


Children ages 4 through incoming 5th graders: you are invited to Vacation Bible School, *Radical Ride-On the Wings of Prayer*, June 9-12 from 9:00am-Noon!

To register, complete the online form located under the Faith Formation tab on the parish website: holyrosarycc.org or pick up a registration form in the Welcoming Center or at the parish office. The cost is \$10 per child. Please register by Monday, May 5.

You may contact Kathy Olson at the parish office if you have questions.



Middle School students, High School students and Adults: You are needed to help make VBS a fantastic week!

To sign u p to help, complete the VBS Volunteer-Sign up form under the Faith Formation tab on the parish website: holyrosarycc.org or pick up a VBS Volunteer form in the Welcoming Center or at the parish office. For more information on where help is needed, contact Kathy Olson at the parish office.

Diocesan News

Lend Us Your Heart

Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens

The Easter Vigil is the high point of our Church year. It's the most important celebration we have in the year. It's the moment when we gather to celebrate and remember Christ’s victory over death. It’s the one night where we all stay up into the night vigiling. What is vigiling? Vigiling is waiting. What are we waiting for? Of course, we're waiting for the Resurrection, not the first Resurrection, which already happened, but Christ's Second Coming. It makes sense that if Christ rose from the dead on this day, and we know he's coming back, he might come back on this day. And so, we wait into the night, hoping this will be the year when Christ will come and complete the victory he began at the first Resurrection.


The other important thing we do on this night is we welcome all those who have been chosen by God to join us in his Kingdom of Light. This is the night we celebrate the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation for all those whom Christ is reconciling to Himself and His Church. These new members are a great joy for us and a great sign of the fruitfulness of God's Church.

On this night, we read the whole history of salvation, and we meditate on how Christ prepared the world so he could come and free us from sin and death through his Incarnation, Death and Resurrection. For all these reasons, the Easter Vigil is one of the longest Masses in the year and one of the most important. The Church is clear that it's supposed to take place at night. The Roman Missal is clear that the vigil is to begin after nightfall, which is a minimum of 30 minutes after sunset. The reason for this is clear – we are celebrating Christ as the Daystar, and we are lighting the Easter candle – the symbolism of the candles lighting up the darkness of the night is important. We also begin the Easter Vigil by singing the Easter Exsultet, which is one of the most important liturgical texts in our tradition. This hymn of praise to God points out that it was night when Christ rose from the dead. This was, in fact, one of the main reforms of the liturgy that happened even before the Second Vatican Council. The Easter Vigil was moved from Saturday morning to its proper place after nightfall.


This becomes difficult for us in the northland, especially when Easter is late, because sunset happens late. When Easter is late in the year, and because sunset happens late – on Easter sunset will be at 8:15 p.m. – the Church law would say the vigil should not begin before 8:45 p.m. It seems to me that it is best that the vigil begin at 9:00 p.m. However, I would understand if for pastoral reasons, pastors felt the need to begin the Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.

I hope many people will choose to attend the Easter Vigil because it is such an important celebration for our faith. May this year's celebration of Lent and the Paschal Triduum be a time of deep renewal within us so we can truly live the resurrected life Jesus desires for us. This is what will happen if we fully enter into the liturgies of this season. God bless you!

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Holy Rosary Catholic Church

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1043 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm; Friday 8am-2pm

www.holyrosarycc.org

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A Message From Fr. Nate & Deacon Gary

Christ is Risen!! We have travelled through the desert of Lent. Joined with Jesus and the disciples in the upper room for the Eucharist. Jesus prayed in the garden as He got ready for the Passion. The crowd denied Him and Pilot allowed the crucifixion to happen. He was sentenced to death and carried the cross. On the hill called Golgotha, the cross was raised with the Savior of the World on it. He breathed His last. Joseph of Arimathea placed Him in the tomb...

And the Bright Light of the resurrection broke through the darkness of death! Jesus has risen from the dead and opened the Gates of Paradise! Alleluia! We celebrate the resurrection, life and light conquering the grave. Begin your Easter celebration with a **“THANK YOU”** to Jesus for what He has done for humanity! May you have a joy-filled celebration of Easter as you give thanks to the Lord! Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Blessings, --Fr. Nate

Happy Easter! Celebrate today, the week, a year, a lifetime of God’s amazing gift to you that is more than words can express! The gift comes through a person, God’s son, Jesus and the son’s obedience to God the Father, to restore your relationship with God the Father.

The act in the Garden of Eden is put to rest. In the garden Satan deceived our first parents, Adam and Eve with a message that God cannot be trusted. That all changed with the birth of Jesus. Then Satan began to experience the greatest deception of all, that God is in human form, camouflaged in human skin, blood flowing through His body and brought into the world by a teenage woman, Mary. Satan cannot fully comprehend this plan, that God is in the form of a human.

Then at the exact moment Jesus is about to die on the cross on Good Friday, Satan realizes he was deceived by God, when Jesus says these words in the face of Satan... **“IT IS FINISHED!”** What is finished? You are no longer bound by Satan, you received the greatest gift, liberating you from Satan’s bondage. Receive this gift, unpack it, open it up, learn from Him, and be His disciple. Read scripture, pray, love God fully and love your neighbor. Turn from sin and live a reconciled life in relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Happy Easter!!!,--Deacon Gary

Please Remember Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers


Jean LeDoux, Sandy Hatfield, Paula & Jim Hansen, G. Mastel, Allyn Holo, Karolyn Zurn, Katherine Rehorst, Jake Hilde, Ashley Lohnes, Elena Gilbert

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.

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for April

For the Use of the New Technologies...

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

We can’t give what we don’t have. Open your heart to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God’s adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

