

**Holy Rosary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2021-22 school year.** If you hold a teaching license or a license in substitute teaching and are willing to help, please contact Principal Cathy Larson for more information: [clarson@holyrosarycc.org](mailto:clarson@holyrosarycc.org) or 847-5306

**Are you a former student or teacher of Holy Rosary School or know someone who is?** We are working to update our alumni database and we want to ensure that we have current contact information for all Holy Rosary School alumni. To update your contact information, please call our school office 847-5306 or email [bcjilbert@holyrosarycc.org](mailto:bcjilbert@holyrosarycc.org) or [alumni@holyrosarycc.org](mailto:alumni@holyrosarycc.org)

**Diocesan and Community News**



**The advent angel trees are up and located at both entrances of the church. Be an “angel” and purchase a gift for a child or family member in the area that is in need. Wrap it in Christmas wrapping and attach the “Advent Angel” to the outside of the gift and place the gift under the Giving Tree in the Welcoming Center. Please return the gift by December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Hospice of the Red River Valley - Grief during the holidays:** The holidays are a time of giving thanks, joy and laughter, sparkle and glitter, sharing and gift giving. For people who are grieving, the holidays often bring a mixture of emotions and feelings, being overwhelmed by multiple demands and the difficulty of coping with the loss of loved ones. The holidays are a tough time to grieve. Knowing that does not make them any easier, but it may help to understand and accept our reactions and find things to do to help ourselves. This is a time of year for reflection about the past year and hope for what the future can bring. During this time, it is important to look at who you are and your needs. Grief is about loss and healing. The goal of grieving is to find the will to do what is best for you. It is important to communicate with others during this time of year, sharing your feelings, needs and limitations with others. It is important to develop a plan for dealing with the holidays. Having a “plan” can help you gain control. It is okay to change traditions or create new ones. There is comfort in doing things the same way, but it can also be very painful without your loved one. It is important to do only what feels right to you and your family. Remember to ask for help when you need it. Accept offers of assistance from friends and family. They are searching for a way to make this time easier for you and allowing them to help is your gift in return. If you have children, remember their special needs during this time. Keeping a routine is important. Involve them in any changes and provide extra reassurance. They may express feelings and emotions through behavior, often times reverting to old behaviors. Offer them a chance to express themselves and to talk about their deceased loved one. It may be important to remember that the anticipation of any holiday can be much worse than the actual event. If by chance you find yourself enjoying the holidays, do not feel guilty. Having a good time does not mean you have forgotten your loved one. You cannot change the past, but you can take care of the present to help you heal for the future.

**Diocesan staff and volunteers are preparing for the installation of the Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens on Monday, Dec. 6. Please note this is a ticketed event, not open to the public.** Everyone will be able to watch the installation and pray as one faith community. Those without tickets will be able to go online and watch vespers on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and the Mass on Monday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. The livestream will be carried at [crookston.org/newbishop](http://crookston.org/newbishop), [facebook.com/DioCrookston](https://www.facebook.com/DioCrookston) and through a live broadcast on Real Presence Radio.

**The Office of Formation in Discipleship is seeking to identify laity from around the Diocese who are willing to provide a “witness talk” describing their faith journey and how they seek to share the name and the love of Jesus in the world.** We want to find a group of people from across the diocese who are seeking to live as missionary disciples. Some may be doing so in very public ways while others in a more intimate one-on-one encounter with others. The idea is to: 1) record their witness talks (about 10 minutes) so that we have a “library” of presentations and 2) to have some of these people be willing to talk in another parish one or perhaps two times per year. We hope that we will find about 30-40 Catholics across all ages including high school students. We are asking those who read the general mailing to prayerfully reflect on who might be in your parishes that may be willing to help with this initiative. If you think of someone, please email Deacon Mark with their name and a cell number and/or email address to [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org).

**The Diocese of Crookston is looking to hire a Staff Accountant for the Shared Accounting Services Office.** This position will handle the accounting duties for Catholic parishes in the Moorhead-Dilworth area. Duties include cash receipts, cash disbursements, payroll, preparation of monthly financial reports, and preparation of budgets. The position is 40 hours a week and offers full benefits (including paid time off, health and dental insurance, life and long-term disability insurance, and pension). The position requires a four-year accounting degree and knowledge of Microsoft Excel. To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to Chad Ryan at [crvan@crookston.org](mailto:crvan@crookston.org).

**Project Rachel: Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and Men.** The Diocese of Crookston has a confidential phone service for women or men who are seeking healing, hope and reconciliation after abortion. Staffed by a female counselor trained in Project Rachel ministry - a ministry of the Catholic Church showing that there is hope after abortion. Calls are answered Tuesday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The confidential phonenumber is 218-470-0112.

**If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number)**

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5th, 2021**

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Holy Rosary Catholic Faith Formation & Youth Ministry  
**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday 8:00am –4:30pm  
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

Typically, we think of Advent as a time for waiting but it is also a time of growth, a time to take a journey of faith. Do you find yourself putting your life on hold and wait for that perfect time, for the perfect day, or when life isn't quite so hectic? Now is the time to ask God to strengthen your integrity and enlighten your truth. Each one of us has a mission to share the message of hope, love, freedom, and peace to others. We are called not only to look outward, but also – and first – to look inward. We are invited to open ourselves to further conversion, to an ever-deeper change of heart, to a deeper listening to what Jesus is asking of us. It is a call to let go . . . let go of memories of being hurt, being criticized, being unfairly treated. If God has let go of your sin, who are you to hold on to the sins of others?

When we wander in the wilderness of anger, intolerance, and greed we must ask God to guide us to forgiveness, compassion, and simplicity as we clear a straight path to become more like Jesus. What in us is crooked, rough, and harsh for others? Is it the way we treat those who disagree with us? Is it in our reluctance to respect opinions that are opposite our own? Are we too quick to judge others? Have we done everything we can to be part of creating a less violent world? We also need to help people fill their valleys and make their rough paths smoother. A word of affirmation, encouragement and indeed a simple smile can work wonders.

This graced season of Advent offers a chance to allow God to reach out to you. Ask him “Lord, what do you want me to do, to be?” Please give me the grace to make my path to you straight. Give me a welcoming heart and be open to the messengers of your word, especially to those whom I might resist, for they are your prophets today urging me to change my way of thinking and living!

Also, please consider to take time to thank those in your life who first introduced you to Jesus and encouraged you to hear and respond to God who is reaching out to draw you ever closer to his Father in heaven.

Mary Hager, Parish Administrator

Most people don't ever want to talk about “sins.” At least not their own. (Other people's sins are always fair game for in-depth discussion, but that's another story entirely.) The only things that might be able to drive the repulsion of “sin talk” even further out-of-bounds are probably... Christmas trees, mall Santa's, and fields of ever-rolling poinsettias. Congregations probably expect to hear about sin at some point in the year. In fact, many might get uneasy if they never heard the word. But in December? Can't we just sip our hot chocolate and sing some Christmas carols? But, John the Baptist, the voice crying out of the wilderness, forbids us from abandoning our handle on sin. He came to prepare the way for Jesus, and he came talking about sin and repentance. In fact, he didn't just talk about it, he: went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It's so easy to forget among all the holly sprigs and gallons of eggnog, that the whole business of Jesus coming to earth is all about bringing us into right relationship with the God who loves us so much. It's all about forgiveness. And we're not talking about forgiving bad gift choices. In Christ, we're forgiven of our sins. The things we do which betray the holiness and the love of God. The things we do which hurt our neighbors – those we know, and the innocent bystanders. The ways we hurt ourselves over and over again. From the Song of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist:

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

That's why the angels sang, and the shepherds left their flocks, and the wise men made their journey. It's why a man donned a camel hair robe, grabbed his lunch pail full of locusts, and headed off to Jordan's river banks. And, it's why we dress our children up as donkeys and angels, sing “Angels We Have Heard on High,” and stand up straight with a tear in our eye for the Hallelujah Chorus. Because in the birth of Jesus we are given the gift of forgiveness. Forgiveness for everything. Anything. All of it. Hallelujah.

Blessings on the journey.  
April Spaeth, Director of Music & Liturgy

**If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask or you have not been vaccinated, please continue to do so. Thank you!**

PARISH STAFF		Faith Formation	Finance Council Members:	Trustees:
<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Chuck Huck	<b>Preschool/Elementary</b> Kathy Olson <b>Middle School/ Sr. High</b>	Tom Lundberg, Ed Geffre	Christy Clark, Tom Winters
<b>Deacon</b>	Deacon Gary Hager		<b>Parish Council Members:</b> MaKaden Anderson, Debbie Carlson	<b>School Council Members:</b> Aaron Badurek, Jason Becker
<b>Deacon Emeritus</b>	Deacon Jim Thomas	<b>Director of Stewardship</b> Jamie McDougall	Steve Carlson, Carol Foltz	Lisa Jasken-Peterson, Kohl Skalin
<b>Administrator</b>	Mary Hager	<b>Liturgist</b> April Spaeth	Dwaine Habrat, Connie Kava	Tony Schmitz, Joy Stone
<b>Maintenance</b>	Nate Flugel	<b>Principal</b> Cathy Larson	Dave Karsnia, Brian Swanson	Ronica Wahl, Janalee Wychoff
			Shiloh Wahl	Erica Zum

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 6</b>	
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Prep work	Servery
2:00 pm	Cookie Walk Prep work	Kitchen
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 7</b>	
8:00 am	Rosary	Church
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Mass + Paul Witucki</b>	<b>Church</b>
9:00 am	Adoration	Church
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Prep work	Servery
12:00 pm	OA Meeting	Fatima Rm
12:00 pm	Quilting Group	Fire Place Rm
1:30 pm	Card Players Club	Fire Place Rm
2:00 pm	Cookie Walk Prep	Kitchen
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 8</b>	
	<b>Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>	
	<b>Holy day of obligation</b>	
8:00 am	School Prayer group	St. Ben's
8:30 am	Rosary	Living Rm
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Prep work	Servery
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass + Terry Haynes</b>	<b>Church</b>
2:00 pm	Cookie Walk Prep Work	Kitchen
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass - Faith Formation - PK-HS</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 9</b>	
9:00 am	Cookie Walk prep work	Servery
12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fatima Rm
2:00 pm	Cookie Walk Prep Work	Kitchen
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass ~ Ron &amp; Mary Linden</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 10</b>	
8:00 am	Rosary	Church
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Mass + Vince Paskey</b>	<b>Church</b>
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Prep Work	Servery
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass + Helen Weldowski</b>	<b>Ecumen</b>
2:00 pm	Cookie Walk Prep Work	Kitchen
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 11</b>	
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Fire Place Rm
8:00 am	First Reconciliation	Church
8:00 am	Catholic Daughters Blood Drive	Gym
12:00 pm	Cookie Walk Pick up	Kitchen
4:00 pm	Confessions	Confessional
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass ~ Blessings Received</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 12</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Mass ~ For the Parish</b>	Church
10:00 am	Baptism - Finnley Ann Larson	Church
11:00 pm	<b>Mass ~ Ron &amp; Mary Linden</b>	Church
12:00 pm	Catholic Daughters	St. Benedict

**Parish News**

**HELP WANTED!** Holy Rosary provides the extra crew for the Food Pantry for the month of December. They will need 2-3 people to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am to 3pm. It may be doing repetitive work and may be lifting over 40 pounds. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office on what days you can help.

**Wednesday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated here at 9am and 6pm. Please plan to attend.**

**Blood Drive - Catholic Daughters is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00am - 2:30pm, in the gym here at Holy Rosary.** To set up an appointment, please contact Mary Buschette at 218-234-6897 or go online to [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org), use sponsor code: Detroit Lakes. Please use door 16 on the Washington Ave. side when arriving for appointment.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** Holy Rosary Parish is seeking four individuals to serve on the Pastoral Council. 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. You would be participating in the discussions providing the direction the parish is heading. The terms for this position would end as of December 31, 2026. The Pastoral Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of odd numbered months. Mass is at 6PM followed by the council meeting. If you are interested in this position, please contact any council member listed on the bulletin cover or Fr. Chuck.

*The Person of Jesus as Revealed in Scripture*  
A 3-PART SERIES  
**Mom's with young children** are invited to join us for the Catholic faith study, "The Person of Jesus as Revealed in Scripture" on **Thursday, January 6, 13 and 20 at Holy Rosary from 9:30-11:00am.** In this study, we will deepen our understanding of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Jesus, the Vine and Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. **Child care is provided** and there is no cost. To sign up, contact Kathy Olson at the Parish Office.

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

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

Marleen Rusch	Marge Keaveny	Fran Keaveny	Ken Carpenter
Brenda Schander	Richard Davison	Dominic Fromke	Dan Linden

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

Aaron Leff	Abram Whitebird	Andrew Averbeck	Derek Francis
Andrew Just	Ben Ortiz	Christopher Ewanika	Tyler Wickum
Cogan Kirchenwitz	Cole Kirchenwitz	Eric Swanson	Todd Jenson
Gabe Anderson	Gabriel Caro	Jade Ault	Tiffany Wirtz
Kasianna Klemm	Stephanie Kuehn	Taylor Jasken	

**Sacraments**

**Baptism:** If you are planning to present your baby for baptism, contact Kathy Olson at 847-1393  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 4pm, Sunday 10:00am or by appointment  
**Marriage:** 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.

**Stewardship**

Last week we received:  
 Adult Envelopes and Online Giving: \$14,667.61  
 Last Fiscal YTD: \$350,085.32 This Fiscal YTD: \$351,973.68  
 Mass Counts: Saturday, 190 Sunday, 9:00 AM 265  
 YouTube: 59 Sunday, 11:00 AM 197

**2nd Sunday of Advent:** "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value" (Philippians 1:9-10) - During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

**Holy Father's December Prayer Intention: Catechists**  
 Let us pray for the Catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses

- Sunday Second Sunday of Advent**  
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
- Monday Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday Our Lady of Loreto**  
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday Saint Damasus I, Pope**  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY- December 11th & December 12th**

3rd Sunday of Advent	Saturday, 5pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 11:00am
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Carrie Tobkin / Shirley Eidschink	Deacon Gary Hager / Jean Moe	Kathryn Peterson / Kay Schiller
<b>Eucharistic Minister - Clean SV</b>	Yvette Brufflodt / James Utecht	Connie Kava / Mike Kava	John Schafer / Nancy Vetter
<b>Media Minister</b>	Reid McDougall	Fran DeCock	<b>HELP WANTED</b>
<b>Lector - One / Gospel</b>	Paul Tobkin	Ronica Wahl	Jon Larson
<b>Lector - Two / Prayer of the Faithful</b>	Dwaine Habrat	Shiloh Wahl	Lauretta Kapphahn
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Luke Tobkin / Joseph Thomas	Landon Germain / Noah Germain	Josh Stone / Charlotte Trowbridge
<b>Cantor</b>	Jamie McDougall	Michael Moe	Joy Stone
<b>Accompanist</b>	April Spaeth	Heather Trowbridge	Heather Trowbridge
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary Brenk / Matt Brenk	Donna Martin	Nancy Vetter
<b>Greeter / Usher</b>	Greg Mueller / Rick McDougall <b>HELP WANTED / HELP WANTED</b>	Michael Guetter / John King Michael Metelak / Bill Quinn	Jon Larson / Michael Labine Nicholas Noia / James Wolf

Calling all children of Holy Rosary school and parish in Preschool through 6th grade! You are invited to participate as an actor or narrator in the **Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 19 at 10:15am** in the church. Rehearsals will be Wednesday, December 15 from 4:30-6pm and Saturday, December 18 from 9:00-11:00am. If you'd like to be a part of this fun event, please pick up a sign up form on the table in the Welcoming Center and return to the parish office by Wednesday, December 8. You may also sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Ly9BYsi1bRR6rZraA>  
 Please contact Kathy Olson if you have questions: kaolson@holyroarycc.org.

**THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES**  
 You are invited to celebrate Christmas with Holy Rosary Catholic School  
**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**  
 Christmas program at 1:00 P.M. in the church  
**"The Christmas Chronicles"**

- ◆ Christmas musical performed by students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ◆ Kindergarten & K-Prep Presentation of "Christmas Step by Step"
  - ◆ Holy Rosary Band performance
- ◆ Refreshments in the gymnasium following the program

**LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO GO FOR THE SCHULZE CHALLENGE!** Our deadline for donations to the Schulze Family Foundation Challenge is drawing near. **We have raised \$14,025** in total, but **we still have \$11,510 to go** to meet our goal of \$25,000 and receive the match money to bring our total over \$50,000 for our school. **WE CAN DO IT!** Thank you for supporting our kids and school!

**Alumni & Family of Alumni of Holy Rosary School**  
 This weekend we are collecting alumni contact information after all Masses. Please stop by the Welcoming Center after church if you have information to provide! You may also contribute to the Schulze Foundation Challenge at this time.

Holy Rosary, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, is offering rides from Holy Rosary to Crookston to tour the Chancery and have a light lunch, then tour Mount Saint Benedict. The bus will leave Detroit Lakes at 10am and return around 4:30 pm. Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending the tour, please call or stop by the parish office to reserve a seat. Deadline to sign up is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

