

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, December 8th. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 6:00 pm on December 7, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on December 8th. Please join us.

First Lutheran Church will be hosting Advent Mini-Concerts on Wednesdays from 12:05 pm–12:35 pm, Nov. 30th–Dec. 21st. A soup and sandwich lunch is available after each concert.

CALLING all Singers! We invite middle/high school aged youth and adults to join a choir that is being assembled for the Christmas Season. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR INSTRUMENTALISTS TO JOIN OUR GROUP. If you have any questions, please contact April Spaeth: 406-570-0079 or aspaeth@holyroarycc.org

Practices will be held on Mondays in the Church:
 December 5th 6-7:30pm
 December 12th 6-7:30pm
 December 19th 6-7:30pm

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake/French Toast and Sausage Breakfast this Sunday, December 4th from 8-12:30 in St. John's. Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

This may seem complicated, but it's not. It's once again time to complete our Safe Environment Certification. It is important that you complete the certification now. Annual **Safe Environment Certification** is necessary for every adult (age 18 or over) clergy, visiting clergy, employee, independent contractor, and volunteer in the Diocese of Crookston who has the potential for contact with children or vulnerable adults.

Please go to <https://crookston.cmgconnect.org>. Your historical records have been uploaded to a new format. Please do NOT create a new account unless you have never completed a Safe Environment Certification for Holy Rosary. To access your profile, click **Sign In** located in the upper right corner of the page. From the Account Login screen, use the format: **FirstNameLastName-doc** for your username (ex: JohnDoe-doc) and enter **1234** for the password. You will be prompted to update to a more secure password the first time you sign in. Once the new password is saved, **return to the sign in page** and use your new credentials to access your training. Click to open the Safe Environment Curriculum—Crookston module posted under the Required Trainings area of your dashboard. This is slightly different than last year, so please set aside at least 1 hour to complete everything. If you have difficulties, please let Mary know, Safe Environment Coordinator at 218-847-1393.

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 - Friday, 10 am - 8 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm. Confidential and private phone line is 218-470-0112.



Please support the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next weekend, December 10th & 11th. Your support helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and priests. Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.

The Advent Giving Trees located at both entrances of the Church were decorated by our 7th-11th grade Faith Formation students. Each grade is overseeing one of five organizations..

1. Christmas Tree is for Dove (White Earth Crisis Center)
2. Praying Hands are for the Lake Crisis & Resource Center
3. Gingerbread is for the Food Pantry
4. Baby Jesus is for the Health Resource Center
5. Max from the Grinch is for the Marshmallow Animal Shelter

Please consider taking an ornament from the tree, purchasing a few items listed on the back, and returning your items along with the tag by December 18th. Thank you!

Holy Father's December Prayer Intention:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 20th,

In the St. Ben and St. Scholastic Rooms starting at 5:00 pm. Please contact the parish office at 218-847-1393, if you plan to attend so food can be planned accordingly. Thank you.



Sleeping Bag Drive at the Food Pantry

Do you have any sleeping bags that are unused and just collecting dust in your closet? The Detroit Lakes Area Knights of Columbus are seeking to gather warm, functional zipping, sleeping bags, to be given out to homeless individuals or others in need. Most area residents aren't aware of the number of individuals sleeping in their cars, or "couch surfing" (sleeping on someone else's couch) for various periods of time, or have little or no heat in their homes.

We don't always know a persons' situation, but we do know that we can offer a token of support as they try to regain a foothold. A sleeping bag is just a temporary solution to provide someone comfort and warmth during a difficult time. If you have a sleeping bag or two that you are willing to donate, the Becker County Food Pantry, at 1308 Rossman Ave, in Detroit Lakes, has agreed to be the drop off point and will distribute the sleeping bags to local churches/ agencies requesting them for those in need. These items can be dropped off at the food shelf on any Tuesday or Thursday from 8 am until 3 pm.

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



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

1043 Lake Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent



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Happy Second Sunday of Advent!

1) What makes this Sunday and all the Sundays of Advent Happy? Well, depends on the age of the person asked. All kids through the teenage years are doing their best to wait... wait... wait... until Christmas Day to open gifts. The 18-25 year old, may be waiting for good food and seeing family at home, at Grandma's or another place where family gather to celebrate Christmas Day and get a lot of money. The empty nesters, that is parents that no longer have children at home and this includes Grandparents, are waiting... longing to embrace their children that are off living their own lives. Also, the parents that have children at home, creating those "traditions" that create the childhood memories and stories that are shared in the years to come. There are also the single adults in our families, the brother, sister, aunt, and uncle that get to spoil and tease the children under the age of 18 at family or community gatherings. We are all waiting this Second Sunday of Advent.

2) The Old Testament reading of Isaiah is also expressing a period of waiting. The day when the Messiah comes to *judge the poor with justice and decide aright for the lands afflicted. Also the day when the Messiah shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked* (Isaiah 11:4). The Messiah transforms the world, returning to the garden of Eden, where all that exists is love, *including friendships between wolf and lamb; cow and bear are neighbors. There is no harm or ruin.... For the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord.* (Isaiah 11:7, 9)

3) John the Baptist, in Matthew's Gospel, is also preparing people to look forward to the one who is coming.... shouting to all within hearing distance, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"* (Matthew 3:2) John the Baptist is saying this to the oppressed people, yet the religious leaders, Pharisees and Sadducees, the oppressors, are observing John the Baptist. The religious leaders are identified as *"The brood of vipers"* by *John the Baptist as they are equal to a tree that does not produce good fruit and will be cut down and thrown into the fire.* (Matthew 3:10) The pending judgement is near that separates the good from the bad, the resurrection of Jesus at Easter makes this possible.

4) Please pick up on the differences of "WAITING" from paragraph 1 as compared to paragraphs 2 & 3.

5) This time of waiting for the celebration at Christmas for the birth of our Savior, God, coming to earth in disguise as an infant in human flesh to deceive Satan. Remember how Satan deceived our first parents, Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden by placing doubt in their minds about the goodness of God? That doubt caused Adam and Eve to disobey God by eating from the one tree in the garden they were not to eat from, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and evil.

6) God planned the birth of Jesus to deceive Satan.... Because Satan cannot comprehend or understand God being a fleshly man. Jesus is more than a cute newborn, Jesus came to fight for God's children, including Adam and Eve, to rescue all God's children bound in hell that died before His resurrection and to save all of God's children from hell after His resurrection. We journey through our time on earth to reach eternal life with God in heaven or eternal life with Satan in hell.

7) Much of my life, expectation of Advent and Christmas is summed up in the first paragraph of this article and from the question Fr. Chuck asked during the homily last week, "How do you define Advent?" Most of the answers he gave included expectations such as shopping, cooking, cleaning, writing cards, parties to attend, gifts to wrap, etc. Consider making a conscious shift, don't be a Deacon Gary and wait so long to make the shift to better understand why Jesus came as a child.

8) Lastly, every Confirmed Catholic received the fullness of the Holy Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation, including receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit... Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These gifts are listed in today's Old Testament reading. Also, John the Baptist said, "He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11) John the Baptist is referring to Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, when the Disciples received the Holy Spirit and Fire. Reflecting on my years of leading groups for Confirmation, I find that sometimes the newly Confirmed unpack these gifts immediately, others later in life, or really later in life... and some Confirmed Catholics leave the gifts wrapped and placed somewhere, never to be opened. These gifts are meant to be opened to guide a person through earthly life. Afterall, who couldn't use more Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety (reverence for God), and Fear of the Lord (despise sin and embrace the awe of God's goodness, love and mercy)?

9) My message this month: consider re-reading paragraphs 4, 5, 6 & 8 multiple times. To better understand that God sent Jesus to fight for God's children... to be the path to bring us home to be in paradise with God, our good Father.

Happy Second Sunday of Advent!

Deacon Gary Hager

PARISH STAFF		Faith Formation		Finance Council Members:		Trustees:	
Priest	Fr. Chuck Huck	Preschool/ Elem.	Kathy Olson	Tom Lundberg, Ed Geffre		Christy Clark, Tom Winters	
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Please join us for **RCIA and Beyond**. Class is held in the Lady of Fatima Room the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:45 pm. The next class, on Angels will be held on December 15th. All are welcome to attend.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be having their **Christmas "Tea" Party** on Sunday, December 11th in the St. Ben & St. Scholastica rooms. Social hour starts at noon, followed with dinner at 1:00 pm.

Calling all children in Preschool through 6th grade! You are invited to participate as an actor or sing in the children's choir for our parish **Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 18 at 10:15am**. Rehearsals will take place Wednesday, December 14 from 4:30-6pm and Saturday, December 17 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 Youth Board in the Welcoming Center and return to the parish office by Wednesday, December 7. Please contact Kathy Olson if you have questions (kaolson@holynosarycc.org / 218-847-1393).

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule
**held in the Parish Living Room during the 9am Mass*
 December 4—Children's Liturgy of the Word
 December 11—Children's Liturgy of the Word
 December 18—NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
 December 25—NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
 January 1—NO Children's Liturgy of the Word



Please join in studying the Catechism in a Year! Father Mike Schmitz invites anyone in the diocese to join him in listening to the Catechism in a Year podcast. He will share a 15-20 minute segment of the Catechism of the Catholic Church along with a short commentary. This daily podcast, over the span of a year will allow us to traverse the entire Catechism. If you would like to join this journey, send an email to communications@crookston.org and in mid-December you will receive instructions on signing up to be part of a group that commits to growing in our faith together.

With the cold and icy weather coming, please remember the KC bus is available for transportation to the Church for the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Parish Office at 218-847-1393 by noon on Fridays to reserve a seat on the bus.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: If you are planning to present your baby for Baptism, contact Kathy Olson at 218-847-1393.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 4 pm, Sundays at 10:15 am, 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.

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Marleen Rusch, Diane Yonga, Florence Andersen, Joanne Lillis, Jeanne Putman, John Wilke, Peg Skov, Dennis Svendsen, Jodi Ahles, Alyce Leff, and Lillian Welle. When adding someone to the prayer list, please ask their permission first, then contact the Parish Office (218-847-1393.) Names are left on the list for four weeks.

Holy Rosary Catholic School



Mission Statement:

- + Holy Rosary 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 traditions.
- + We strive to build Gospel values and promote academic excellence.

Happenings around Holy Rosary School:

- + Mass, Thursday, December 8th at 9:00am, Feast of Immaculate Conception
- December 22-January 2, No school, Christmas break

You are invited to celebrate Christmas with Holy Rosary Catholic School Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Christmas Program at 1:00 pm in the church **"The Legend of the Christmas King"**

- ◆ Christmas musical performed by students in grades 1st—8th.
 - ◆ Kindergarten & K-Prep Presentation of "Let's Dress Up for Christmas"
 - ◆ Holy Rosary Band performance
- ◆ Refreshments in the gymnasium following the program



Congratulations to Asher Ray Bernu and Jackson David Bernu, sons of Robert and Michelle Bernu. Also, **congratulations to Teigen Leigh Walz**, daughter of Hunter and Jena Walz. They were baptized last weekend at Holy Rosary. We welcome them into God's family and into our parish family. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers as they grow in their faith to be life long disciples of Jesus Christ.

HELP! Holy Rosary provides extra crew for the Food Pantry for the month of December. They need 2-3 people to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. It may be doing repetitive work and may be lifting over 40 pounds. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at 218-847-1393 on what days you can help.

Holy Hour †



Deacon Gary & Father Chuck will be in the Church leading a Holy Hour on December 11th, starting at 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity to spend time with Jesus. Adoration will also take place during this time. You may stop in for any length of time that works for you. The hour will close with Benediction. Bring a friend and spend time with a friend named Jesus! See you in Church.

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.)

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday Noon

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	December 5		Thursday	December 8	
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Baking	St. Ben's/Servery	3:30 pm	Cookie Walk Pick-Up	Wel. Center
6:00 pm	Christmas Choir Practice	Church	6:00 pm	Mass + Danny Linden	Church
Tuesday	December 6		7:00 pm	"Behold" Advent Study	Holy Family Rm.
8:00 am	Rosary	Church	7:00 pm	School Advisory Council	Resource Cen.
8:30 am	Mass + Jerry Schutz	Church	Friday	December 9	
9:00 am	Adoration	Church	8:00 am	Rosary	Church
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Baking	St. Ben's/Servery	8:30 am	Mass + Mary Matter	Church
12 Noon	OA	Fatima Room	10:00 am	Mass + Carl Nelson	Ecumen
1:30 pm	Card Group	Fireplace Room	3:30 pm	Cookie Walk Pick-Up	Wel. Center
5:30 pm	Women's Cursillo Group	Fireplace Room	Saturday	December 10	
Wednesday	December 7		8:00 am	First Reconciliation	Church
8:30 am	Rosary	Fireplace Room	10:00 am	Cookie Walk Pick-Up	Wel. Center
9:00 am	Mass + Mary Schnathorst	Church	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Confessional
9:00 am	Cookie Walk Baking	St. Ben's/Servery	5:00 pm	Mass + Reinhard & Gloria Schmitz	Church
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Preschool-Gr. 11	Church	Sunday	December 11	
6:00 pm	Mass + John Moran	Church	9:00 am	Mass + For the Parish	Church
Thursday	December 8		10:15 am	Reconciliation	Confessional
9:00 am	Mass + Cris Eidenschink	Church	11:00 am	Mass + Ron Buntje	Church
10:00 am	"Behold" Advent Study	Fatima Room	Noon	Catholic Daughters Christmas Tea	Parish Center
Noon	AI Anon	Fatima Room	3:00 pm	Holy Hour	Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY- DECEMBER 10 -11

STEWARDSHIP

	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am	Sunday, 11:00 am
Eucharistic Minister	Richard Cieslak Abby Jasken	Ida McCombs Mary Schutz	Mary Ann Nelmark John Schafer
Eucharistic Minister Clean Sacred Vessels	Tom Holweger Jane Lunde	Katherine Hansen David Karsnia	Jerry Matter Nancy Matter
Minister of Precious Blood	Jerry Bursaw Carol Kempenich Dennis Kempenich Jane Spaeth Steven Spaeth	Mary Anderson Lauretta Kappahn Joe Ed Knopf Christina Morrison Linda Schons	Mary Jo Noia Nicholas Noia Maureen Storey Dale Storey Curtis Winter
Media Minister	Tami Heimark	David Grimsley	Zada Foltz
Lector 1 - Book of Gospels	Barbara Schmidt	Lindy Franco	Jean Moe
Lector 2 - Prayers of the Faithful	Tricia Geffre	Michael Morrison	Katherine Aligada
Altar Servers	Eli Carlson Wyatt Carlson	Ben Hansen Isabelle Hansen	Ian Foltz Noah McLaughlin
Cantor	Bob Heimark	Audriana Flugel Leah Flugel	Eileen Mooney Alexis Medley
Accompanist	April Spaeth	April Spaeth	April Spaeth
Sacristan	Mary Brenk Matt Brenk	Terry Teiken	Nancy Matter
Greeter / Usher	4 Volunteers Needed	Michael Guetter John King Michael Metelak Bill Quinn	John Vaida James Wolf Jon Larson 1 Volunteer Needed

Last Sunday \$ 23,464.56
 Last Fiscal Yr. \$358,304.42
 This Fiscal Yr. \$382,146.22

MASS COUNTS

Sat. 5 pm 282
 Sun. 9 am 265
 Sun. 11 am 205
 YouTube 75

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
 Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?