

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December**

**For pilgrims of hope.** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



**Giving Back to the One Who First Gave**

The end of the year offers time to be thankful for all God has provided in the past year and a final opportunity to increase much needed tax deductions.

Your financial advisor can help you finalize your year-end contribution, and can also work with you on a giving plan from your investments throughout the year to capitalize on further tax deductions.

Contact your advisor to learn what options are available!



**Natural Family Planning**

January 14th, 2025  
April 24th, 2025  
July 22nd, 2025  
October 21st, 2025

Please join us for our free NFP Zoom meeting!


The Crookston Diocese welcomes all couples to a free Natural Family Planning Introductory Session presented by Sarah McKeown and Courtney Hendricks. Feel free to reach out to [holymfamilynfp.com](http://holymfamilynfp.com) for more information. For any questions with registering please feel free to email [cjohnson@crookston.org](mailto:cjohnson@crookston.org).

**Remember those who have asked for our prayers.**

Janice Ellingson, Dean Hendrickson, Beverly Tougas, Jim & Elnora Cass, Steve Smet, Scott Olsen, Patty Schneider. When adding someone to the prayer list please ask for their permission to do so, and then contact the parish office. Names are left on the prayer list for four weeks.

| Contact Us!   | Stewardship                  | Diocesan Annual Appeal           | Mass Attendance 12/7-12/8 |
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| Website: <a href="http://www.holyrosarycc.org">www.holyrosarycc.org</a> | Last Week: \$18,459          | Current Donations: \$75,651      | Saturday 5 PM: 216        |
| E-mail: <a href="mailto:jheim@holysarycc.org">jheim@holysarycc.org</a>  | This Year to Date: \$355,521 | Annual Goal: \$70,907            | Sunday 9 AM: 252          |
| YouTube: Holy Rosary Catholic Church DL MN                              | Last Fiscal Year: \$341,129  | <b>As of November 7th, 2024.</b> | Sunday 11 AM: 177         |

| Parish Staff                                     | Trustees and Councils  |
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| Priest: Father Nate Brunn                        | Trustees: Debbie Carlson, Tom Lundberg   |
| Deacon: Deacon Gary Hager                        | Finance Council: Tom Lundberg, Ed Geffre, Lori Lehmann, Rob Woytassek              |
| Liturgist: April Spaeth                          | Pastoral Council: Jen Wilke, Steve Carlson, Debbie Carlson, Laverne Moltzan,       |
| Stewardship/Spiritual Direction: Jamie McDougall | Eileen Mooney, Bienvenida Grimsley, Mike Sidders, Ava Klemm                        |
| Maintenance: Charles Vareberg                    | School Council: Amber Blair, Lori Guenther, Bill Wilke, Katie Watland, Erica Zurn, |
| Faith Formation: Kathy Olson and Abby Leach      | Aron Badurek, Tony Schmitz, Tess Kalberer, Susan Deraney                           |
| Parish Secretary: Julia Heim                     |  |
| Principal: Cathy Larson                          |  |
| School Office Manager: Beth Gilbert              |  |

 To report sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, call your local law enforcement, then contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895. Help is available 24-hours a day and all calls are confidential.

**Upcoming Mercy Hours in the Diocese of Crookston**

December 15 | 3:00 PM at St. Peter the Apostle | Park Rapids  
January 19 | 3:00 PM at St. Francis de Sales | Moorhead

Throughout the year, Bishop Andrew Cozzens will lead monthly Mercy Hour services across the Diocese of Crookston. Mercy Hours are services of Eucharistic healing for individuals, couples and families. Join Bishop Cozzens for this hour of adoration and prayer, culminating in an intimate moment of Eucharistic encounter. All are welcome!



**The Cookie Walk was a success!**  
We wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

With all the donations, **30 people** mixed, rolled, baked, and decorated **6,396 cookies!** And the lefse crews turned **80 lbs** of potatoes into a delicious treat!

Thank you to all our **volunteers**, who made cookies, specialty treats, and to our middle schoolers who helped decorate cookies. You have been a blessing!

*A big Thank You to everyone who bought cookies!*



**Holy Rosary Catholic Church**

December 15th, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Advent

1043 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Parish Phone: 218-847-1393

School Phone: 218-847-5306

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm

Friday 8am-2pm

**A Letter from Deacon Gary Hager**

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. This means to rejoice in the Lord for He is near! Certainly rejoice in the Lord, for He is sent to rescue us from the bonds of sin, from the grasp of Satan and to restore fullness to our lives in preparation for living forever with God the Father in heaven. Rejoice, for the Lord is near!

Over the last month or so this space has had excerpts from Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, October 24, 2024. The pope moves from a message of reflection and meditation within our hearts such as the Blessed Virgin Mary pondered and reflected on the encounter with Archangel Gabriel that she is to bear the Son through the Holy Spirit, to a greater message on a teaching of the heart of Jesus.

Pope Francis shares how St. Francis de Sales contemplated Christ's open heart, inviting us to dwell therein a personal relationship of love that sheds light on the mysteries of His life. In Paragraph 114; Pope Francis writes, "The Saint opposes a rigorous morality and a legalistic piety by presenting the heart of Jesus as a summons to complete trust in the mysterious working of his grace. We see this expressed in his letter to Saint Jane Francis de Chantal: "I am certain that we will remain no longer in ourselves... but dwell forever in the Lord's wounded side, for apart from him not only can we do nothing, but even if we were able, we would lack the desire to do anything."

The last line reinforces many past homilies, scripture, and words from the wise: "For apart from him (Jesus), not only can we do nothing, but even if we were able, we would lack the desire to do anything."

To quote further from St. Francis de Sales in paragraph 115, "This most adorable and lovable heart of our Master, burning with the love which he professes to us, [is] a heart on which all our names are written... Surely it is a source of profound consolation to know that we are loved so deeply by our Lord, who constantly carries us in his heart".

Pope Francis expands on these words, "With the image of our names written on the heart of Christ, Saint Francis sought to express the extent to which Christ's love for each of us is not something abstract and generic, but utterly personal, enabling each believer to feel known and respected for who he or she is."

Our current culture of "identity ideology" is dismissed knowing the extent of Christ's love for each of us is personal; our names are written on the heart of Jesus. We are each identified as a child of God through Jesus our brother. The infant Jesus, sent by God, has a list of names on His heart to be rescued from sin and Satan. That is all of us! God desires to rescue all His children.

If any of us questions the degree of our ability to love, St. Francis de Sales has a good message: "How lovely is this heaven, in which the Lord is its sun and his breast a fountain of love from which the blessed drink to their heart's content! Each of us can look therein and see our name carved in letters of love, which true love alone can read and true love has written. Dear God! And what too, beloved daughter, of our loved ones? Surely they will be there too, for even if our hearts have no love, they nonetheless possess a desire for love and the beginnings of love".

Lastly, de Sales provides daily actions, activities, tasks, and obligations of our daily existence from paragraph 117. "You asked me how souls that are attracted in prayer to this holy simplicity, to this perfect abandonment in God, should conduct themselves in all their actions? I would reply that, not only in prayer, but also in the conduct of everyday life, they should advance always in the spirit of simplicity, abandoning and completely surrendering their soul, their actions, and their accomplishments to God's will. And to do so with a love marked by perfect and absolute trust, abandoning themselves to grace and to the care of the eternal love that divine Providence feels for them".

Words such as "abandoning" and "surrendering" may cause one to raise an eyebrow in our culture, yet know that when we abandon or surrender our soul and our actions to God's will, we grow in a healthy and loving relationship with the Creator of the world. God is the Creator of you and me.

Peace, Deacon Gary



*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**Holy Rosary 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 Tradition. We strive to build Gospel Values and promote Academic Excellence.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? OCIA is what you need. Please join us for our next meeting! Class is held in the Fireplace Room on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:45pm. Our next class is Thursday, **January 2nd**. Our topic will be: Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Charisms of the Holy Spirit

Schedules and Meetings

|   | Dec 21st - Sat.<br>5:00 pm   | Dec 22nd - Sun.<br>9:00 am   | Dec 22nd - Sun.<br>11:00 am   | Monday<br>2:00 PM                     | December 16<br>Women's Cursillo Group                                 | Youth Room   |
|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>   | Deacon Gary Hager<br>James Utecht  | Vera Sidders<br><b>Vol. Needed</b>   | Maureen Storey<br>Dale Storey   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:00 AM             | <b>December 17</b><br>Rosary  | Church   |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister (Clean vessels)</b>   | Carol Kempenich<br>Dennis Kempenich  | Mike Kava<br>Allen Clark   | John Schafer<br>Shirley Eidenschink                                     | <b>8:30 AM</b><br>9 AM - 6 PM         | <b>Mass +Vince Paskey</b><br>Adoration                                | <b>Church</b><br>Chapel                                    |
| <b>Minister of the Precious Blood</b>   | Lora Buntje<br>Yvette Brufloft<br>Tom Holweger<br>Patty Holweger<br>Don Spitzley | Brad Carlson<br>Debbie Carlson<br>Mike Sidders<br>Christina Morrison<br>Mary Hager | Mary Jo Noia<br>Nicholas Noia<br>Curtis Winter<br><b>Vol. Needed x2</b> | Noon<br>1:30 PM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:00 PM | OA Group<br>Card Players Group<br>Women's Cursillo Group<br>KC Dinner | Fatima Room<br>Family Room<br>Family Room<br>Parish Center |
| <b>Lector 1 - Book of Gospels</b>   | Paul Tobkin  | Mary Schutz  | Katherine Aligada   | <b>Wednesday</b><br>9:00 AM           | <b>December 18</b><br>Quilt Group                                     | Family Room  |
| <b>Lector 2 - Prayers of the Faithful</b>   | Robert Woytassek   | Carol Foltz  | Jen Wilke   | 1:00 PM                               | School Christmas Program  | Church   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>  | Johanna Larson<br>Zac Larson   | Paisley Pipek<br>Hoyce Pipek   | Mailyng Aligada<br>Reyna Aligada  | 6:00 PM                               | Feeding The Faith   | Parish Center  |
| <b>Cantor</b>   | Joy Stone  | Jamie McDougall  | Bob Heimark   | 6:00 PM<br>6:30 PM                    | Faith Formation PK - 6th Grade<br>Faith Formation 7th - 11th Grade    | Assigned Rooms<br>Assigned Rooms                           |
| <b>Accompanist</b>  | April Spaeth   | April Spaeth   | April Spaeth  | <b>Thursday</b><br>Noon               | <b>December 19</b><br>Al Anon   | Fatima Room  |
| <b>Media Minister</b>   | Ella Larson  | Reid McDougall   | Julia Nelmark   | 3:45 PM                               | CGS   | Atrium   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>  | Mary Brenk<br>Matt Brenk   | Terry Teiken   | Nancy Vetter  | 5:00 PM                               | Men's Crusillo Group  | Fatima Room  |
| <b>Greeter / Usher</b>  | <b>Vol. Needed x4</b>  | Michael Guetter<br>John King<br>Bill Quinn<br>Michael Metelak                      | John Vaida<br>James Wolf<br>Jon Larson<br><b>Vol. Needed</b>            | <b>6:00 PM</b><br>7:00 PM             | <b>Mass +Fr. Joe DeCrans</b><br>The Chosen Viewing Party              | <b>Church</b><br>Fireplace Room                            |
| <b>Christmas Pageant Sign-up!</b>   |  |  |   | <b>Friday</b><br>8:00 AM              | <b>December 20</b><br>Rosary  | Church   |
| Calling all children age 4 through 6th grade! You are invited to participate in the Holy Rosary Parish Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 22 at 10:15am in the church! There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 21 from 9:00am - Noon. Sign up for the pageant by <b>Wednesday, December 18</b> at holyrosarycc.org or by completing the form located on the Youth Board in the Welcoming Center. Contact Kathy Olson if you have questions (kaolson@holyrosarycc.org / 218-847-1393). |  |  |   | <b>8:30 AM</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b>     | <b>Mass +Collin Flynn</b><br><b>Mass</b>                              | <b>Church</b><br><b>Lincoln Park</b>                       |
|   |  |  |   | <b>Saturday</b><br>4:00 PM            | <b>December 21</b><br>Reconciliation                                  | Confessional   |
|   |  |  |   | <b>5:00 PM</b><br><b>Sunday</b>       | <b>Mass ~Paskey &amp; Jasken Family</b><br><b>December 22</b>         | <b>Church</b>  |
|   |  |  |   | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>10:15 AM            | <b>Mass ~For The Parish</b><br>Children's Christmas Pageant           | <b>Church</b><br>Church                                    |
|   |  |  |   | <b>11:00 AM</b>                       | <b>Mass +Ron Paskey</b>   | <b>Church</b>  |

News and Events

**Would You Like To Work For Holy Rosary?**

Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Detroit Lakes MN is seeking a part-time or full-time Parish Administrator to serve the parish and school. We are seeking a self-motivated, team-oriented Catholic professional of high integrity who possesses a great work ethic. This position will assist the Pastor/Superintendent by providing oversight of the day-to-day operations of the parish including human resources, safe environment, stewardship/volunteers, facilities, and parish finances. The ideal candidate will have experience in business administration or a related field. To apply, email a resume and cover letter to Fr. Nate Brunn at nbrunn@crookston.org or mail to: Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Attn: Fr. Nate Brunn, 1043 Lake Ave Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

**All parishioners and guests are invited** to join the children of Holy Rosary parish on Sunday, December 22 at 10:15AM in the church as they tell the story of Christ's birth through Scripture and song at our annual Children's Christmas Pageant. There will be treats and refreshments served in the Welcoming Center following the pageant. We hope you can attend!



*Holy Rosary Christmas Schedule*

**Mass Times**  
 Christmas Eve Masses: 4 PM & 9 PM  
 Christmas Day Mass: 10 AM

**Parish Office Hours**  
 Monday 23rd: 8 AM - 5 PM  
 Tuesday 24th: 8 AM - Noon  
 25th- 27th: Closed

**The Advent Reconciliation**  
 Service will be held on  
 Sunday December 15 at  
 2pm. Several Priests will be  
 available for  
 Reconciliation.

Please Join Us For  
**HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**1:00 P.M.**  
**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

Holy Rosary School Band  
 'Christmas All Around'  
 By PreSchool & Kindergarten

The Night Before Christmas Caper'  
 By Grades 1-3

**Volunteer Opportunity at the Food Pantry!**

**December is Holy Rosary's month** to provide volunteers to help at the **Becker County Food Pantry**. If you can help on a Tuesday or Thursday this month from 11: 30am-3:00pm, please call the parish office to be added to our list. Volunteers must be able to lift 20 lbs. Thank you for your consideration! If you are unable to volunteer, but would still like to help out, we accept donations for the food pantry. Let us bless our community with generosity!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Yet, O LORD, You are our father; we are the clay and You the potter; we are all the work of Your hands."  
 As we wait in Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by contemplating a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN and Nov 22-23, 2025 in ALEXANDRIA, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit northmnmwme.org.



- BAPTISM:** If you plan to present your child for Baptism, contact Kathy Olson at: kaolson@holyrosarycc.org or 218-847-1393.
- RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays at 4:00 pm, Sundays at 10:15 am, or by appointment.
- MARRIAGE:** Those wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact Fr. Nate at least six months prior .