

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.

Join the Bishop for the Jubilee Year Opening Mass

The Diocese of Crookston's opening Mass for Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope will be January 1, 2025, at 11 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The distinguishing mark of the Rite of Opening is the entrance procession of a prominent cross lifted high by the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Crookston. The cross of Jesus Christ is the reason for our hope. This Mass will remind us of the hosannahs of Passion Sunday and the somber solemnity of Good Friday. All the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Crookston are invited.



Remember those who have asked for our prayers.

Jim Runger, Bill Chelmo, 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 12/14-12/15
Website: www.holyrosarycc.org	Last Week: \$12,261	Current Donations: \$76,218	Saturday 5 PM: 212
E-mail: jheim@holynosarycc.org	This Year to Date: \$367,782	Annual Goal: \$70,907	Sunday 9 AM: 268
YouTube: Holy Rosary Catholic Church DL MN	Last Fiscal Year: \$400,629	As of November 7th, 2024.	Sunday 11 AM: 202

Parish Staff	Trustees and Councils
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	

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Holy Rosary Catholic Church

December 22nd, 2024
4th 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 Father Nate Brunn

“Behold, I come to do your will” is the theme for our last weekend of Advent. In these final days of preparation, may your prayer be similar to the author of Hebrews!

Sometimes praying these words come easy, sometimes they are a bit more difficult. Moments when it can come easy: looking for a change in career, in family relationships, conversations with neighbors, when something presents itself as a great opportunity that you weren't expecting, etc. Making that shift, doing the Will of God, can come easy and discernment is easy: this is a good choice and I am going to make it! Often this can be accompanied with feelings of peace, relief, happiness, accomplishment, and purpose. Praying the prayer, “Lord let your Will be done” is a prayer of joy!

Allowing the Lord's will to be done can also be a challenge. We know that it can be a challenge when we don't know what the future holds, maybe He is asking me to make a change in something that I am doing, letting go of a habit or a lifestyle that I do not want to change, etc. There is something that is different about our human nature when we trust in God rather than trusting in ourselves. When it is a challenge to do what the Lord is inviting us to, we feel uncomfortable, anxious, angry, resentful, stubborn, etc. In life, in this world, it seems that I know what I can control and what I can't control, and I want the things that I can control! Surrendering to God's Will is a challenge because I am not the one in control, and that makes me feel uncomfortable.

How am I supposed to know whether I am doing what the Lord wants me to do? First, have you had that conversation with the Lord? Often a temptation is that we go our way, do our thing, go about my business, and then ask the Lord to bless it. What about a shift in the order: Lord, bless this day and the things that YOU want today. Second, are you open to conversion-open to change? Sometimes we can find ourselves in a good rhythm, life is going well, and I don't want things to change; but what might the Lord be inviting you to do?

We can get into a rhythm or pattern and lose sight that I don't want to change. Third, use the words at the bottom of the Divine Mercy image: Jesus, I trust in You. One of the challenges to do the Will of the Lord is not being able to trust that the Lord will watch over and guide us. For the moments when you are struggling to trust, when you don't want to do the Will of the Lord, when you are anxious, pray with the Divine Mercy: Jesus, I trust in You.

Our readings for this weekend are beautiful witnesses to that trust in saying “YES” to the Lord. It is not always easy, but it is always good! Looking at the gospel reading, Elizabeth and Mary serve as witnesses, as Saints that can guide us in saying yes. Ask for their prayers, for their assistance to guide you in the ways of the Lord. They understand our struggles and want what is best for us in accord with the Lord's Will. Allow them to be role models!

Daily Masses: On Thursday, Dec 26 and Friday, Dec 27th, I will have daily Mass at 8:30. The offices are closed so staff can celebrate with their loved ones.

Merry Christmas! Our Christmas Masses will be December 24th at 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm, and on December 25th at 10:00 am. This is a beautiful opportunity to join in community around the manger where Christ, Mary, and Joseph are waiting to greet us! This is our opportunity to give back to the Lord the gratitude for ALL that He has done for us; to say “thank you” for coming to earth to be with us! May you have joy and peace at Christ's coming within you during this Christmas season!

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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

News and Events

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

2025 Calendars are Here!

We invite you to pick one up in either church entrance this weekend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Holy Rosary!



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

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!

Year-end contributions for 2024 should be brought to the parish office or postmarked by 12/31/2024

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!



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 northmnwwme.org.

Schedules and Meetings

	Dec 28th - Sat. 5:00 pm	Dec 29th - Sun. 9:00 am	Dec 29th - Sun. 11:00 am	Monday December 23	December 23	
Eucharistic Minister	Catherine Larson Cindy Myhre	Deacon Gary Hager Laverne Bourdeau	Knights of Columbus	Tuesday	December 24 - Christmas Eve	Office closes at noon
Eucharistic Minister (Clean vessels)	James Utecht Jerry Bursaw	Linda Schons Barbara Schmidt	Knights of Columbus	4:00 PM	Mass +Ted Tibodeau	Church
Minister of the Precious Blood	Ed Geffre Tricia Geffre Steven Spaeth Jane Spaeth Vol. Needed	Donna Martin Vol. Needed x4	Knights of Columbus	9:00 PM	Mass ~The Brunn Family	Church
Lector 1 - Book of Gospels	Linda Wainright	Barbara Schmidt	Knights of Columbus	Wednesday	December 25 - Christmas Day	
Lector 2 - Prayers of the Faithful	Joy Stone	Steven Carlson	Knights of Columbus	10:00 AM	Mass +Isacc Thomas Jr & Lottie	Church
Altar Servers	Joshua Stone Daniel Grimsley	Isabelle Hansen Ben Hansen	Vol. Needed x2	Thursday	December 26	
Cantor	Bob Heimark	Tom Trowbridge	Jamie McDougall	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
Accompanist	Heather Trowbridge	Heather Trowbridge	Heather Trowbridge	Friday	December 27	
Media Minister	Danielle Clark	Emily Schindler	Reid McDougall	8:00 AM	Rosary	Church
Sacristan	Mary Brenk Matt Brenk	Terry Teiken	Nancy Vetter	8:30 AM	Mass ~Sebastian Vange	Church
Greeter / Usher	Vol. Needed x4	Michael Guetter John King Bill Quinn Michael Labine	Knights of Columbus	Saturday	December 28	
				7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Fireplace Room
				5:00 PM	Mass +Clara Ries	Church
				Sunday	December 29	
				9:00 AM	Mass +Charles Sernett	Church
				10:15 AM	Reconciliation	Church
				11:00 AM	Mass ~For The Parish	Church

Thank You!

We are grateful for your many gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure in 2024! Holy Rosary is richly blessed because of all of you!

Happy Holidays and God's Many Blessings in 2025!

Fr. Nate, our Faculty, and Staff at Holy Rosary Church and School

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference Staff for **First Fridays at the Capitol** January - May

Adoration available 9 AM - 4 PM
Governor's Dining Room
(Located in the basement level of the Minnesota State Capitol)

Visit www.MNCatholic.org/events to RSVP. Questions? Call the Minnesota Catholic Conference (651-227-8777).

SCAN FOR DETAILS

MNCATHOLIC.ORG/EVENTS

BAPTISM: If you plan to present your child for Baptism, contact Kathy Olson at: kaolson@holyroarycc.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 .