

April 2017



# Epistle

## Nota Bene

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### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday

8:30 am & 11:00am  
1pm in Spanish

#### Monday

8:00am & 6:00pm

#### Tuesday

8:00am

#### Wednesday

8:00am & 6:00pm

#### Thursday

8:00am

#### First Friday

8:00am

#### Saturday

8:00am & 5:00pm

#### Confession

4:00-4:45pm Saturdays

This is my favorite time of the year. As a priest, I love **Holy Week**. I know it can be long, challenging and in some cases, exhausting. But in the end, there is something special about **Holy Week** that moves my spirit and inspires me. One of the reasons this is so is that **Holy Week** is not just the story of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection but it is our story as well. Who among us have not experienced a time in our life when it seemed it was hopeless. That darkness and death had conquered us and we were alone with our thoughts and our fears. Yet, it passed, with the help of God's grace we were able to overcome our darkness and experience a new awakening, a new life, an Easter Resurrection. That is what **Holy Week** is all about. Christ's passion, death, and resurrection gave us a new life with him. But it also gives hope that even in our darkest times there is still the light of Easter Morning. It is the light of God's hope, peace, and love. It is my prayer that this **Holy Week** and **Easter** you and your family will experience an Easter Resurrection. A realization that Christ not only died and rose from the dead for our sins, but that walks with us through our own Good Fridays and Easter Sundays.

-Fr. Mark Hunt

### Holy Week Schedule

Thursday April 13

Church Office closes at 12:00pm through Monday April 17  
Mass - 7pm

Friday April 14

12:15pm Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday April 15

7:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday April 16

7:00am Mass  
8:30am Mass  
11:00am Mass

## Family Rosary

### April 1 and 2

5:00 pm--Chris and Marilyn John

8:30 am--Bill and Joan Tompkins and The Watson Family

11:00 am--The Mullican Family

### April 8 and 9

5:00 pm--Bob and Nancy Schwartz

8:30 am--Cheryl Ann Fuerst

11:00 am--Harold and Sandra Miller

April 15 and 16--No Rosary given on Easter

### April 22 and 23

5:00 pm--Fr. Mark Hunt

8:30 am--Joe and Rose Cohen

11:00 am--The Cruz Family

### April 29 and 30

5:00 pm--**OPEN**

8:30 am--Richard and Mary Kirk

11:00 am--**OPEN**

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00pm Mass

Bonnie Crumby

Loru Hughes

Margie Raymer

Bob Stall

John Yanacek

Angela Yanacek

8:30am Mass

Margaret Aton

Jim Guschke

Keith Hinrichs

Adam Keyser

Susannah Kniazewycz

Ted Kniazewycz

11:00am Mass

Kaylie Caudill

Diane Davenport

Jeanne Mullen

Kathy Sarno

Marie Stewart

Barbara Windus

## Altar Servers

5:00 pm Mass

Delaney Atwell

Eli Atwell

Anna Pitt

Benjamin Pitt

8:30am Mass

Matthew Berry

Alison Eastwood

Stuart McMullen

McKenzie Sonnier

11:00 am Mass

Katherine Clubb

Molly Crumby

Cassandra Ohrin

Daniel Ohrin

# News From Holy Rosary Academy

Dear Holy Rosary Church Families,

On Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m., Holy Rosary Academy will be hosting an Open House for prospective families. I would like to extend an invitation to any parishioner who would like to visit the school during that time. We would like to share with you all the exciting things that are happening at the Academy.

During the month of April, HRA will be highlighting the Gospel value of *forgiveness*. This value is most powerfully expressed in the sacrament of reconciliation (also called the sacrament of forgiveness). In the Gospel of John, Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection. He said to them: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (Jn 20: 21-23) It was at this time and place that Jesus conferred upon the first Pope and his successors the authority to bind and loose sins. This sacrament is a wonderful expression of God's love and mercy for all his children. It is God who forgives. The priest acts as a conduit of this forgiveness. As we prepare ourselves more fully for the Easter season, we would do well to encounter Christ in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Last month, HRA underwent the final stages of its re-accreditation. By all accounts, it went well. The visitation team consisted of five members. They arrived on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and spent two full days at HRA examining all of its policies, procedures, and practices. As soon as the final recommendations and report of the evaluation are completed I will communicate it to the entire community.

As we enter the final quarter of the 2016-2017 school-year, our students will be taking the IOWA tests. Testing will begin Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Having a good breakfast and a full night's sleep each day next week will ensure that your children do their very best on this standardized test. Thank you in advance for your support.

In two weeks we will be entering Holy Week. I wish you and your family a blessed Easter.

In Christ,

Mr. Rodgers  
Principal

# The Big Payback

By Joe Pagetta

## Save the date!

**The Big Payback**, a community-wide, online giving day hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, returns on Wednesday May 3, and **Holy Rosary Church and Academy is thrilled to be participating once again!**

The 2017 charitable event will help to once again help us pay down the down on the new windows and HVAC system at the Academy, as well as celebrate the good work of participating Middle Tennessee nonprofits, schools, and religious institutions. In the two years that Holy Rosary has participated, we have raised **\$24,000 in donations and prizes, all with donations beginning at just \$10!** In the past three years, this region's generosity was astonishing as our community rallied together to raise more than \$6.75 million in 24 hours for nearly 800 area organizations.

How does The Big Payback work? Kicking off at midnight on Wednesday, May 3, donors can make gifts online to Holy Rosary Academy and other Big Payback participants located in or providing services to the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee. Your contributions to Holy Rosary Academy could be amplified by additional incentives, bonuses and prizes made possible by The Big Payback sponsors throughout the day.

## Gift Bearers Needed

Holy Rosary parishioners have commented on how nice it is to see families and couples, etc. bring up the gifts during Mass. This is a beautiful way to "present the gifts" during Liturgy of the Eucharist. But we need to know you are willing to do it. Please call Chrissa Jennings at 615-268-3959 or email [chrissa@holyroary.edu](mailto:chrissa@holyroary.edu) to add your name to the list. Chrissa will call you the week you are to present and remind you. If there is any rescheduling need, she call swap weeks with others if necessary.

This is a very simple ministry, but is a very inclusive ministry. All you have to do is go to the back of the church when your name is announced. Once the offertory is collected, you will present the gifts when Fr. Mark or Fr. Phil come to the front of the altar to receive them. If you prefer to not have your name announced, please let Chrissa know. This is just one more way to participate in Mass.

# Religious Education

By Cheryl Pryor

## **Liturgical Ministries for the Easter Triduum**

We are in need of Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers for the following services during the EASTER TRIDUUM. Please contact Cheryl Pryor (cheryl@holysosary.edu or the church office) if you can help!

- Holy Thursday (April 13--7 pm Mass)  
6 Eucharistic Ministers 2 altar servers and 10 people willing to partake in the MANDATUM (foot washing)
- Good Friday (April 14)  
We need 2 altar servers for the Stations of the Cross at 12 noon.  
We need 2 altar servers for the Good Friday service at 3 pm
- Easter Vigil (April 15--7:30 pm Mass)  
We need 4 altar servers and 6 Eucharistic Ministers
- Easter Sunday--we need 4 altar servers and 6 Eucharistic Ministers for EACH Mass:  
7 am, 8:30 am and 11 am.

## **RCIA**

Our candidates and catechumen are in the final preparation for coming into the Catholic Church at the Easter vigil. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

## **Congrats to Confirmands**

Our 8th grade students in CCD and HRA received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Catholic Pastoral Center on March 29! They will be attending 11 am Mass on Sunday, April 2 and we will celebrate with them in the Dining Hall following Mass (in addition to regular Coffee and Donuts!)

## **First Communion**

Our First Communion students are also making their final preparations! Just a reminder that the parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 6 pm in the HRA cafeteria. First Communion practice will be on Sunday, April 30th.

## **High School Youth Ministry (CYO)**

We are still looking for feedback from all parishioners who are in grades 9-12! Please email Cheryl Pryor and she will send you a short survey on your thoughts for our High School youth ministry program!

We are planning on attending Youth 2000 retreat at the Catholic Pastoral Center on April 28-30. Be on the lookout for more info about our Fall Kickoff and plans to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November!

**Vacation Bible School is coming!** The dates for this year are June 12-June 16th. You will be hearing more about it on the weekend of April 29-30 and registration will not be far behind. We will also be letting everyone know how they can help support VBS (financially and with items).

**CCD--Have off Palm Sunday (April 9) and Easter Sunday (April 16)! Our last CCD class for the year is May 21st!**

We will be training new altar servers soon! All students in grade 4 and above (CCD and HRA) are eligible to be trained and minister as an altar server. We are in most need at the 8:30 Mass on Sunday but could use more servers at all of the Masses! We will also be asking all servers sign up to serve at morning Masses in the summer. Please consider being an altar server, it is a great ministry!!

## Congratulations to Confirmands

Congratulations to the 43 young people who were confirmed in their Catholic faith and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Catholic Pastoral Center on March 29<sup>TH</sup>!

Please continue to pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith.

Mary Angel Belog, Savannah Boyle, Jakob Briggs, Adrianna Cadena, Sydnee Clunan, Sullivan Compton, Luke Conger, Derrick Crouch, Amanda Cunningham, Conor deGiorgio, Ava Franklin, Angelina Green, Ian Gregory, Michael Gregory, Mia Harris, Nathan Karoszewski, Mary Kemp, Collin Lavender, Celeste Legaspi, Angie Leon, Cindy Leon, Jayton McClain, Brianna Marsh, Taylor Mayes, Darwin Mendoza, Hannah Menees, Natale Mertens, Nina Mertens, Jacob Moran, Lanie Mucha, Jack Ottman, Grant Oxford, Nathan Price, Camille Quiampang, Kora Roberts, Sarah Robertson, Anna Schulze, Sebastian Trevina, Lillie Van Metre, Lili Weaver, Zach Wesnofske, Isaac Woods and Ashley Zerfas.

We hope and pray these young people stay close to Christ and His Church. Pope Francis at a Confirmation Mass last spring invited the newly confirmed to: *“Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide. Pay attention, my young friends: to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage! There are no difficulties, trials or misunderstandings to fear, provided we remain united to God as branches to the vine, provided we do not lose our friendship with him, provided we make ever more room for him in our lives.”*



COME TO THE MOVIES! Holy Rosary is pleased to present "The Face of Mercy" . This film is a followup to the film "Ocean of Mercy" shown last year. Watch the story unfold from St. Faustina's visions of a merciful God to testimonies of modern day mercy from a woman who found freedom in forgiveness, a former NFL-linebacker who shared Christ's mercy with the homeless, a baseball player who entered a monastery and the young widow who chose mercy towards her husband's killer. Come join us in the Holy Rosary Academy lower level meeting room (Room 37) on April 4th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We'll bring the popcorn. Get ready to pray the Divine Mercy Novena with us as well, beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday.

# Vacation Bible School Ministry



**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Open to children ages 4 through 10**

**Registration opens May 14<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses and will be available online through WeShare**

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Vacation Bible School (VBS) is to carry God's word to children through age-appropriate work, play, song, and dance; to give the children of the parish and surrounding neighborhoods an experience of community and faith; and to witness the faith growing in our youngest members. Vacation Bible School is presented annually during June, on parish grounds. At Holy Rosary, we utilize a Catholic-specific version of the materials.

Vacation Bible School happens with the help of over 30 volunteers from Teens to Seniors

## **Goals and Objectives**

VBS helps our children discover Jesus through crafts, themed-snacks, Bible adventures, games, music and new friends. Each day, a "Bible Point" is presented using a "Bible Buddy" character and a "key verse" from the Bible.

## ACTIVITIES

VBS Campers get to:

- Play teamwork-building games
- Experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures
- Make and enjoy yummy treats with a message
- Participate in memorable Bible-learning activities
- Test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll get to take home
- Sing and Dance to catchy songs culminating in the Funshop Finale

## CONTACT INFORMATION

***We invite you to join us as a participant or volunteer - we need Crew leaders, Photographers, a film editor, song leaders, and LOTS OF CHILDREN. (This is a great opportunity for service hours)***

***We invite you to make a financial donation toward the support of this program, (envelopes will be available at Church the weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>t</sup>, or visit WeShare after May 14<sup>th</sup>).***

***And we invite you to provide necessary supplies (listed below) – After April 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a labeled box in the Church vestibule with a sign-up sheet to indicate which supply you would like to provide.***

24 carpet squares	10 one inch Styrofoam balls
3 bean bags	50 chenille wires (different colors)
10 rolls of crepe paper	300 paper plates
50-100 ping pong balls	200 9 oz plastic cups
10 buckets	200 12 oz drinking cups
50 small food toys or other plastic food like plastic grapes, etc.	
a large roll of butcher paper	4 rolls paper towels
12 colorful dry erase markers	1 package brown paper lunch bags
2 boxes gallon sized ziplock bags	10 skeins colorful yarn
3 boxes plastic sandwich bags	3 boxes FRUITY Cheerios
100 small paper plates	8 rolls invisible tape
various colors and widths of ribbon	4 rolls colored twine
50 tennis or foam balls	

For further information please contact Cheryl Pryor at 615-889-4065 or [Cheryl@holyroary.edu](mailto:Cheryl@holyroary.edu) in the Church Office or Jan Stermin at 616-581-6159 or [janstermin@gmail.com](mailto:janstermin@gmail.com)



# Ladies' Guild

by Diana Ryan

## SPRING FORWARD

After a tough winter – not weather wise but health wise, we are getting ready to get busy again! We are meeting on the Wednesdays before Easter after the 8:00 AM Mass to pray Mary's Stations of the Cross. The second Wednesday of the month we also pray the Rosary at that time also.

April 15 will be the day to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Since there is no morning mass, we will begin at 8:30 AM. There will be lots of lilies, fern and hydrangeas to be watered and placed around the altar. Linens will be changed and banners will rise over the entire space.

April 21 and 22 is the Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton downtown Nashville. Learn about what we can do to be instruments of peace at the "Symposium on Peace."

April 22 will be the second annual Mother and Daughter Tea. Sign up to reserve your spot at this lovely Spring celebration. No daughter? Grab that young lady that sits close to you on Sunday and invite her to attend with you! See sign up information on [www.holyrosary.edu](http://www.holyrosary.edu) click on the "We Share" icon and click on the Mother and Daughter Tea Cup picture.

April 26 is the monthly Ladies Guild Meeting at 9:30 AM in the Church Office Conference Room. You will be able to sign up for the popular May Crowning that will be on May 13 after the 8:00 AM Mass with brunch at the Marriott to follow.

For more information about the Ladies Guild, call our President, Anne Erickson, at 615-476-4675.

## Evening Angels

By Judy Hollister



The Evening Angels meet on the third Thursday of the month EXCEPT for April. There will be no meeting. We will be orchestrating the second annual Mother and Daughter Tea. Hope you will plan to attend. It is 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on April 22. Sign up online at [www.holyrosary.edu](http://www.holyrosary.edu) click on the "We Share" icon and enter your reservation through the "Tea Cup."

Watch the Sunday Bulletin for future "Angel" events. We meet in the evening so all you working ladies can attend. Contact Cindy Caluger at the Church Office (615-889-4065) or email her at [cindy@holyrosary.edu](mailto:cindy@holyrosary.edu).

# Easter Decorating at the Church April 15

April 15 will be the day to clean and decorate the church for Easter. All are encouraged to help! Since there is no morning mass, we will begin at 8:30 AM. There will be lots of lilies, fern and hydrangeas to be watered and placed around the altar. Linens will be changed and banners will rise over the entire space.

## NASHVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



The Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is presenting a "Symposium on Peace" April 21 & 22, 2017 at Doubletree by Hilton in Downtown Nashville. Father John Dear and Martha Hennesey (granddaughter of Dorothy Day) will be guest speakers, and Most Rev. David Choby will be on hand to encourage us toward helping peace happen.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the serious work and then enjoy some of the fun outings, like going to Riverdance for discounted tickets! When was the last time you did something for you to renew your spirit?

For more information: check out Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Facebook or website [www.nashvilledccw.org](http://www.nashvilledccw.org) under the "Events" link to the left. Hope you can join us!

## Cherub and Joy Choirs

The Cherub and Joy Choirs are seeking new members! We need 3, 4 and 5 year olds for Cherubs and Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for Joy Choir. Both groups are taking a small hiatus until after Easter. At that time we hope to recruit new members and promote those who will be going into Kindergarten in the fall of 2017. Two of our Joy Choir members will move up to LOL in May.

These groups practice on every other Thursday from 5:00-5:30 and 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the church. Watch the bulletin after Easter for start dates. I promise these children have a lot of fun and the congregation reaps the benefits of their joy and excitement when they sing. Don't worry! They'll be back in May!



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

## 2017 Annual Bonanza

Please join us on **April 8th** for the **2017 Bonanza!** This fun event is our largest fundraiser for our Council and allows us to support Church of the Holy Rosary, Holy Rosary Academy, and local charities. Cocktail Hour starts at 6 pm, dinner at 7pm, and live entertainment to follow. In addition, we will have both silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$100 donation per couple. All are welcome. Donations for the auctions are appreciated. Tickets can be purchased from the KC Hall. Call [615-883-4972](tel:615-883-4972) or email [kofc4972@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4972@gmail.com) In addition, you can contact Chris John directly at [630-290-0545](tel:630-290-0545) or email [chicago.cjohn@gmail.com](mailto:chicago.cjohn@gmail.com)

## Lenten Mass and Fish Fry

We still have one more Lenten Mass and Fish Fry night left on April 7. Mass will begin at 6:15 pm and the fish fry dinner will follow Mass.

Please consider assisting Council 4972 with a donation of a non-perishable food item (for Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee) when you attend our celebrations. The donations will stay in our community to help those who most need our support. Our goal this Lenten season is 1,000 pounds of food. Please be generous.

# Room In The Inn

By Margarot Aton

Room In The Inn ended Friday, March 3rd this season. A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in this parish mission:

Mike Huffman, Stan Belcher, Mike, Vicki and Stuart McMullen, Julie and Kiki Luther, Jeanice and Anthony Spader, Sandra Miller, Scott Weaver, Maren and Ravi Mohan, Isabella Tiamson, Pat Hersick, Stacy Huffman, Marie Kincaid, Kay Baker, Judy Hollister, Savannah Evans, Thomas Warrion, Marie Stewart, Stephen Aleman, Justin, Sisco, Helen Mutford, Marilyn Biffle Kristie, Sean and Jack Clunan, Celeste Legaspi, Ron and Anelise Rentuza, Ellen Kee, Emily Craig, Sheila and Amy Rowland, Katy and Heather Seger, Madison Ed, Joe Driscoll, Wesley Boyle, Emily Carr, Zoe Esklin, Pete Weaver, Teresa McClain, Jake Crumby, Tom Kleespies, P J Ambrofe, Paul and Theresa McLean, Ghia Gutierrez, Lee Baker, Jill Mothershed, Alex Aton, Erin Mullican, Kenzie Quirk, Marilyn and Walter Barnes, Bryce Bomer, Owen Dougherty, Callie Goodwin, Jo Raybourne, Teresa Mohan, Kevin Edwards, Reed Grindstaff Pat Galvin, Lil and Jim Morgan, Dallas Westveer, Angela, Jessica, Drew and John Yanacek, Kristina Krau, Kristina Baker, Jimmy Johnson, Sophia and Tayla Samual, Harold Miller, Patty Sullivant, Brian and Daniel Edwards, Theresa Jones, Teddy Wilkins, Nicholas and Elena Baker, Carolyn and Clayton Schultz, Ann Wylie, Claire Ritter, Christopher, Phillip, and Nicholas Baker, Ginger Warpoole, David Brown, Tammy Rice, Rita Weaver, Jeannie Gorsline, Stacy and Klaus DeWit and Max, Thomas and Tommy Ingram, Chris, Reagan, Luke and Audrey Robinson, Jason and Gabby Grove, Chris Scholer, Desiree Brazill, Kyle, Avery, Ezra and Trevor Caldwell, David and Dena Minoggie, Darcy Bomer, Sam Sefers, Tatika and Blaine Jones, Rowynn Farriss, Erin, Ben and Nate Watson, Chrissa Jennings, Maddy Bennett, Linsly and Angie Leon, Angelia Green, Kors Roberts, Jan Stermin, Kora Roberts, Cheryl Pryor, Sheila Hale, Abby Burke, Sean Jagels, Patricia Schultz, Lawrence Aleman, Nathan Karaszewski, Martha Hicks, Robinson, Norm Robinson, Debbie Pillon, Cathy Sharbel, Chris Melton, Carolyn Berry, Holly Guthormsen, Tina Roberts, Susan Burr, Mickey Sollmann, Lauren Stinson, Mike and Will Rose, Davis Wesnofske, Jeanne Hock, Sheena DiGeorgio, Lori Graves, Rhonda and Joe Irrera, Nancy Swartz, Josetti Amsilli, Barbara Sullivan, Conner Family, Barbara Hopper, Lew and Peggy McManus, Jim Guschke, Eddie Bolyard, Janet Woerner, Allison Lee, Sara Pferdehirt, Betty Reynolds, Sharon Lamantia, Rebecca Clements, Betty and Joe Burns, Michelle Smart, Girl Scout troop, Boy Scout Pack 84, the Knights of Columbus, LOL, and HRA staff members..

Any misspellings are due to illegible sign in signatures, omissions due to not signing in or operator error. THANK YOU to all who contributed not only time and talent but monetary, clothing, toiletries, and other donations. You all make this work!!!

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

By Joe Pagetta

February 13, 2017

PRESENT: Fr. Mark, Stephen Aleman, Jan Stermin, Tom Kleespies, Erin Mullican, Margaret Aton, Mike Huffman, Kay Baker, Patty Sullivant, Savannah Evans, Marie Stewart.

Minutes taken by: Stephen Aleman

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and Prayer

Fr. Mark led the group in Prayer

### 2. Discussion of Minutes from Previous Meeting

No minutes available from January's Meeting. Will submit for approval at next meeting.

### 3. Committee Reports

Written reports presented for Social Action Committee, Knights of Columbus, Education Committee. (Included after minutes without edits)

There was some discussion about opening the post- Easter Vigil celebration to the larger community to help welcome those going through RCIA to the church and it was agreed that all present will be invited to a reception after mass in the large conference room.

There was some discussion generally in favor of not continuing children's liturgy during the summer so that children may have the opportunity to join the larger congregation in participating in the mass. More discussion will continue on the topic between Fr. Mark and the Director of Religious Education (DRE) until a decision is made.

Erin Mullican invited submission of names of children and adults receiving sacraments in the spring for inclusion in the bulletin and/or the epistle.

A fair amount of discussion took place regarding the upcoming HRA Gala and specifically, the efforts to include greater participation in the event from the larger parish community.

There is need for additional hosts/organizers for small faith groups particularly in the evenings. Adult Continuing Learning has internally agreed to change their name to simply "Continuing Learning".

### 4. New Business

Jan Stermin raised the possibility of acquiring a parish-wide subscription to <https://www.formed.org/> as an interactive online faith resource for all parishioners. The cost is: \$159.99 / month or \$1680 / year. More discussion will continue on the topic between Fr. Mark and the DRE.

The Big Payback (<https://www.thebigpayback.org/>) is scheduled for May 3. There will be more PR efforts leading up to the city-wide online giving event that helped raise over \$16,000 last year.

Fr. Mark spoke about the newly welcomed refugees that the parish is hosting and the need to continue efforts to welcome refugees as a part of our Christian mission.

There are early plans to engage in a "Unity Mass" together with Spanish speaking local residents. The idea would be to join together communities from different backgrounds to celebrate mass together in multiple languages as a sign of solidarity and unity. It was suggested that there are even more local groups from varying backgrounds that may be included as well. More information to come...

## **5. Old Business**

Establishment of New Members and Officers of the Parish Council as a continuation of this past Sunday's discernment process. After final discussion, voting and unanimous approval, the full currently existing parish council inclusive of continuing members and newly incoming members is as follows:

Incoming Chair at Large: Stephen Aleman  
Continuing Chair of Education Committee: Jan Stermin  
Incoming Chair of Social Action Committee: Kay Baker  
Incoming Vice-Chair of Social Action Committee: Mike Huffman  
Incoming Chair of Parish Life Committee: Patty Sullivant  
Continuing Chair of Communications Committee: Joe Pagetta  
Incoming Vice-Chair of Communications Committee: Erin Mullican  
Incoming Chair of Spirituality Committee: Marie Stewart  
Incoming Youth Representative: Savannah Evans  
Current K of C Liaison: Tom Kleespies

Additionally, it was unanimously agreed that current Council members will continue to seek out and cultivate new members to serve on the council.

## **6. Recap of Action Items**

The council will convene again on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM.

All Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs will reach out to their associated program leaders and ministry heads over the next month for report details and to offer support, ideally meeting with them in person if possible.

Committee reports are called for in writing to be submitted by Wednesday, March 8.

A meeting agenda will be made available in advance of the meeting.

## **7. Prayer and adjournment of Meeting**

# Easter Lillies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, as a memorial to be placed in the church for Easter, please call the Church Office no later than 12:00pm on April 6th. [615-889-4065](tel:615-889-4065), or email Cynthia: [cynthia@holynosary.edu](mailto:cynthia@holynosary.edu)

# Bulletin Deadlines

For the ones that generally have an announcement for the bulletin, please be aware of the Easter Holiday changes for the Bulletin deadlines. Please email your announcements to: [cynthia@holynosary.edu](mailto:cynthia@holynosary.edu)

For April 9th bulletin, please email announcements by 12:00pm April 3rd

For April 16th bulletin, please email announcements by 12:00pm April 6th.

For April 23rd bulletin, please email announcements by 12:00pm April 12th

# Epistle Deadline

Deadline for the May Epistle is Friday, April 21 . Please send articles to Erin Mullican at [erintmullican@gmail.com](mailto:erintmullican@gmail.com)



You're cordially invited to a  
**Mother  
& Daughter  
Tea**  
(and Granddaughters, Nieces, Aunts...)  
Saturday, April 22nd, 1-4 pm, HRA Cafeteria  
Wear your favorite hat! Big, Fancy,  
Colorful or Silly - There will be prizes!  
RSVP by April 13 to We Share  
Admission is free - Donation appreciated  
All ages welcome!!

# Ministry Spotlight

Each Epistle will feature a spotlight on a ministry at Holy Rosary and the people who serve in it. This month's spotlight is on The Continuing Education Ministry.

The Continuing Education Ministry is open to anyone who is interested in a deeper spirituality and learning more about Catholicism.

The group's leader, Jim Guschke, has been serving in this ministry since 1985, meeting every Sunday during the CCD school year, from September to May, between the 8:30 Mass and the 11:00 Mass. The group normally meets in the Holy Rosary Academy Cafeteria, unless it's a coffee and donuts Sunday or a blood drive. In that case, they meet in Classroom 13 upstairs.

Topics are chosen by consensus, recommendations coming from Jim or from members of the group. They center on Catholic themes, and focus on what people have an interest in or a passion for. Books by Matthew Kelly are a favorite among those who have been members of this group a while. They've also studied Church history, and in particular, some of those Catholics with notoriety and even some notorious folks who preceded us in our Faith.

Anyone is welcome to come join the group. Jim has a special invitation for recent graduates of the RCIA program and any parents of students participating in the CCD program which happens at the same time. The book they are studying right now is [Resisting Happiness](#), by Matthew Kelly. It was handed out at Church at Christmas time, and there may be extra copies available through the Church office if you would like to join now.

The topic for the fall session has yet to be decided. If you are interested, or have any ideas, please come on Sunday and join in. Bring a friend!!!

## Website and Instagram Help Needed

Are you tech savvy and want to help your church keep the parishioners and visitors informed? Holy Rosary is looking for people to commit to a few hours a month to keep the website updated and people to maintain an Instagram account. Contact Erin Mullican at [erintmullican@gmail.com](mailto:erintmullican@gmail.com) if you are interested. Please spread the word!



