

Have you made a commitment to the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can **donate online at www.crookston.org/DAA**. Prayerfully consider joining many others in the Bishop's Guild. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is the most recommended method for supporting the appeal, contact René Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRIST'S LOVE PRESENT IN OUR COMMUNITY!

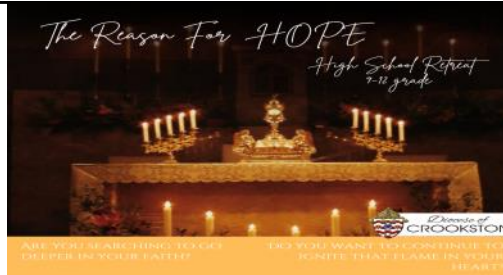
**THE REASON FOR HOPE
HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
9—12 GRADE**

Are you a high schooler that is desiring to learn more about your faith? Have you had an encounter with the Lord that you desire to deepen? This retreat is for you! This 24-hour retreat is inspired by 1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect".

The Diocese of Crookston invites those in high school to dive deeper into their faith through a 24-hour retreat on March 1-2nd, 2025. The retreat will begin at 2:00pm on Saturday and will conclude on Sunday at 2:00pm. All participants will attend Mass together on Sunday morning. Participants will be served dinner on Saturday with snacks in the evening and brunch on Sunday. This retreat will be held at the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Retreat Center, 620 Summit Ave, Crookston, MN, 56716.

For more information and/or to register, please go to <https://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope>

If you have questions, please reach out to Anna Kliner at akliner@crookston.org.



Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo.

Cursillo is a movement that helps participants realize that with the help of Christ and our friends, it is possible to live as a Christian in today's world and in our environments. The Cursillo group is offering four opportunities within the Diocese of Crookston for you to attend Cursillo in 2025.

Men's Weekends in 2025:

February 20-23 / October 23-26

Women's Weekends in 2025:

April 3-6 / September 25-28

All four weekends will be held at the Pastoral Center in Crookston, MN. Applications are available at:

<https://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com>



Upcoming Mercy Hours

February 23 | 3:00 PM
St. Patrick's, Hallock

March 30 | 3:00 PM
St. Bernard's, Thief River Falls

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.



Holy Rosary Catholic

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
www.holyrosarycc.org
YouTube: Holy Rosary Catholic Church DL

A Message From Fr. Nate

Barren Bush or Fruitful Tree

Our 1st reading this weekend from Jeremiah gives us two images: a barren bush or a fruitful tree. The barren bush: one who trusts in human beings more than God, finds strength in themselves more than in reliance on the power of God, and one who has turned their back on God. The fruitful tree: trusts in God, their hope is in the Lord and perseveres in faith through difficulties. Whew...

Given those two images, I know which one I would like to choose! The image of a fruitful tree is certainly the image that I would like to aim for. It is amazing though how quickly and how subtle it can shift from a fruitful tree to a barren bush. It seems that there are moments when faith, trust, hope, charity, etc. all seem to come easy. The spiritual term that we connect with that is consolation. These are the moments when it feels like God is right next to us and prayer is like sweet drops of honey! These are the moments when it feels like I am a fruitful tree.

Eventually the consolation wears away and God feels distant. Sometimes it occurs because of tragedy, a difficult decision or moment that didn't go the way a person thought it would, get too busy or caught up doing other things that one loses intentional prayer time, etc. Then, when spending some time in reflection, one starts to think, "I am a barren bush; I feel spiritually dried up."

Lent is just around the corner! Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Lent is a time that invites us into the desert to spend time with Christ in a very intentional way. Our time in the desert at Lent is not meant to dry us up, but to feed us to be a fruitful tree. Lent is a time that can invite us to refocus and look at those moments in how one has drifted away from the Lord and turned toward themselves. Start thinking **NOW** about your upcoming Lent: what are some ways that you have been a barren bush (ways that you have turned away from God)-regular prayer, Mass, gratitude, pride... And what are ways that you can revitalize your faith, trust, hope, charity-through prayer, penance, and almsgiving. **DON'T LET LENT SNEAK UP ON YOU!** Start praying now about how you can be a fruitful tree this upcoming Lent!

Parish Planning Event In August of 2024 Bishop Andrew Cozzens, bishop of the Diocese of Crookston, launched his pastoral letter, *New Life Through the Tender Compassion of our God*. This pastoral letter gives a vision to reviving our faith, planning for the future, and equipping the faithful for evangelization. Two representatives from the Diocese of Crookston are visiting every parish and have a time of prayer and discussion to see where the Holy Spirit is inviting us to go, as a diocese and parish, as we look to the future. These events are not problem-solving, but a way to invite the Holy Spirit to lead us forward. Jim Remer and Dn. Mark Krejci led some members of the staff and other councils on Tuesday, Feb 11th. We had time in adoration, small group discussion, and time for presentation. It was a great way of inviting the Holy Spirit to help us look to the future with great hope!

2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal The 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal has begun! If you are registered at Holy Rosary, or another parish in the Diocese of Crookston, you should have received in the mail an envelope of information for the appeal. The annual appeal is a way in which we as a parish and community support the ministry and workings of the Diocese of Crookston at the Pastoral Center. This is the place where our diocese is headquartered, and ministries are sent out from. As a parish, our goal is \$72,647. Thank you for your generosity and support for the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal!

President's Day The parish office is closed on Monday, Feb 17th in honor of President's Day. May you find some time to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate!

Fr. Nate Brunn



"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Parish Staff

Priest: Father Nate Brunn
Deacon: Deacon Gary Hager
Parish Administrator: John Wilke
Liturgist: April Spaeth
Stewardship/Spiritual Direction: Jamie McDougall
Maintenance: Charles Vareberg
Faith Formation: Kathy Olson and Abby Leach
Principal: Cathy Larson
School Office Manager: Beth Gilbert

Trustees and Councils

Trustees: Debbie Carlson, Tom Lundberg
Finance Council: Tom Lundberg, Ed Geffre, Lori Lehmann, Rob Woytassek
Pastoral Council: Jen Wilke, Steve Carlson, Debbie Carlson, Laverne Moltzan,
Eileen Mooney, Bienvenida Grimsley, Mike Sidders, Ava Klemm
School Council: Amber Blair, Lori Guenther, Bill Wilke, Katie Watland, Erica Zurn,
Aron Badurek, Tony Schmitz, Tess Kalberer, Susan Deraney

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.

School News

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.

Building Hope, Faith & Futures at Holy Rosary School



We offer a faith-based education to students 4 years old through Gr. 8



Registration for the 2025-26 School Year opens to Holy Rosary Parish Families on **Monday, February 17.**

Please visit our website www.holyrosaryccs.org or call the school office 218-847-5306 to schedule a tour!

We would love to meet your family & be a part of your future!

Our Ticket Sales are HEATING Up!

But we still have more to sell!

Stop after weekend Mass or at the parish office to get your raffle tickets! **All proceeds stay with Holy Rosary School.** Tickets are on sale through March 2nd.



Schedules and Meetings

	February 22- Sat. 5:00 pm	February 23- Sun. 9:00 am	February 23- Sun. 11:00 am	Monday	February 17	
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Gary Hager Trish Thorson	Mary Schutz Jen Wilke	Bob Heimark Mary Ann Nelmark		President's Day—Office Closed	
Eucharistic Minister (Clean vessels)	Ed Geffre Linda Wainwright	Lori Lehmann Linda Schons	Maureen Storey Dale Storey	Tuesday	February 18	
Minister of the Precious Blood	Catherine Larson Cindy Myhre Jane Spaeth Steven Spaeth Carrie Tobkin	Brad Carlson Debbie Carlson Mike Kava Angela Malone Mike Sidders	Shirley Eidenschink Thomas Leach Mary Jo Noia Nicholas Noia John Schafer	8:00 AM	Rosary	Church
Lector 1 - Book of Gospels	Don Spitzley	Mary Schutz	Katherine Aligada	8:30 AM	Mass +James Runger	Church
Lector 2 - Prayer of the Faithful	James Utecht	Bryan Malone	Jon Larson	9 AM - 6 PM	Adoration	Chapel
Altar Servers	Dane Dibley Daniel Grimsley	Marcus Flugel Mason Flugel	Isabella Richard Ethan Richard	9:30 AM	Bible Study	Fatima Room
Cantor	Jamie McDougall	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Noon	OA Group	Fatima Room
Accompanist	April Spaeth	NOT FILLED	April Spaeth	1:30 PM	Card Players Group	Family Room
Media Minister	Danielle Clark	Emily Schindler	Abby Leach	5:00 PM	Women's Cursillo Group	Family Room
Sacristan	James Utecht	Donna Martin	Mary Hager	6:00 PM	KC Meeting	Parish Center
Greeter / Usher	Greg Mueller Dennis Redig NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Phillip Gilbert Rich Haverkamp Todd Kallstrom NOT FILLED	Michael Labine NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Wednesday	February 19	
We Need New Team Members!						
We have two part time openings in our Parish Office for a receptionist role. The selected individuals will be the first point of contact for parishioners and guests to our parish. We would like to hire individuals who are somewhat familiar with our campus and who will warmly welcome all parishioners and guests.						
Job responsibilities of this position will include, but are not limited to:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warmly welcome parishioners and guests • Answer all incoming calls in a timely and professional manner • Order needed parish office supplies • Keep records of Mass intentions/stipends • Maintain parish calendar • Maintain parish website • Coordinate use of parish facilities 						
Each of these two positions will work approximately 18 hours per week in a rotating Monday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Friday weekly rotation. Starting pay will be \$17 to \$19 per hour, depending on experience.						
For a copy of the full job description including the complete list of responsibilities and job qualifications, please stop by the parish office. If you have questions and/or are interested in applying for this position, please email John Wilke at jwilke@holyrosarycc.org						
The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February						
<p>Project Rachel - Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and Men: If you or someone you know is in need of healing, hope and reconciliation after abortion, the Diocese of Crookston's Project Rachel Ministry can help. The number to call is 218-470-0112.</p>						

Parish News and Events

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Please join us for OCIA in the Fireplace Room on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6:45pm. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 20th and we will be learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcome to join us!

Please Remember Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers

Jake Erickson, Pat Branscombe, Jean LeDoux, Danae Wothe, Scott Olsen, Steven Kieffer
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.

Volunteer Catechist Assistant Needed

Holy Rosary Parish is looking for a high school student or an adult to assist Kathy Olson as a volunteer Catechist Assistant for 3-6-year-old children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium on Thursdays from 3:45-5:15pm from now until early May.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Catholic Montessori based religious education method for children where they listen to and speak with God in a prepared environment called the atrium. Holy Rosary's atrium is in the basement of the church. The atrium is a place for children to pray and contemplate the mystery of God through hands on materials made just for them, that are rooted in scripture and the Mass. The catechist and the catechist assistant aid the child in their work in the atrium to help them form a friendship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

For more information about this position, please contact Kathy Olson at the parish office (kaolson@holyrosarycc.org/218-847-1393).

Feeding Our High School Faith Formation Students!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have helped prepare and serve food, provide cookies and bars, help with cleanup, and financially supported our "Feeding the Faith Meals" to our 7th - 11th grade Faith Formation students on Wednesday evenings before classes. We are serving an average of 50+ students each week!

If you would like to help with this ministry, please call or text LaVerne Moltzan at 218-841-8548 or Maureen Storey at 218-849-1960. If you would like to donate towards the cost of food for this ministry, please do so at the Parish Office.

Stewardship

Mass Attendance

Last Week: \$15,762.90

Saturday 5 PM: 185

This Year to Date: \$518,987.43

Sunday 9 AM: 304

Last Fiscal Year: \$620,814.63

Sunday 11 AM: 166



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.

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.