

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

January 5th, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

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A Letter from Father Nate Brunn

Merry Christmas!! It has been a beautiful 11 days of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ! It all began on Christmas Eve with a beautiful vigil Mass! This evening was filled with light, flowers and plants, conversations, and many more things that indicate something exciting is happening; there was a buzz in the church!

The Christmas liturgy began around that manger scene where Mary, Joseph, some shepherds, and of course Jesus were in a place of peace. "O Come All Ye Faithful" was the entrance hymn as we walked the long walk to that scene: incense in the air, candles burning, full singing. We walked to that manger scene to see the newborn child! We walked to the manger scene to see our Redeemer! We walked to the scene to see our Savior!

As we approached the manger scene, each one of us brought our own story, our own lives. For some it was an easy walk, a joy-filled time; for others it was a tough walk that had many trials along the way, and approaching that scene was a little more difficult. No matter our journey, our path to the manger scene, Christ's presence still has a powerful impact over 2,000 years later.

This weekend we walk with the three wise men as they approach the manger scene. They traveled a long distance carrying special gifts for the newborn king! As they arrive, they kneel before the Holy Family as they offer the child their gifts. A moment of humility and honor as they recognize that they are in the presence of the Sacred, of the Holy One.

In the church, our three wise men have been patiently waiting to make their entrance, to walk down the aisle to the manger scene. That is the same aisle that we all walked down on Christmas Eve! Each time we enter and walk down the aisle, we are walking towards Jesus! Certainly, it is true during the Christmas season, but even outside of the Christmas season we walk towards Jesus. While the wise men brought their gifts, their offerings, we bring our offerings and gifts too. We may not bring Him physical gifts, but we bring our lives. Every week we enter with an offering to bring to Jesus. Mass is the place where we bring our week, our family, our joys, our struggles, and our hopes; the place where humanity meets the sacred just like the wise men.

As you approach Mass, what is your offering? What are you bringing to Jesus this week? Mass is where Jesus hears us, receives our prayers and offerings, and feeds us with His Words and His Body and Blood. Bring to Jesus your story, your life, and allow it to be transformed by the miracle of His presence.

Thank you to the MANY people that it takes to make so many wonderful celebrations happen. For all the Masses, we were able to have a full, rich experience of God's presence because so many people helped! Thank you for your "yes" to serving Christ and His Church over these last few weeks!

Please pray for our 2nd graders and their families, who are in the final stages of preparing for their first reconciliation! This is a time of nerves, fear, and anxiety, but also a great time of encountering the God's mercy and forgiveness! Being able to say, "I made a mistake, and I am sorry," is such an important characteristic of our lives, and then to be able to hear God say back that He forgives, and "now go and do better!" is such an encouragement on this journey of life! Please pray for all those receiving the sacrament in the month of January.

Fr. Nate Brunn

Remember those who have asked for our prayers.

Dean Hendrickson, Sonja Hanson, Beverly Tougas, Jim Runger, Bill Chelmo. 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.

Stewardship	Mass Attendance 12/21-12/22	Christmas Mass Attendance	Mass Attendance 12/28-12/29
Last Week: \$37,016	Saturday 5 PM: 249	Christmas Eve 4 PM: 760	Saturday 5 PM: 232
This Year to Date: \$436,939	Sunday 9 AM: 400	Christmas Eve 9 PM: 315	Sunday 9 AM: 291
Last Fiscal Year: \$513,780	Sunday 11 AM: 209	Christmas Day 10 AM: 376	Sunday 11 AM: 268

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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"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11
What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of 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 16th**. Our topic will be: Prayer, types/adoration.

News and Events

Pray The Rosary To End Abortion

On **January 8th** join us at the Moorhead abortion clinic to pray the rosary.

Transportation is provided. We will meet in the Holy Rosary church parking lot **8:30 AM**.

For additional information please contact **Bill Quinn** 609-879-1214 or **Yvette Brufoldt** at 218-234-8473



Holy Rosary Young Adult Group
Bring the whole family for a potluck and fellowship!



January 19th at 5:30 PM
Holy Rosary Gym
Across from Helicopter pad on Washington Ave
Great way to meet other new couples in the area!



A fun get-away weekend for Catholic Married Couples
Learn about yourself, your spouse, and your marriage.

- Techniques for putting God first in your family
- Develop strategies for communicating openly and honestly
- Learn the power of forgiveness
- Get answers to the question: *Why does my spouse do that?*



2025 Retreat Weekend Dates
Jan 10-12 - Maryvale, ND
Jan 31 - Feb 2 - Crookston, MN
Feb 14-16 - Hankinson, ND
www.sixstonejars.org

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

- 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 .

Schedules and Meetings

	Jan 11th - Sat. 5:00 pm	Jan 12th - Sun. 9:00 am	Jan 12th - Sun. 11:00 am	Monday	January 6	
Eucharistic Minister	Dennis Kempenich Carol Kempenich	Deacon Gary Hager Barbara Birznicks	Cindy Myhre Vol. Needed	10:00 AM	Visitation for Frances Carlson	Church
Eucharistic Minister (Clean vessels)	Linda Wainright Jane Spaeth	Jen Wilke Mary Anderson	Trish Thorson Maureen Storey	11:00 AM	Funeral Mass for Frances Carlson	Church
Minister of the Precious Blood	Jerry Bursaw Tom Holweger Patty Holweger Jane Lunde Yvette Brufoldt	Isabelle Hansen Katherine Hansen Christina Morrison Mike Sidders Vol. Needed	Curtis Winter Laverne Bourdeau Thomas Leach Shirley Eidenschink Julie Larson	Noon	Lunch Service for Frances Carlson	Parish Center
Lector 1 - Book of Gospels	James Utecht	Lindy Franco	Lauretta Kappahn	2:00 PM	Women's Cursillo Group	Youth Room
Lector 2 - Prayers of the Faithful	Matt Brenk	Brad Carlson	Vol. Needed	Tuesday	January 7	
Altar Servers	Johanna Larson Zac Larson	Mason Flugel Marcus Flugel	Daniel Grimsley Joseph Thomas	8:00 AM	Rosary	Family Room
Cantor	Vol. Needed	Neil Trowbridge	Jamie McDougall	8:30 AM	Mass +Harold Trett	Church
Accompanist	April Spaeth	Heather Trowbridge	April Spaeth	9 AM - 6 PM	Adoration	Chapel
Media Minister	Abby Leach	Emily Schindler	Bob Heimark	9:30 AM	Bible Study	Fatima Room
Sacristan	Mary Brenk Matt Brenk	Cheryl Knopf Joe Ed Knopf	Mary Hager	Noon	OA Group	Fatima Room
Greeter / Usher	Alan Bentler Rick McDougall Val Ringwelski Vol. Needed	Steven Carlson John Wilke Vol. Needed x2	Warren LaVoi Nicholas Noia Vol. Needed x 2	1:30 PM	Card Players Group	Family Room
				Wednesday	January 8	
				8:30 AM	Meet for Prayer at Abortion Clinic	Parking Lot
				8:30 AM	Rosary	Church
				9:00 AM	Mass +Larry Person	Church
				9:00 AM	Quilt Group	Family Room
				After Mass	Coffee Club	Lourdes room
				6:00 PM	Feeding the Faith	Parish Center
				6:00 PM	Faith Formation PK - 6th Grade	Assigned Rooms
				6:30 PM	Faith Formation 7th - 11th Grade	Assigned Rooms
				Thursday	January 9	
				Noon	Al-Anon	Fatima Room
				3:45 PM	CGS	Youth Room
				5:00 PM	Men's Cursillo Group	Fatima Room
				6:00 PM	Mass +Francis Wozniak	Church
				6:30 PM	School Council	Library
				7:00 PM	The Chosen Viewing Party	Family Room
				Friday	January 10	
				8:00 AM	Rosary	Church
				8:30 AM	Mass +Patty Schneider	Church
				10:00 AM	Mass	Ecumen
				Saturday	January 11	
				7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Fireplace Room
				9:00 AM	First Reconciliation Retreat	Church
				Noon	Net Retreat	Parish Center
				4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Confessional
				5:00 PM	Mass +Reinhard & Gloria Schmitz	Church
				Sunday	January 12	
				9:00 AM	Mass ~For The Parish	Church
				10:15 AM	Reconciliation	Church
				11:00 AM	Mass ~Sebastian Vange	Church
				1:00 PM	KC Free Throw Shoot	Parish Center

Altar Servers are invited to bowling!
Feb 16th | 1:00 PM
Meet at Voyager Lanes, pizza afterwards!
Call Jim to RSVP 218-841-0114

Youth Free Throw Shoot!

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14
In the Holy Rosary Gym
January 12th, Registration at 1:00 PM

Contact Jim Wolf 218-841-0114

Entrants may only compete in one local competition.