

**HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Holy Rosary Parish School Community is rooted in the Word and energized with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. We cultivate our community to live as Jesus taught within the Catholic tradition. We strive to build Gospel values and promote academic excellence.

**Holy Rosary Catholic School in Detroit Lakes is seeking teachers in the following positions for the upcoming 2022-23 school year:**

- Kindergarten Teacher (FT)
- Art Teacher (0.3 FTE)
- Spanish Teacher (0.2 FTE)

Interested applicants should send a Letter of Application, Resume, References, Transcripts, and any other supporting documentation of their choosing to:

Cathy Larson, Principal  
Holy Rosary Catholic School  
1043 Lake Avenue

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501

e-mail: [clarson@holyroarycc.org](mailto:clarson@holyroarycc.org) 218-847-5306, ext. 202

Please apply as soon as possible. The positions will remain open until filled.

**Are you spring cleaning?** Do you have any old Holy Rosary School Cardinals Sweatshirts or t-shirts? If so, consider donating them to the school! Mrs. Gilbert in the school office is collecting gently used Cardinals gear to resell at school to support future field trips. Thanks!

**Diocesan / Community News**

**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 are a visitor to Holy Rosary,** we sincerely welcome you. Perhaps you live in the neighborhood or nearby area and decided to drop in, or you are visiting from another parish or faith tradition in the Lakes area, or another part of the country. Maybe you are new to the area. Whatever the case, we are glad you are here to join us in worship of Jesus Christ our Lord. For information about our parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our **website at [holyroarycc.org](http://holyroarycc.org)** or call /stop by our parish office (847-1393). Come and see what Holy Rosary has to offer you and your family. We warmly welcome you home!

**Sacred Heart Christian Mother's salad luncheon** will be held June 9th, from 11:30am - 1pm and 5pm - 6:30pm at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dent, MN. Home Made breads and salads will be served. Adults \$10, Kids 6-12 years old \$5, kids 5 and under free. Handicap Accessible with an elevator.

**Esto Vir!** is a vocation camp for young men entering their sophomore year of high school through young adulthood. Come together and spend some days in community with each other and the seminarians of the diocese. Camp Dates: **July 6-8, 2022 (Wednesday – Friday.)** Registration deadline: **Wednesday, June 22, 2022** Location: **Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp (Fosston, MN)** Cost: **FREE!** Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz at [mschmitz@crookston.org](mailto:mschmitz@crookston.org) or call 218-773-0877 with any questions.

**The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a Catholic to serve as a Pastoral Associate in the Office of Formation in Discipleship.** This person will serve on a team with the Director of the Office and the Formator for Discipleship. Ministry will involve advancing the mission of the Office by forming disciples to reach others for Christ. This will include working with priests, deacons, diocesan and parish staff, and lay Catholics. This person will be involved with youth ministry, family and marriage evangelization, and adult evangelization. Primary duties will be focused on youth events, pre-marriage and post-marriage formation, respect life, and adult evangelization. This is a full-time benefit eligible position based in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Crookston, MN. Applicants should be a practicing Catholic, motivated to engage in the New Evangelization as articulated in the Joy of the Gospel, have a bachelor's degree and a history of active participation in the life of the Church. Applications should include a letter of interest which describes the applicant's motivation for applying for this position, their resume, and names of three references. References will only be contacted after applicants are notified that they will be interviewed for the position. Applications or inquires for more information should be e-mailed to Dcn. Mark Krejci, Ph.D., at [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org).

**Bishop Andrew Cozzens invites** all the faithful to participate in a Eucharistic Procession to open the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Crookston. The procession will take place in Bemidji, MN. on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 19th. The day will begin with Mass at 1:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Cozzens to be followed with a Eucharistic Procession along Lake Bemidji beginning at 2:00. If you are unable to attend the Mass, please join the procession at 2:00. Bishop will process the Body of Christ and he will be escorted by priests, deacons, religious, first communicants, Knights, families, and other lay faithful. If you have someone who has received First Communion this year, we ask that your child wear their first communion clothing and they and their families will have a special place in the procession. Fourth Degree Knights: please wear your regalia because you will be helping to lead the procession.

**Quilts needed for the new Diocese of Crookston Retreat Center.** As the Diocese prepares to open the new diocesan retreat center, when they considered the need to purchase bedding, the idea was suggested that they cover each bed in its own unique quilt made by people from across the Diocese. Some parishes have quilting groups while most have individuals who make quilts for a hobby. If you or your group are willing to make a quilt for the Diocesan retreat center, please contact Dcn. Mark Krejci ([mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org)) who will send you information about the size needed for the beds. It would be wonderful if every parish would submit a quilt as a support to people who are on retreat.

**The Diocese of Crookston is nearing the \$9 million in cash goal** needed for the initial payment on the Mount Saint Benedict property. A special donor has generously agreed to match up to \$300,000, dollar for dollar, for new gifts received between March 15 and June 15. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge and gift to the campaign, or if you have already made a one-time gift, perhaps you might prayerfully consider a new gift that will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$300,000. Now is the time when every gift counts! Bishop Andrew Cozzens offers his encouragement as well as his gratitude for this new era in the life of the Diocese of Crookston. Learn more and donate online at [www.crookston.org/perfectfit](http://www.crookston.org/perfectfit)

**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  
Pentecost**



**June 5th, 2022**

1043 Lake Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

**HOW TO REACH US**

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Holy Rosary Catholic Faith Formation & Youth Ministry  
**Parish Office Hours:** Monday –Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

Pentecost Blessings,

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful... The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles was a room shaking event. It should be our prayer that the Holy Spirit comes upon us with power enabling us to spread the Good News among our friends and relatives. The power of the Spirit caused and causes miracles to happen among those who believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is among us daily. I love to tell stories about my daily witness of God working miracles among his people. Ask me anytime to tell you about the latest miracle I have witnessed. I may ask you to tell me about the latest miracle you have witnessed. With the descent of the Holy Spirit on us at Confirmation, God unwraps for us the seven gifts we were given at Baptism... In prayer ask God to enliven those gifts in your life. God has and will continue to shake up our lives and turn those tough situations into blessings for us.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful... I hope our families are planning to send youth to attend the St Teresa of Calcutta camp or the St John Paul II camp or Steubenville sessions this summer. We have funds available to help defray costs. These camps are a great way to grow in relationship to Jesus and other youth. Parents, please encourage your children to grow by attending a camp. Abby has started work and has lots of information for you... call her.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful... I was once told be careful when you pray, your prayer may be answered exactly like you ask for it to be answered. I remember asking for patience and then God sent our son Troy into our lives. I asked for the gift of endurance and then we received the gift of teenagers. When I talk with couples preparing for marriage I ask if they pray for their future children. I remind them they should since they will not know when the moment conception of new life happens, but they will want their child off to a great start. Valerie and I prayed that our marriage would be blessed with a deepening love, and it was.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful... In one of my homilies, I told the kids they have homework... After school was over for the day, maybe at home they were to tell someone... "Jesus loves you and so do I". Well, I know they listen to the homily because: one student told a girl after school: I am doing the homework Father Chuck assigned and he said to her... "[Jesus loves you and so do I!](#)"

[Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful...](#) Have you ever wondered "Why Me?" Have you ever wanted to say "God this is enough?" I rediscovered this little gem of a story I had tucked away... The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger... He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?' Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied. The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground; it just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful... That is my prayer for each and every member of our parish... Jesus loves you and so do I, Fr. Chuck

PARISH STAFF	FAITH FORMATION	Finance Council Members:	Trustees:
<b>Priest</b> Fr. Chuck Huck	<b>Preschool/Elementary</b> Kathy Olson	Tom Lundberg, Ed Geffre	Christy Clark, Tom Winters
<b>Deacon</b> Deacon Gary Hager	<b>Middle School/ Sr. High</b> Abby Jasken	<u><a href="#">Lori Lehmann</a></u>	
<b>Deacon Emeritus</b> Deacon Jim Thomas	<b>Stewardship</b> Jamie McDougall	<b>Pastoral Council Members:</b>	<b>School Council Members:</b>
<b>Administrator</b> Mary Hager	<b>Liturgist</b> April Spaeth	MaKaden Anderson, Steve Carlson,	Aron Badurek, Jason Becker, Lisa Jasken-
<b>Maintenance</b> Nate Flugel	<b>School Principal</b> Cathy Larson	Debbie Carlson, Carol Foltz,	Peterson, Kohl Skalin, Tony Schmitz,
<b>Spiritual Director</b> Jamie McDougall		Eileen Mooney, Ron Schmit,	Ronica Wahl, Janalee Wychoff,
		Mike Sidders, Trish Thorson	Katie Watland, Erica Zurn

Hello!

My name is Abby Jasken, the new youth minister of Holy Rosary Parish. Since August of 2021, I have been serving as a missionary with NET ministries. I finished serving with NET in May of 2022.

There is a great opportunity coming up that I would like to bring to the attention of our Holy Rosary Parish families. This summer Holy Rosary Parish has partnered with St. Peter's Parish in Park Rapids, MN. We are planning to attend a Steubenville Conference in St. Paul, MN. It is for youth in grades 9th through 12th, including incoming freshmen. The conference is July 29th through August 1st. We have 6 spots available for the conference.

From personal experience, I can attest to the incredible opportunity Steubenville presents for youth to encounter Jesus on an intimate level. Through my high school career, I attended 3 Steubenville conferences where I was given the opportunity to deepen my faith and bring me closer to the Lord in ways I did not know I needed.

Throughout the conference, there will be opportunities for the youth to attend a variety of different speakers, Mass, Reconciliation, and small group discussions in order to truly absorb all that they are experiencing. There is a village where they can walk around and talk to religious orders, missionary programs, or just purchase awesome Catholic apparel. I would like to strongly encourage you as a family to consider and pray about this opportunity for your youth to deeply encounter Jesus. This is an opportunity for your Confirmation retreat.

If you would like to attend this wonderful event, please let Abby or Fr. Chuck know and we will give you all of the details and travel plans. There are only 6 spots left.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and God bless.  
In Christ's Peace,  
Abby Jasken




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**Baptism:** If you are planning to present your baby for Baptism, contact Kathy Olson at 847-1393.  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4pm, Sundays at 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.

PARISH CALENDAR		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 6</b>	
9am - 12pm	Vacation Bible School	Assigned Rooms
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 7 - No Mass</b>	
9:00 am	Adoration	Church
9am - 12pm	Vacation Bible School	Assigned Rooms
9:30 am	Bible Study - Lives of the Saints	Fatima Room
12:00 pm	OA Group	Fatima Room
5:00 pm	Women's Cursillo	Fatima Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 8 - No Mass</b>	
9am - 12pm	Vacation Bible School	Assigned Rooms
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 9</b>	
9am - 12pm	Vacation Bible School	Assigned Rooms
12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fatima Room
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass + Randy Welle</b>	<b>Church</b>
6:30 pm	Finance Council	Fatima Room
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 10</b>	
8:00 am	Rosary	Church
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Mass + Elizabeth Moe</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass + Randy Olson</b>	<b>Ecumen</b>
10:00 am	Visitation - Gary Pavak	Church
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass + Gary Pavak</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 11</b>	
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Living Room
3:00 pm	Grave side service + Cliff Thompson	HR Cemetery
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Confessional
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass + Nick J. &amp; Betty Schouville</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 12</b>	
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass ~ For the Parish</b>	<b>Church</b>
10:15 am	Reconciliation	Confessional
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mass + Lory Blair</b>	<b>Church</b>

 Please join us for **RCIA and Beyond**. Class is held in the Lady of Fatima Room the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:45pm. Next class will be held **June 16th: "Freedom in Christ"**. All are encouraged to attend! Meeting will be in person. If you wish to join by Zoom please contact Faith Haaland at 218-841-8411.

**Holy Rosary Parish extends their sympathy:**

To the family of:  
Rick Bellows, son of Jackie Bellows



**Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:**

When adding 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	Adolph Kukowski	Fran DeCock
Robert Heimark	Carroll Kukowski	Yvonne Noel

**Sacraments**

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Stewardship

Adult Envelopes and online giving: \$ 13,691.35  
 Last Fiscal YTD: \$ 729,570.06 This Fiscal YTD: \$ 736,357.46  
**Mass Counts:**  
 Saturday 5:00pm 193 Sunday 9:00am 320  
 YouTube 68 Sunday 11:00am 282  
**DAA: Goal \$ 73,914.00 Amount Received: \$ 67,974.01 (91.96%)**  
**Perfect Fit Goal: \$15 Million Amount Received: \$11.8 Million**

**Holy Father's June Prayer Intention: Families** - We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

**Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church**, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai. For Christians, Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost). That means that it is a moveable feast—a feast whose date changes every year, based on the date of Easter in that year. The earliest possible date for Pentecost Sunday is May 10; the latest is June 13. On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts-granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls help us to live a Christian life. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. After Christ's Ascension into Heaven, the Apostles knew that He had promised to send His Spirit, but they didn't know exactly what that would mean. God granted the gifts of the Spirit at Pentecost, however, they were emboldened to speak the Good News to all men. On that first Pentecost Sunday, over 3,000 people were converted and baptized. The example of the Apostles shows that the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead to the fruits of the Holy Spirit, works that we can only perform through the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent nine days in prayer, waiting for the fulfillment of Christ's promise to send His Spirit. This was the origin of the novena, or nine-day prayer, that became one of the most popular forms of Christian intercessory prayer (asking God for something). From the earliest days of the Church, the period between Ascension and Pentecost has been celebrated. We continue praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost, asking God the Father to send His Spirit and to grant us the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. While the Novena to the Holy Ghost is most often prayed between Ascension and Pentecost, it can be prayed at any time we find ourselves in particular need of the strength that the Holy Spirit grants through His gifts. There are many other prayers to the Holy Spirit that are appropriate both for Pentecost and for all year long. When the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, He appeared as tongues of fire. Living as Christians means letting that fire burn within us every day, and for that, we need the constant intercession of the Holy Spirit. Other prayers include: Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Litany of the Holy Spirit, Prayer to the Holy Spirit for a Favor, Come Holy Spirit.

Article cited by: ThoughtCo. "All About Pentecost in the Catholic Church." Learn Religions, Feb. 8, 2021, learnreligions.com/pentecost-in-the-catholic-church-3891497.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY- June 11th & 12th			
The Most Holy Trinity	Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 11:00am
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tom & Patty Holweger	Deacon Gary Hager / Barbara Birznieks	June Lawrence / Laverne Bourdeau
<b>Eucharistic Minister - Clean SV</b>	Lori Lehmann / Janice Ellenson	David Karsnia / Katherine Hansen	John Schafer / <b>HELP WANTED</b>
<b>Minister of Precious Blood</b>	Ed & Tricia Geffre Jerry Bursaw / James Utecht Cathy Larson	Mike & Connie Kava James & Kathy Olson Christina Morrison	Dale & Maureen Storey Jim & Lynn Wolf Jamie McDougall
<b>Media Minister</b>	<b>HELP WANTED</b>	Susan Deraney	Amy Erickson
<b>Lector One - Book of Gospels</b>	Don Spitzley	Mary Schutz	Jean Moe
<b>Lector Two - Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Robert Woytassek	Lindy Franco	Jon Larson
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Peyton Lorentz / Sophie Francis	Julia & Patrick Franco	Joseph Thomas / Mackenzie Klemm
<b>Cantor</b>	Melissa Lorentz	Tim Eggebraaten	Time Eggebraaten
<b>Accompanist</b>	Barb Voss	Tim Eggebraaten	Time Eggebraaten
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary & Matt Brenk	Donna Martin	Nancy Matter
<b>Greeter / Usher</b>	Dennis Redig / Greg Mueller <b>HELP WANTED (X2)</b>	Rich Haverkamp / Todd Kallstrom Phillip Gilbert / <b>HELP WANTED</b>	<b>Michael Labine / Jerry Tharaldson HELP WANTED (X2)</b>

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (JOHN 14:26)**  
 The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

All members present except Tom Winters

### **School**

Registration has gone well. One more additional family. Pre-K has some openings but anticipate it filling within a month. Not many parents have applied for tuition aid. Tuition for next year will be increased. This is to help us keep our teacher's salary comparable to area schools. After a couple years of the state compensating us for hot lunch we will once again be charging \$3.50 per meal/ Milk .50 carton.

### **Staff Changes**

Positions open for next year Full time Kindergarten teacher, Part time Art teacher, Part Time Spanish Teacher, School Counselor. Full-time middle school teacher already.

The Parish has hired Abby Jasken as our high school and youth director.

We have not been success in hiring a head janitor. We do plan to hire 2-3 high school youth to help us out this summer.

### **Going Forth as Disciples**

No feedback from Deacon Mark Krejci on survey. Hopefully we can determine soon an action items that fit us best. One item was discussed is "learning how to pray." Do our parishioners know how?

### **Perfect Fit**

Diocese is close to making their goal for the Perfect Fit Campaign. Bishop has asked each Parish if they would consider donating an appropriate amount to help achieve the goal. Holy Rosary is also very close to making our goal for this year's DAA.

### **Architect Update**

The architect has done nothing yet with our plans. They are very far behind in other jobs because of the economy. May have a chance to look at it in July.

### **Parking Lot**

Price has increased 30% over last year due to the economy. We will put this project on hold for a few years or until the prices go down.

### **Endowments**

The Diocese has changed the way they will pay out on the endowments. They need to protect the principal on the endowments so it will be more of a consistent amount of payout. It shouldn't fluctuate as much as in the past.

### **Budgets**

The Diocese has updated of several different rate changes and priest's remuneration. We need to take this in account as we work on our next year's budget.

### **ProResources**

Holy Rosary will be a test pilot for a new HR service and payroll. If all works well, we will present to the Diocese and share with them how it ran for us. They are not charging Holy Rosary for this service. It will help us monitor the time worked more accurately for the employees.

### **Financials**

Financials ending April 30, reviewed. Council saw that each department head receives a report to see how they are doing monthly on budget. Herzog's has not completed their roofing project. Final payment will be made when complete.

### **Endowments**

Are down. \$35,000 withdrawn for the tuition scholarships. Other than that the decrease is because of the economy.

We have \$29,000 in the Community Fund and it was recommended that we issue checks to decrease it to \$12,000. Mary will issue checks to Becker County Food Pantry, Churches United, Health Resources, Detroit Lakes Ministerial, and Catholic Relief Services for Ukraine.

### **Festival.**

Committee is meeting to find ways to have a Parish Fundraiser to increase the funds.

**Funeral meals** and expenses are doing well.

**Payroll:** Staff- looking at a pay increase. We also will be having Abby on board which no one filled that position last year.

**Diocesan Assessment** is down about 2% this year but anticipated to go back up next year.

**School subsidy** is down.

**Worship budget** we will need to look at. Many new expenses and items like media and licenses are involved.

**School** has been receiving nice donations. Fundraising is doing ok and the tuition looks good.

**Hot lunch**, subsidy will go down and income from parents should increase next year. The repair and maintenance dollars for the hot lunch freezers will be increased as we are anticipating them to break down soon.

**We will have** to look at a new phone system in 2024 as our present one will not be supported any longer.

**After the budget** is completed for this year, the council will decide what we can donate to the Perfect Fit campaign.

**Projects** working on is painting the hallways, new carpet in the hallways. The fence in front of Fr. Chucks house has been installed and we are preparing for the pollinator garden for the school. new signs made for the church, both inside and outside. We need to identify "Restrooms" better.

**We will hold a smaller campaign** to include the following items. They are all items used for liturgical purposes.

New Sanctus bells, incense, silver chalice, repair monstrance, re-guild tabernacle paten and gold chalice, Purchase statue of St. Joseph along with two stands to match. Re-stain woodwork in sanctuary, bigger Credence table, repair or replace the gold plant stands and re-do area behind the altar and replace sink etc., new canopy for processions. Council approved for Fr. Chuck to move forward with this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Closed with the Glory Be.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Hager Parish Administrator

**Present:** Anderson, Carlson, Carlson, Foltz, Mooney, Schmit, Thorson, Fr. Chuck, Hager **Absent:** Swanson, Sidders

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### **Election of officers"**

Steve has been going through a book that the Diocese had given all parishes as a guideline to Parish Council meetings. Fr. Chuck, Mary and Steve will sit down and go through it together to see where any local changes need to be made.

### **Quilters Update:**

Eileen shared what our Quilters Group was doing. They have been busy with making "Veterans Quilts" to be giving them away to our military on Memorial Day Weekend. On display in the church that weekend. Eileen and two others went to the Perfect Fit Open House in Crookston on May 7. They were impressed with it and agreed this is "The Perfect Fit". They are working with Crookston to have a Quilters Retreat at the new facility on October 7-9. Open to all people in the Crookston Diocese. They will be working on quilts for the beds in that facility along with spiritual opportunities such as Mass and sharing their stories.

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**Architect Update:** Architect has done nothing yet with our plans. Far behind in other jobs because of the economy. May have a chance to look at it in July.

**Other Business:** Father shared that the Bishop has issued some new laws for the Diocese. They are not to take affect until June 18<sup>th</sup>. Sanctus bells will be optional, kneeling after Communion will be mandatory, Incense during Mass will be optional. The Bishop does determine what we can do and as a parish we are to obey the Bishop.

Fr. Chuck attended a webinar called Raising Awareness. This pertained to Protecting Houses of Worship. With the talk of the Abortion law and the recent shooting at the school in Uvalde, TX, it is necessary that we know and maintain a secure place for our students, teachers and parishioners.

Respectively submitted. Mary Hager, Parish Administrator

### **He's got a plan for you!**

Because Jesus has given you spiritual gifts, His Church needs you and you need the Church. Jesus has a plan for you and for every Christian. Jesus' plan includes you in another way besides just attending church and hearing His Word preached. Jesus has given spiritual gifts to you to be used in His (your) Church. Yes, you have gifts, and they are to be used in the Church for your and our mutual growth. How can you discover and develop your spiritual gifts? Here are a few thoughts.

- Become very regular in attendance at church.
- Be teachable, patient, and prayerful.
- Talk to your pastors about this matter, or find a spiritually minded man or woman with whom you can develop an informal mentoring relationship.
- Serve in any capacity in the church that opens up and try your hand at it—Ushering, Lectoring, Eucharistic Minister, Committees, Bible Study, Community Service.
- Ask Jesus, the One who gifted you, to help you identify your spiritual gifts.
- Make your inner aim to become all that Jesus has designed you to be. Tell the Lord that you want most of all to bring glory to Him.

Because Jesus has given you spiritual gifts, His Church needs you and you need the Church. Let's get together on Jesus' plan and help build up the body of Christ.



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## Unity and Reverence: A new way to approach kneeling during Mass

On April 30 in Roseau we completed our 13th Synod Prayer and Listening Event. I was able to attend 12 of them, and they were privileged events where I met more than 400 of our faithful.

I found myself inspired as people demonstrated the depth of their faith and commitment to our Church through their prayer and sharing. We are still processing all the responses and hope to share the results with parishes as well.

There were many gifts acknowledged in the diocese that people were grateful for including the good work of our priests, wonderful lay works like Cursillo and our religious education programs, and the important work of our Catholic Schools.

There were also many concerns shared about the faith life in the diocese. Three of them topped the list: 1. The problem of young people leaving the Church; 2. The need to restore trust in the leadership of the diocese and bring healing; 3. A concern for more reverence, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. It is this last concern that I want to address here.

At every prayer and listening event some of the faithful mentioned the need for more reverence during our Eucharistic celebrations, especially in light of the diocesan practice of standing from the Lamb of God until the Blessed Sacrament is back in the tabernacle and then having everyone be seated. Many people commented on this, and they experienced it as a lack of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, especially because our practice is different from most other dioceses.

This liturgical practice has been part of the diocese for almost 20 years and at one time was in place in several dioceses around the country. The practice emphasized a couple of important truths.

First, that standing is an ancient position of respect and reverence, and especially symbolic of the resurrection when we will rise from our graves to greet the Risen Lord. In fact, one of the early ecumenical councils (where all the bishops of the world gathered) in Nicaea in 318 did not allow Christians to kneel while praying during the liturgy in the season of Easter. Kneeling was considered a penitential act more than a reverential act.

We always stand for the Gospel as a sign of reverence for the words of the Lord, and it is still true (with a nod to the council of Nicaea) that when praying the Litany of Saints during the liturgy in the Easter Season we stand, while, if we pray the same Litany during the rest of the year we kneel.

The second truth the diocesan practice emphasized was unity. Since the communion procession is an act we are all doing together, maintaining the same posture together throughout emphasizes our unity. We are one body in Christ, and this is emphasized when we sit, stand, and kneel together.

Even though these are valid reasons for the diocesan practice, as everyone is aware most other dioceses follow the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) in the matter of posture during the liturgy, which prescribes a different practice. The General Instruction says, “the faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise” (#43) and it also says, “if appropriate, they may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion” (#43).

Since all the other dioceses around us (and almost all in the United States) follow this practice, many mentioned that this becomes somewhat of a sign of disunity or confusion, as often people from other dioceses come to Mass in our churches and they are confused why everyone else doesn’t kneel. The same confusion happens when our people go to Church in other dioceses.

Our distinct practice can become a sign of disunity, since we are not following the common practice, even though the church allows this legitimate variation.

Having heard these many voices in our Synod events, and consulted our priests, I have decided to change our diocesan practice to be in accord with the majority of dioceses around the country starting on the weekend of the celebration of Corpus Christi, June 18 and 19. This is the day the Church in the United States begins a three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

Beginning with the Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi, we will kneel after the Lamb of God is said or sung. People should remain kneeling until it is time to go to Communion.

After receiving communion when they return to their pew, they are encouraged to kneel and pray. Of course, those who find it difficult to kneel may always be seated, as they do during the Eucharistic Prayer.

This practice also has noteworthy benefits. Since kneeling in our culture is almost never done except at Catholic Mass, it is a posture that marks the special reverence we give to the Lord and puts us in a beautiful position of humility before him.

It also helps us focus our hearts on the Lord’s Sacred Presence, his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, which enters into us during Communion and allows for intimate moments for us to speak to him. The saints often spoke about those moments right after receiving Communion as being a sacred time to speak to the Lord heart to heart.

The act of going to Communion is unique because it is both communal and personal. We do this together as a body, yet Christ comes individually to each of us. As we respond to him individually with love and devotion we grow in communion with him and with each other in the one body of Christ.

We will of course continue to stand to pray the Collects, for the Gospel, and for the Preface before the Eucharistic Prayer when we sing the Holy, Holy, as these times of standing together remind us of the day of resurrection when we shall stand up from our graves at the voice of the Lord, but we will kneel at these other sacred moments remembering that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10).