

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 3-4

Holy Rosary Parish Council currently has three seats open. The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to serve as a consultative body for the Pastor helping provide direction to the pastoral activity of the parish. Pastoral activity encompasses all the areas of the parish life especially the proclamation of the Word of God and catechetical formation, the celebration of the Eucharist, and other sacraments as well as the fostering of family and individual prayer and serving those in spiritual or bodily need. They will be participating in the discussions providing the direction the parish is heading.

The terms for this position would end as of December 31, 2023. The following have agreed to run for one of the seats. Voting will take place before and after the weekend Masses next weekend. For those that are unable to attend Mass and wish to vote, ballots will be available at the Parish Office until 4 pm on Monday, January 5th.

Debbie Carlson: My husband Brad and I moved to Detroit Lakes 12 1/2 years ago. At our previous, which was very small, I served in many roles from janitor to Religious Ed Director, and from First Communion instructor to Confirmation and Youth Group leader. Some of those positions included serving on the Parish Council. When we moved here I wanted to “be a part of” instead of “be the head of” groups. Therefore my involvement at Holy Rosary has mainly been taking part in the Adult Bible studies and helping at various functions such as the Parish festival, the Thanksgiving dinner and funeral lunches occasionally. I am part of the media screen team and am also a Eucharistic Minister and an Emmaus minister. Within the community my involvement is now in volunteer positions such as Tax Aide and up until Covid, helping with the Masses at Oak Crossing.

In answering the question about what gifts I would bring to the Parish Council, I have always been told I am a good listener, beyond that I bring willingness and an openness to serving God through serving others.

As for what I like best about Holy Rosary it would have to be that I feel His presence in the tabernacle behind the altar and in the many tabernacles with two legs I encounter here. Both give me hope!

Steve Carlson: My wife Kathy and I are both retired educators and we have two adult children. We have been parishioners of Holy Rosary for 40 years. I am an Usher Captain, Lector, member of the Marriage Prep team and involved with the Everyday Angel project. I was Pastoral Council president in the early 1990’s. I have twice been president of the Detroit Lakes Rotary Club. Previously I served on the boards of TeacHaiti and the Uganda Water Project. Currently, I am on the boards of the Lakes Crisis and Resource Center and the Stand by Me Foundation. Our daughters were baptized, made their First Communion, Confirmed and our oldest was married all at Holy Rosary. Holy Rosary parish has been a very integral part of my life for the last forty years.

Brian Swanson: My wife Cindy and I moved here 17 years ago. We have four children between the ages of 17 and 21. When the angel Gabriel asked Mary to serve, she said “Yes. It is very biblically clear that God is calling us to serve, and as often was we are able we should model our answer after Mary.

I have volunteered at numerous functions over the years, but there are many who serve far greater than I. I enjoy being part of a team, and I have been both a leader and a follower, but there are many far greater than I.

We are the body of Christ and we all play a role. Holy Rosary is a place of wonderful pastoral communion. With the increased aid the Holy Spirit, I would look for opportunities to facilitate and increase the communal aspect within our church and our community

Mike Sidders: My wife Vera and I moved to Detroit Lakes four years ago and joined Holy Rosary shortly thereafter.

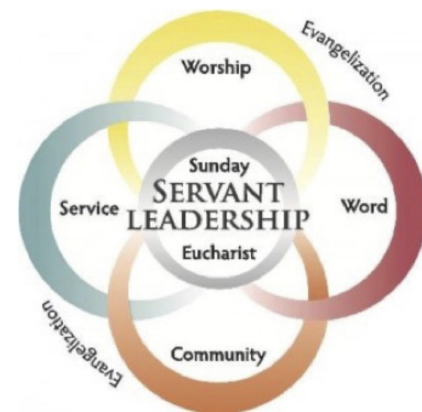
While I work full time and currently don’t belong to any other church organizations, I have taken part in different volunteer activities both here (Feeding the Spirit, Parish Festival, etc.) and at my previous parish (usher, Christ Renews His Parish, etc.).

My profession is marketing, and my skill set is around communication – not only in the message, but also the vehicle by which it is delivered. I’m well steeped in traditional communication (direct mail, copywriting, etc.) and in digital communication (websites, email marketing, search marketing, social media, etc.)

As for what we love about Holy Rosary, the list is long. As a graduate from St. John’s, the church itself shares distinct similarities to the Abby Church, which warms my heart. The organ is an incredible asset for a parish like ours. Our musicians are first-rate. However, most importantly, we’ve been blessed with fantastic priests. Likewise our lay volunteers – everyone – are so engaged and caring. Hence, if you asked me to pin down what it is we love the most about the parish, it has to be the people; both our ordained and our volunteers. They make the parish for us.

My interest in the Council is a focused one – around me I see a secular world encroaching at an alarming rate. It is a world that not only lacks faith, but is overtly anti-faithful. I see the ramifications of this – loneliness, addiction, crime, hurt, and worse – ever more commonplace in our society and our community. I also see, in Holy Rosary Parish, the Blessed Sacrament, how we treat each other, etc. not only a sanctuary, but a potential antidote to that hollow, lonely, sin-filled world.

Given this view, am I some kind of pretentious, holier-than-thou, judgmental man? Hardly. I am most assuredly not without sin – far, far from it. But I do know that by attending Holy Rosary and partaking of the Sacraments, I always leave a better, happier man. Anything I can do via participating on the Parish Pastoral Council that would help others feel the same would be a high calling, indeed.



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

**Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2020**

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Parish Office Hours
Monday thru Friday 8:00 –4:30

Merry Christmas!

In today’s Gospel reading, Mary and Joseph demonstrate their faithfulness to God’s law by bringing Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. While there, they encounter Simeon and Anna, two faithful individuals, who recognize Jesus as the Son of God. This Gospel story celebrates that Jesus’ coming brought God’s love into the world, and it suggests that Mary and Joseph’s act of worship is one we could reflect upon: How can we, like Mary and Joseph, offer God our best?

To offer Him our best, not only should we do what we can to please God, but we should be grateful for the gifts and blessings he provides for us each and every day.

One prayer request that we continually had this school year, was for God to keep our Holy Rosary school community healthy. As we closed out the 2020 portion of our academic year on Friday, December 18, we came together as a school and praised and thanked God for the gift of allowing us to remain in school, in person, thus far. We know children learn best by being in the classroom, so we feel very blessed as a school community to have remained healthy, which has allowed us to be together in the building, teaching and learning, every single day during the pandemic.

With a new year upon us, how will you continue to offer God your best in 2021? May He bless you abundantly for all that you do!

Cathy Larson,
HRS Principal

Greetings!

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family. What a special celebration to follow the gift of Jesus! From the beginning of time family has been at the center of human existence. As infants and children, we need the love and care of a family to survive. As we grow into adults, we often rely on the support of our family to help us navigate the many challenges of life.

In the time of Jesus, a typical family took the form of a biological mother, father, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins all communing together. In our world today, family takes on many other constructs, but I don’t think the necessity of it in our lives has changed at all. People need people. We need love, we need community. The creation of a family is what keeps mankind thriving in the world.

When it comes to prayer, family is a powerful force. Jesus tells us where two or more are gathered, there He is in our midst. We can bring Jesus into our homes every day through that familial connection to each other. Teaching children, teaching each other to pray and encouraging that communication with God every day is the most precious gift we can give because in prayer a connection to God will never be lost. It is the intimacy He desires with each of us. That extra bit of knowing who each of us is, so precious in His sight.

God also gives us family to teach us about the unconditional love He has for us. Some days it’s hard to like each other, but the love never goes away. We are each other’s biggest critics, but you’ll never find a bigger fan than a mother, father, sister or brother.

Families – they are wrapped up in many different packages, but each one is a gift from God. Treasure yours.

Blessings this Christmas season and always!

Jamie McDougall
Director of Liturgy & Stewardship

To keep our Parish and School safe and healthy, please remember to wear your face mask while in church and school.



PARISH STAFF		FAITH FORMATION		Your Parish Representatives	
PASTOR	Fr. Chuck Huck	Preschool/Elementary	Kathy Olson	Finance Council Members: Tom Lundberg, Julia Nelmark, Ed Geffre,	
DEACONS	Deacon Gary Hager Deacon Jim Thomas	Middle School/Sr High	Bobbi Mercil	Trustees: Christy Clark, Tom Winters	
ADMINISTRATOR	Mary Hager	LITURGIST	Jamie McDougall	Parish Council Members: Jay Deraney, Carol Foltz, Dwaine Habrat, Connie Kava, Dave Karsnia, Shiloh Wahl, Laverne Moltzan, Andy Peeters	
MAINTENANCE	Chuck Loreth	PRINCIPAL	Cathy Larson	School Council Members: Todd Andresen, Jason Becker, Christy Clark, Amber Peluso, Kohl Skalin, Lisa Jasken-Peterson, Joy Stone, Janalee Wychoff, Erica Zurn	

Stewardship

Last week we received:

Adult Envelopes and Auto Pay: \$ 17,075.12
 Last Fiscal YTD \$ 368,079.86
 This Fiscal YTD \$ 382,247.32



"...as the Lord has forgiven you,
 so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone - a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Join the many people who are praying with the Holy Father's
Monthly intention for January "Human Fraternity"

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Matt Erickson	Randy Burnside	Tom Keller
Mary Schaleben	Jackie Clift	Sandy Rustad
Beckham Newbank	Joe Szeplieniec	Dean Krump
Dennis Swenson	Ruth E. Thompson	Brenda Goldstein
Joan Carr	Randy Hinderks	
Bill Wilke	Mitchel Mann	

If you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list please ask their permission first and then contact the parish office (847-1393). Names are left on the list for four weeks and then removed.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Registration forms are available in the Parish office or our website.

REMINDER- Please update any change in address or phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Tuesday's 9 am to 7 pm



Held in the Church for social distancing.
 Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart! (St. Therese of Lisieux)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Scheduled adoration is cancelled for December 29th
 Private adoration is always welcomed.

Sacraments



Baptism:
Reconciliation:
Marriage:

If you are planning to present your baby for Baptism contact Fr. Chuck at 847-1393.
 Saturday: 4 pm or by appointment.
 Those wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact Fr. Chuck at least six months prior to the intended date of the celebration.

Liturgical Ministers for January 2-3

5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Altar Servers Jon Patrick Stone Joshua Stone	Altar Servers Julia Franco Carson Germain	Altar Servers Christopher Medley Ethan Medley
Reader 1 Matt Brenk	Reader 1 Lindy Franco	Reader 1 Anika Erickson
Reader 2 Mary Brenk	Reader 2 Dennis Steffl	Reader 2 Paula Okeson
Music Alison Schumacher Amber Schwarzrock	Music Sr. Patrice Mike Moe	Music Sr. Patrice Mike Moe
Media-Screen Bobbii Griffith	Media-Screen Debbie Carlson	Media-Screen Amy Erickson
Usher Team Alan Bentler	Usher Team Steve Carlson	Usher Team Bill Bruflodt
Sacristan James Utecht	Sacristan Donna Martin	Sacristan Mary Hager

Please remember these members of the armed services in your prayers as they continue to protect our country.

Conner Poppenhagen	Kasianna Klemm	Eric Swenson
Ben Ortiz	Todd Jenson	Andrew Just
Gabriel Caro	Stephanie Kuehn	Tyler Wickum
Abram Whitebird	Taylor Jasken	Christopher Ewanika
Gabe Anderson	Jade Ault	
Aaron Leff	Tiffany Wirtz	



Almost there!! We are so close to fulfilling the Diocesan goal for Holy Rosary and the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our goal for 2020 was \$64,127.75. Presently we are short \$595.25 from reaching that goal! Every donation is greatly appreciated!

The **2021 Church calendars** are here and are available at both entrances of the church. Thanks to our sponsors for making them available at no cost to us

The Parish extends their sympathy to:
 John Vetter on the death of his mother, Mary Vetter.



Hearing assistance receivers are available for use during Mass. They can be found in the Lake Ave. entrance next to the statue of the Holy Family. If you need assistance or have questions on how to use one, an usher will be happy to help.

Receptionist / Secretary

Holy Rosary is seeking a receptionist/secretary.

This position is a full time position. Primary duties would be to answer the office telephone and direct the calls as necessary, to greet and help all visitors who may come into the church office, help maintain the parish calendar, filing, record sacramental records. They would also assist in preparing daily content for social media and work with the parish website to update content as needed and other media means.

We are looking for someone who works well with a team and has solid interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills. Resume and references may be sent to:

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 Holy Rosary Catholic Church
 1043 Lake Avenue Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501
 e-mail: frchuck@holyroarycc.org 218-847-1393



OUTREACH TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES.

Do you have a loved one in the Armed Services? Please let us know their name and mailing address. One of our Faith Formation Classes are reaching out to our Armed Forces and we would like to send them a token of our gratitude. We want them to know we are praying for them!

New Equipment....you will notice a difference in our big screen and all the other TV screens in church and the entrances. We are now able to record Masses, Weddings and Funerals along with many other things. For this reason our livestreamed Mass on Sunday's will be found YouTube. Go to our webpage, holyroarycc.org and the link will be there.

Holy Rosary is blessed and so many to thank!

We are so thankful for everyone that has helped with all the liturgies not just at this time of the year but throughout the whole year...musicians, ushers, lectors, extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, media, altar servers, sacristans and environment committee.

We thank Chris and Mara Bergen and Kevin and Susie Johnson and their staff from Bergen's Greenhouses for their floral gifts and their attention to the environment details.

We thank everyone that has been so diligent with following all the protocols to help keep Holy Rosary School and Church healthy. And to all that faithfully that have maintained their sacrificial giving through this Pandemic.

We are truly grateful.

Thank you also for all the cards and gifts brought to the Parish Office and Fr. Chuck!

Know that you are loved and appreciated. You are all a blessing to our church and school family.

May God richly bless you and your family.

Fr. Chuck and the Parish and School Staff

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year



PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	December 28	
Tuesday	December 29	
8:30 am	Mass + Charles Sernett	Church
Wednesday	December 30	
9:00 am	Mass + Fr. Mike Patnode	Church
Thursday	December 31	
6:00 pm	Mass + Sylvester Neis	Church
Friday	January 1	
9:00 am	Mass + Cris Eidenschink	Church
Saturday	January 2	
2:30 pm	Fegely / Francis Wedding	Church
5:00 pm	Mass ~ For the Parish	Church
Sunday	January 3	
9:00 am	Mass + John Jacoby	Church
11:00 am	Mass ~ In Thanksgiving	Church

Daily Mass Readings

Dec. 28: Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18

Dec. 29: Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50

Dec. 30: Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Dec 31: Psalm 148; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

Jan. 1: Eccl. 3:1-13, Psalm 8 Rev. 21:1-6a Matt 25:31-46

Jan 2: Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18

Jan. 3: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20 Sirach 24:1-12 John 1:(1-9), 10-18