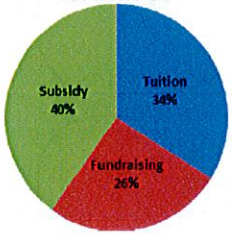
- † Each have an education advisory committee
- † Employ 174 licensed teachers
- † Employ 40 teachers and administrators that hold Master's degrees or higher
- † Employ 149 support staff
- † Minister to 1308 families

OPERATIONAL VITALITY

Our schools...

- † Are in year 3 of the Strategic Management and Development Process (SMDP)
- † Will have enrollment, communications, funding and strategic plans by the end of year 4's SMDP
- † Are supported with students and financial giving by 45 diocesan parishes
- † Offer financial assistance to about 23% of our student population
- † As a mission of the parish, operate on a proposed budget revenue formula of 40% from tuition, 40% from parish subsidy and 20% from fundraising or other resources

Average Revenue Sources for 2016-17



In our diocese...

- † Two schools offer the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Two more will be joining next school year
- † One school offers the Wisconsin Special Needs Scholarship

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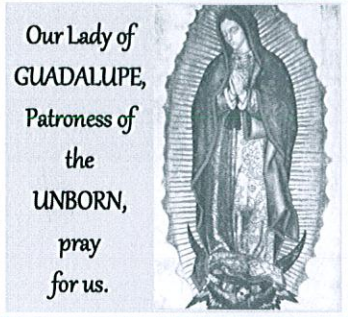

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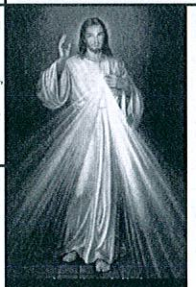

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