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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

PASTORATE OFFICE

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Darlington Hours:

Tues 9:30-4:00, Thurs 9:30 -12:00, Fri 9:30-4:00

Shullsburg Hours: Wed 9:00 - 1:00

Belmont Hours By Appointment

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MASS SCHEDULE

The Sacrament of Confession is always offered 30 minutes before every Mass.

Saturday, September 14th

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Jeff Jamieson)

5:15 pm - Mass at Holy Rosary († Living and

Deceased Members of the Ernie Rock Family)

6:30 pm - St. John the Apostle, South Wayne († Al Mathys

Sunday, September 15th

8:00 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Deceased members of Lloyd & Margaret Mulcahy Families)

8:45 am - St. Philomena (For the People of the Pastorate)

10:15 am - Mass at Holy Rosary († Mary & Donald Haan)

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass at Holy Rosary (*Intention Available*)

Monday, September 16th

8:30 am - Mass at Holy Rosary (Intention Available)

Tuesday, September 17th

8:15 am - St. Matthew († Leola & Vern Endriss)

Wednesday, September 18th

8:30 am - School Mass at Holy Rosary (Intention Available)

5:15 pm - Mass at St. Matthew († Elmer & Rita Kammes)

Thursday, September 19th

8:30 am - Mass at St. Philomena († Ken Dreger)

5:15 pm - Mass at Holy Rosary (Intention Available)

Friday, September 20th

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Kenneth Townsend)

8:30 am - Mass at Holy Rosary (Intention Available)

Saturday, September 21st

8:15 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Family Life Back to How God Intended)

5:15 pm - Mass at Holy Rosary († Sue Schilling)

6:30 pm - St. Michael, Calamine (For the People of the Pastorate)

Sunday, September 22nd

8:00 am - Mass at St. Matthew († Margaret Spillane)

8:45 am - St. Philomena († Kellie Engelke)

10:15 am - Mass at Holy Rosary († Barney and Rick Meylor)

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass at Holy Rosary (*Intention Available*)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Saturday, September 14th

7:30 am - Men's Fraternal Faith Program at Holy Rosary, Church Hall

8:00 am - Women's Bible Study at Holy Rosary, Parish Center

9:00 am to 9:45 am - Adoration at St Matthew

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Thursday, September 19th

6:00 pm until 6:45 pm - Adoration & Rosary at Holy Rosary Church

7:00 pm- Journey of Prayer Night - St. John, South Wayne

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting, Holy Rosary

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SUMMER ROTATION MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are on Saturdays at 6:30 pm. The schedule will be published annually for the summer. The remaining Masses for Summer 2024 are as follows:

9/14/24 - St. John, South Wayne

9/21/24 - St. Michael, Calamine

9/28/24 - St. Michael, Calamine

10/5/24 - Academic Year Rotational Mass Schedule Begins (See Details Below)

The following rotation will begin in October. These Masses will be celebrated on Saturdays at 4:30 pm

1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays at St. Matthews, Shullsburg 2nd, 4th Saturdays at St. Philomena, Belmont

PASTORATE LOCATIONS

HOLY ROSARY | (608) 776-4059 Church – 104 E. Harriet St, Darlington, WI 53530 School – 744 Wells St, Darlington, WI 53530 Office – 206 E. Harriet St, Darlington, WI 53530

ST. PHILOMENA | (608) 762-5446 Church – 338 Chestnut St, Belmont, WI 53510 Mail – P.O. Box 345, Belmont, WI 53510

ST. MATTHEW

<u>Church – 344 N. Judgment St, Shullsburg, WI 53586</u>

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OUR LADY OF HOPE, SEYMOUR 10962 County Rd O, Shullsburg, WI

PASTORATE SERVICES

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES - Please call (608)-776-4059 and select option 1 from the menu. A priest will answer or will return your message promptly.

COMMUNION VISITS - Fr. Michael Chika coordinates visits with sick or homebound. Contact Fr. Michael to schedule a visit. We try to make visits to each homebound person at least once per month, or more often if possible.

CEMETERY - For information or to purchase plots, contact the respective parish office or cemetery sexton.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE - We welcome you to prepare for and celebrate a baptism or wedding at any church in St. Isadore the Farmer Pastorate. To submit a request for one of these sacraments, please visit darlingtoncatholic. org — go to the "Sacraments" tab, then choose "Baptism" or "Holy Matrimony."

BULLETINS - Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted online at *darlingtoncatholic.org* – go to the "About" tab, then to "Submit Bulletin Article". Submit the online form. Submissions due the Tuesday prior to publication.

MASS INTENTIONS - Contact office@pastorate3.org or 608-776-4059 to request Masses be offered for your intention.

OFFERTORY UPDATE

Past Week

OLF	\$2488
St. Philomena	Unreported
St. Matthew	\$822
St. John	\$359
St. Joseph	\$110
TOTAL	\$ 3779

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COUNCILS - Our Lady of Fatima

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CCW

OLF - Lindsy Wessel, President I (608) 482-2632 St. Matthew - Judy Webster, President I (608) 482-3055

Sponsor Highlight

This week's bulletin sponsor is Mathys Ace Hardware. Please support our sponsors!

Fr. Chris' Column

This week we made great progress in the Pastorate Office on the Holy Rosary Campus in Darlington. Electrical rough—in work and lighting is almost finished, and we have begun putting up drywall! The plumbing and heating also got roughed—in this

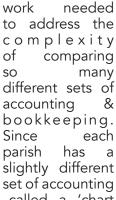


week. We are hoping to finish with drywall work in the



next 1-1/2 weeks, and then begin painting. Check out the pictures!

This past spring I had mentioned that we were planning to have some finance council meetings this summer, and a joint finance council meeting in June. These meetings unfortunately were delayed due

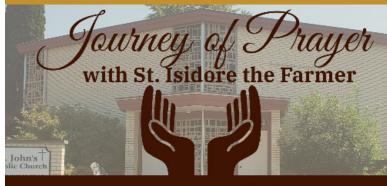




with you when it is ready.

classes and categories (technically called a 'chart of accounts'), it has taken longer than expected to compare each parishes information and begin looking at the whole picture. This was complicated also by the fiscal year-end tasks, which ordinarily take 1-2 months to complete, beginning in July. We are currently working with our accountants and bookkeepers to finalize the year-end reports, organize these reports into a comparable format, hold individual parish finance council meetings, and then have a joint meeting. After all these steps we will develop reports for the whole Pastorate to communicate what the state of our Pastorate is – financially, spiritually, and evangelically. I am not sure how long all these tasks will take, but our staff and the accountants appreciate your patience while we prepare for and ensure that the whole Pastorate receives an accurate and thorough report. Thank you for your understanding, and I look forward to sharing this information

COMMUNITY & MISSION



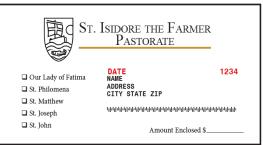
Come Pray with Us! Thursday, September 19 7:00 PM St. John, South Wayne

Refreshments Provided after Adoration

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

You should have received the newly consolidated offertory envelopes in the mail. If you have not received envelopes and would like to, or you need to report an address change, please contact the pastorate office. As a reminder, the new offertory envelopes include check-boxes, color-coded edges, and a 3-digit prefix

to ensure your donations are applied to your registered parish. Thank you for your generosity!



Mass Intentions

We are now accepting Mass Intention requests though June 2025. Contact the pastorate office to request a Mass be offered for your intention.

CRIB/PACK-N-PLAY DONATIONS

We are currently seeking for donation any gently used cribs or pack-n-plays you no longer need to give to families in our pastorate who are in need. If you are able to donate, please call or email the pastorate office to schedule drop-off.

St. Matthew's Fall Festival

Anyone interested in donating to our Silent Auction for the Fall Festival, please call or drop off with Judy Webster - 608-482-3055. Thank you



St. Philomena's Fall Raffle

The survey showed that we will only be having the Raffle this year. This will be our sole fundraiser. It is scheduled for October 20, 2024 after the 8:45am Mass at St. Philomena.

We are currently taking donations (monetary donation or gift cards) for this year's annual raffle. Please submit your donation prior to Sept. 16th. Just drop it in the Altar Society mailbox in the back of church.

ADORATION

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is searching for individuals and couples who are able to commit to 1 hour of prayer on Thursday evenings. The hope is to revive the practice of Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary. Individuals who are interested in spending time with the Lord for 1 hour between 6pm and 10pm, please reach out to Sarah Allen, Director of Faith Formation, at sarah.allen@pastorate3.org or by phone at 608-776-4059. Please help revive the devotion to the Eucharist in our parishes by signing up today!

FORMATION

Family Faith Formation & Upcoming Parent Meetings

This year, the following types of formation will be offered in our pastorate:

EMMAUS EVENINGS - for all adults and elementary aged children (grades K-5). Once per month, all adults in the pastorate have the opportunity to receive formation from a guest speaker while children go to grade level classrooms. Two additional weeks of the month, children in grades K-5 will come for formation in a grade-level classroom. Emmaus Evenings will take place simultaneously at St. Matthew in Shullsburg and at Holy Rosary in Darlington on Wednesday nights.

ST. IZZY MINISTRIES - for all middle and high school students (grades 6-12). This is a youth group styled program where the students will get to participate in games, formation, small group discussions, snack, and prayer time with peers of similar grade levels. Middle school students (grade 6-8) will meet together and high school students (grades 9-12) will meet together. St. Izzy Ministries will take place two times per month at Holy Rosary in Darlington on Sunday nights.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - for all students preparing for the sacraments of first reconciliation, first communion, or confirmation and their parents. One week per month will focus on sacramental preparation. On this week, there will not be any Emmaus Evenings or St. Izzy Ministries that week. Both students and parents will attend sacramental preparation classes. Confirmation preparation will be offered on Sunday nights at St. Philomena in Belmont. First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation will be offered on Wednesday nights at St. Philomena in Belmont.

All formation will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. See the calendar sample in the Seeds and Sower Newsletter for an example of what a typical month may look like this coming formation year. Parent meetings are scheduled to further explain the programs we will offer.

The parent meeting schedule is as follows:

- St. Matthew's on Wed., Sept. 11th at 7:00 pm
- Holy Rosary on Sun., Sept. 15th at 7:00 pm
- St. Philomena's on Wed., Sept.18th at 7:00pm

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL OFFICE | (608) 776-3710 744 Wells St., Darlington, WI

PRINCIPAL - Eric Meyer principal@pastorate3.org

SCHOOL ADMIN ASSISTANT - Lindsay Winslow schooloffice@pastorate3.org

A GREAT WEEK OF ACTIVITIES!

What a wonderful week of activities.

On Monday, the students went to the library for the first time this year. A special thank you to Mary Ellen and Gwen for being their librarians.

On Tuesday, the students smiled brightly for school pictures. A special thank you to Judy Carey and Lindsay Winslow for making it happen.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Grandparents Day. Grandparents were overjoyed to hang out with their grandchildren for the morning. The classroom activities were so much fun. We had a few special awards given out to the grandparents who traveled the furthest, shortest distance, had the oldest, youngest, and the most grandchildren and who were the "Greats" of our grandchildren. What a blessing our grandparents are to each of us. A special thank you to all the Sharon for serving lunch, along with teachers and staff who made the morning very special.

Forever grateful,

Holy Rosary Staff and Students







Support for Catholic Schools

Catholic schools play a critical role in passing on the

faith and forming future generations that will keep our parishes as vibrant communities of faith, worship and service. Please take a few moments to check the August 22nd edition of the Catholic Herald for an opportunity to show your support, or go to www. madisondiocese.org/catholicschools to give online.

VOLUNTEER BLESSINGS

What a wonderful staff we have serving our students this year.

Kitchen Staff: Lunch Servers: 2024-2025 Monday: Mary Roelli and Rita White

Tuesday: Ginny Burbach and Karen Bodensteiner Wednesday: Sharon McDaniel and Jacky Bergeson

Thursday: Mary Buschor and Chris Sauer Friday: Pam Hinderman and Becky Taylor Subs: Nancy D., Myra, Jody, Bob P., Mary Ellen

In the library we have Gwen Kirchhof, and Mary Ellen

Jacobson

Again, the students and staff feel so blessed to have you working with us this year.

God's blessing,

Holy Rosary Staff and Students

SPIRITUAL LIFE

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE RETREAT

Perhaps you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage. You may be hurt, angry or frustrated with your spouse. Maybe you've even considered separation or divorce. Whether your marriage needs a refresh or a rescue, Retrouvaille provides marriage help for you and your spouse. Whatever your situation, there is hope and your marriage is worth the effort!

Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program is September 27 - 29, 2024 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Check our website at www.helpourmarriage.org or Call 608-249-2377. Your confidentiality is always respected.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the sick: Jerome Bahr, Ed Blaine, Ellen Boatman, Tucker Brugger, Brad Crist, Corey Cullen, Christina Gobrecht, Valerie Gobrecht, Michelle Grinnell, Bob Kendall, Lexi Kinch, Jacob Kobylarczyk, Brandon Martin, Mark Millard, Kathy Mueller, Jane Olson, Pete Pivet, Tom Schoenmann, Joan Schraepfer, Jerry Smith, John Stietz, Tom White, and Bernie Wiegel. If you know of someone seriously ill and in need of community

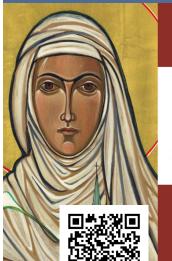
prayers, please submit a prayer request or contact the Prayer Warriors or pastorate office. If any names need to be removed from this list, please call the pastorate office

Prayer Warriors

In today's world, prayers are needed more and more for many people and situations. A group of women in our St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate are starting a prayer group to pray for those in need. God hears our prayers. He knows we need his help, so he has given us Guardian Angels, Mother Mary, Saints, and prayer warriors. Please place your prayer request in the red box at the back of the church or submit your prayer request electronically using the form at https://forms.

gle/fW9k2B975MUSXmRZA. You can also call/text Jacky Bergeson at 608-574-1747 or Sharon McDaniel at 608-482-2880 with any immediate prayer requests. We will write your request in our prayer book and pray for each intention many times. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with everlasting love.





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"Nursery of heaven: Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Loss in the Lives of the Saints and Today's Parents"

by Cassie Everts and Patrick O'Hearn

Miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss happen more often than we realize, leaving many to suffer in isolation. This unique companion will help those grieving from child loss as they search for comfort and meaning. Couples will encounter the experiences of holy people who suffered loss, such as Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin, St. Gianna Molla, and Servant of God Chiara Corbella Petrillo. Parents will also receive hope and consolation from firsthand stories of modern-day parents who have experienced similar losses.

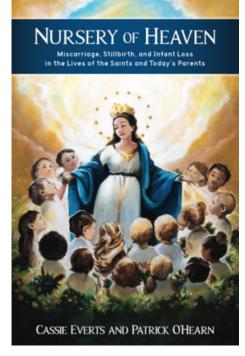
In these moving and cathartic pages, you will explore:

- The importance of being patient with yourself in recovering from your trauma
- Ways to eliminate triggers and find solace in your pain
- The essence of mourning and the significance of even the briefest life
- How to find God amid your sufferings and begin to trust again
- Ten things not to say to someone who is grieving the loss of a child
- Four ways family and friends can support those who are suffering

Along with beautiful prayers, such as "Blessing of Parents after a Miscarriage or Stillbirth" and "Order for the Naming of an Infant Who Died before Birth," and various Scripture passages and novenas, this book provides reflections and practical wisdom for pastors, family, and friends to help those grieving the loss of a child

to find healing. By journeying with others who share your grief, you will find new courage and hope as you await the joyful reunion with your child in Heaven.

This book is available for purchase online for \$14.95 at Sophia Press Catholic book store, online https://sophiainstitute.com/product/nursery-of-heaven/#



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