We are now in the midst of the Lenten Season and my prayer and hope is that you and your family are having a blessed and holy one. There are many ways to have a blest and holy Lent. We all know of the traditional ways; sacrifices and penances. But there are other ways as well. Perhaps we could use Lent as an opportunity to spend a little more time in prayer and contemplation. Maybe spend a little time in study, like reading the bible or a biography of one of the saints. At this time of year I like reading a book that is related to the season. This past weekend I read Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus, by Fr. James Martin, S.J. But there are many fine books out there dealing with spiritual matters. One of my favorite authors is the late Henri Nouwen, who was a priest and teacher who lived in a home for mentally challenged individuals called Larche. His books deal with his experiences living in that home and how it affected his relationship with God. Another way to experience a sacred Lent is to attend daily Mass. We have daily Mass here at Holy Rosary Monday thru Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 AM. There is also a Mass at 6 PM Monday and Wednesday Night. Finally, there is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you did not attend our parish penance service on February 16 we have the sacrament offered every Saturday at 4 PM or you can call the office to set up an appointment with a priest.

May God Bless You and Your Family during this Blessed and Holy Season.

Fr. Mark Hunt

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- **March 4**: The Ladies Guild
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- 5:00 p.m.: Doris Painter, Courtney Barnes
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- March 26: Father Mark Hunt

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- March 13: George & Betty Reynolds
- March 20: Don & Marion Bogue
- March 27: Richard & Mary Kirk

### 11:00 a.m. Mass

- March 6: Cameron & McCullars families
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Be involved in one of our ministries at Holy Rosary! This month’s featured ministries are the Blessed Beginnings Guild and St. Martha’s Ministry

**Blessed Beginnings Guild** - This ministry is for expectant or adoptive parents in the parish. The Guild contacts the mom-to-be with a letter and prayer card. After the birth, they visit with a prepared meal for the family and a gift bag. Contact Michelle Smart at 615-473-3185 if you are interested in volunteering.

**St. Martha’s Ministry** - This ministry provides meals to families in times of need such as extended illness, or any situation in which assistance may be welcomed. Please contact Erin Mullican at erintmullican@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or if you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry.

**Music**

*By Chrissa Walsh*

As we approach the Holy Week and the Easter season, I ask for any 3 year old children through 5th grade children to come and join me, Chrissa Jennings Walsh on Tuesday evenings in March from 5-6 p.m. We will be preparing songs and such for the Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations. All children will be leading the procession of palms on Palm Sunday at all three Masses and join in the music of celebration for Easter Sunday at the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses. Even if your child can't continue after Easter, I would love to have more children participate as mentioned earlier, so that the same children won't have to participate at all three Masses. Please plan on joining me March 2, from 5-6 p.m. for our first practice and for more details!

**Prayers for Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Nashville**

March 2016

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of priests. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days renew them with the gifts of your Spirit.

You once opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Now renew your ordained ministers with the truth and power of your Word.

In the Eucharist you gave the Emmaus disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish priests with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection they celebrate at your altar.

Give priests enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all, courage in leadership, humility in service, fellowship with one another and with all their brothers and sisters in You. For you love them, Lord Jesus. And we love and pray for them in Your name. Amen.
Holy Rosary Church will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on

**Sunday, March 13th, from 8 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

Sign-ups will be held in the vestibule after all Masses on Saturday, March 5th, and Sunday, March 6th. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the blood drive. If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 615-473-3185.

Please consider being a blood donor and sharing the gift of life!!

Thank you for your support of the blood drives at our church!

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**EASTER DECORATING**

The cleaning and decorating of the Church for Easter will be on Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 am. All help is welcome! Lots of flowers to water and set out, banners to be raised and general cleaning to be done to prepare for the Easter liturgies. Come make the Church shine!
You’re cordially invited to a
Mother & Daughter Tea
on Saturday, April 23rd
Holy Rosary Academy Cafeteria, 2 o’clock pm until 4 o’clock pm
Wear your favorite fancy hat!
Big, Decorated, Colorful or Silly hat - There will be prizes!
RSVP to Jeanne Hock at 615-406-4120 or jshock2001@hotmail.com
All ages welcome!!

PARISH LIFE
Did you have fun at Trivia Night, Cookies with Santa, or the Last Fling of Summer?
Then why not help us plan the next fun event for Holy Rosary?!!
Contact Jeanne Hock at jshock2001@hotmail.com
**Religious Education**

*By Kay Baker*

**RCIA** - Holy Rosary Church had 2 Catechumens and 5 Candidates in attendance on February 14th at St. Henry's for the Rite of Election. Please keep them in your prayers.

**CCD** and Academy Confirmation students will attend their Confirmation Retreat on March 12th at St. Stephen's. The retreat will begin at 11 am and end with Mass at 5 pm. Confirmation will be at The Catholic Pastoral Center on April 5th at 7:00 pm.

Confirmation students are also working on their Confirmation banner and Letters to the Bishop.

Third Grade students have been designing and creating stained glass windows as a Lenten project. They are currently displayed in the church vestibule.

**Small Faith Sharing Groups** last session will be the week of March 13th. The feedback has been very positive on our study of "Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor." Please consider joining a group in the fall. Not only is this a way to get to know your fellow parishioners, but also an opportunity to grow in your faith.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** returns June 13th through the 17th, from 6 pm to 8 pm. All children ages 4 to 10 are invited to join us for Science and Adventure as we learn about the love and mercy of Jesus and His plan for our lives. Look for opportunities to become involved or donate, and keep your eyes peeled for more information on registration starting in late April.
Ladies Guild
by Diana Ryan

Keeping Up With Lent

The Ladies Guild keeps busy during Lent with the parish activities like Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:15 PM followed by Mass, Fish Fry and Bingo at the KC. But they also pray "Stations of the Cross with Mary, The Mother of Jesus" during Lent. Join us on these Wednesdays:

- March 2nd at 10:00 am Mary's Stations in the church
- March 9th at the 8:00 am Mass, Rosary and then Mary's Stations
- March 16th at 10:00 am Mary's Stations in the church
- March 23rd Mary's Stations following the Ladies Guild Meeting at 9:30 AM

Then join us to decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, March 26 at 8:30 AM.

Palms

On Wednesday, March 16th after Mary's Stations, the Ladies Guild will prepare the palms for Palm Sunday. All supplies will be provided, just come and strip palms and organize them for the liturgy on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Announces:

April 1-2, 2016 Nashville DCCW Retreat
At Bethany Retreat House
2002 Garners Creek Rd, Dickson, TN 37055

Join the Catholic women of the Diocese as we encounter Peace and Mercy as seen in the life of Jesus in the Gospels. You are encouraged to bring your Bibles. Cost per person: Friday night and Saturday - members $100 and nonmembers $105, Saturday only – members $30, non-members $35.

****Don’t miss out, rooms are limited, contact Becky Graef at 931-232-7628 or email b.graef@mac.com

Polish Up Your Dancing Shoes

Friday, April 22nd 7:00 until 10:00 PM
St Pius Marc Carr Auditorium 2750 Tucker Rd, Nashville 37218

$20 IN ADVANCE by contacting Theola Copeland at 615-438-4437 or email tcpeland66@outlook.com or purchase at St Mary’s Bookstore!

Proceeds will benefit the programs and service projects of the Nashville DCCW.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 23rd at 9:30 am in the Church Office will be our monthly meeting. For more Ladies Guild information, contact President, Anne Erickson, President Elect at 615-476-4675.
Evening Angels

by Judy Hollister

Thursday, March 17th we will continue our discussion of our book: Mercy In the City by Kerry Weber. If you would like a copy of this book stop by the Church Office. This book is our continuing inspiration for Lent after our “start-up” with Sister Mary Ellen Curl, RSM at our January meeting. Sister Mary Ellen presented the Last words of Jesus and noted the Bible verses for us so we could follow up during Lent with our own meditations. We are taking Lent seriously!

Join us the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Church Office Conference Room. If you are on your way home from work bring a “sack” dinner along. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for details or call the Church Office for more information. Get on the Evening Angels Email List by contacting Judy Hollister at judy@holyrosary.edu.

Calendar:

March 2       Mary’s Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am
March 9       Rosary and Mary’s Stations of the Cross after 8:00 am Mass
March 16      Mary’s Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am
March 17      Evening Angels Meeting at 6:30 pm
March 23      Ladies Guild Meeting at 9:30 am, followed by Mary’s Stations and Striping Palms
March 26      Clean & Decorate Church for Easter beginning at 8:30 am

Announcements

The deadline for the April Epistle is March 16th

To submit articles and/or photographs for inclusion in the Epistle, for questions regarding the content, or other publication issues, please contact me via email: sebnwatson@gmail.com

Thank You, Erin Watson

Room In The Inn ends this season on March 4th. Please continue to bring jeans, shirts, shoes, coats, backpacks, t-shirts, crew socks and boxers (no briefs please) sizes M-XL to the gym entrance marked RITI. These items will be collected year round so that there will be a supply as needed next season. Thank you for all your generous donations
Notes from the Principal

Holy Rosary Academy has been blessed with great kids, families, and teachers who recognize the value of high academic standards taught in the light of our Catholic faith and tradition. Our goal is to get our kids into heaven and into college!

A few outstanding alumni from Holy Rosary Academy:

Chris Ring, HRA ’01, FRHS ’05 – first American to swim the entire length of the Mississippi River to honor fallen veterans and their families.

Police Officer Jonathan Frith HRA ’00, FRHS ’04 – recognized by Metro Nashville Police Department as Patrol Officer of the Year for his valor in response to an active aggressor call at the Hickory 8 movie theater in August 2015.

♦ HRA graduates populate Honor Rolls and Principal’s lists along with many other notes of merit at their respective high schools.
♦ HRA graduates enroll in advanced placement courses at their high schools, notably in mathematics and science.
♦ HRA alumni are consistently recognized as National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists at Father Ryan High School, Pope John Paul II High School, and St. Cecilia Academy.

If you are a Viking alumnus, drop us a line and let us know what is happening with you! We have a webpage just for our alumni. Check it out at www.holyrosary.edu/alumni

Thank you to our committed faculty, staff, and parishioners who continue to make our school great!

Betty Reynolds, Ed.D.
March 2016