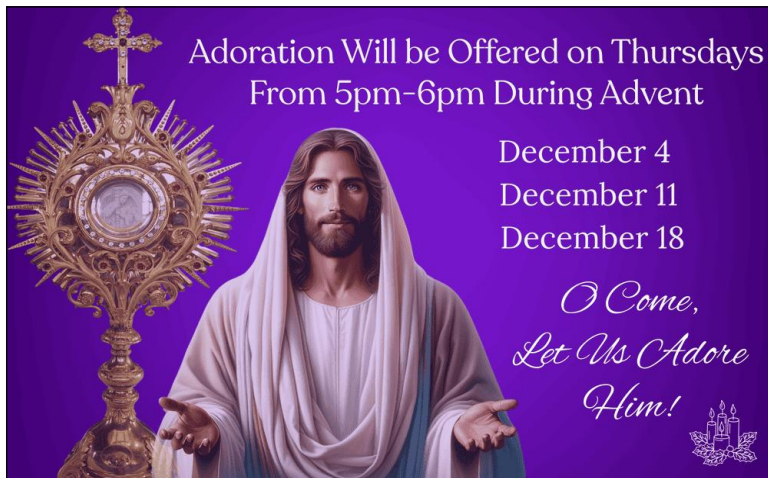


Adoration Will be Offered on Thursdays
From 5pm-6pm During Advent

December 4
December 11
December 18

*O Come,
Let Us Adore
Him!*





**Save the Date for Holy Rosary's
Day of Grace**

Thursday, December 18, 2025
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Adoration and Confession will be offered continuously during this time.

Come prepare your heart for the Christmas season.



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December 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Message From Deacon Gary

Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday marks the halfway point through this season of preparation, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, this Sunday of joy and gladness. With eager anticipation we prepare our hearts for Christ.

What does it mean to prepare my heart for Christ? Where does one begin? How does it work? Is there a recipe to prepare my heart for Christ? Does it require a pacemaker?

You are already preparing your heart for Christ; it began at your baptism. The Holy Spirit made a home in your heart. Regardless of your age or where you are at in your journey with Jesus, He is there and desires to grow in relationship with you, but we need to make the choice to turn toward Him. Also, no pacemaker is required. The journey isn't a mechanical process powered by a battery, but there is a helpful "recipe" to assist us on the journey. The recipe is like a chef's recipe, the following provides base ingredients but as the days, weeks, years go on, slight adjustments are made, in cooperation with Jesus, to refine the recipe for flavor and texture.

The "Six Defining Spiritual Moments" from Day 6 of the book, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, by Matthew Kelly provides an example of a base recipe to grow in relationship with Jesus:

- 1. Just begin the Conversation:** Never underestimate how important it is to just begin the conversation, inviting Jesus daily into all events taking place that day.
- 2. Ask Jesus what He wants:** Ask Jesus this question, "Jesus, what do you think I should do?" As compared to telling Jesus what you want Him to do for you. Maybe there are some events of the day you're not sure how to navigate, ask Jesus for His guidance.
- 3. Give yourself to prayer:** Giving yourself to prayer means showing up and letting Jesus do what He wants to do with you during that time of prayer. Letting go of expectations and agendas. Give yourself to prayer, rather than doing prayer and checking it off the list for the day.
- 4. Transform everything into prayer:** Prayer is not an activity that encompasses a small portion of our days. It is a way of life... the entire day is a prayer that you fit your schedule into, rather than a schedule where prayer is given twenty minutes and the task is completed.
- 5. Make yourself available:** This is closely connected to transforming everything into prayer. It is about surrendering yourself, your plans, and your life to Jesus. It is through this surrender that you make yourself 100% available to Jesus, allowing Him to transform your life.
- 6. Just keep showing up:** No matter what, just keep showing up to prayer. Keep showing up to Mass. Keep showing up for your spiritual routines and rituals. It's about what Jesus is doing in you, through you and with all of us—when we show up. There may be days where Jesus may feel absent throughout the day and then days we are in close relationship. Always remember, Jesus never leaves your side. He is there with you.

Consider this six-ingredient daily recipe for the remainder of Advent. Then in the Christmas season, the days that follow Christmas Day, ask Jesus what you should do to adjust the recipe to grow in closer relationship with Him going forward. He's looking forward to be in a greater relationship with you, because God made each of us to be in close relationship with the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Enjoy the journey!~Peace, Deacon Gary

Holy Rosary Prayer Blankets are for Anyone to Give!

Be healed by the Holy Spirit and wrapped in prayers and love from the Holy Rosary Community.



Blankets may be picked up at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Healing

If you or someone you know would like to receive the anointing of the sick, please contact the parish office or Fr. Nate.



FEEDING THE POOR

for Families in Need

Starting in Advent, we are no longer going to place the small basket out for money during Mass, but rather we will have baskets out for children to place a nonperishable food item in. We will collect the food over the course of the weekend and then it will be picked up by the local food shelf to be distributed to those in need within our community.

Thank you for encouraging our children in this corporal work of mercy!



Holy Rosary is teaming up with the Becker County Food Pantry for December 2025

Please consider volunteering your time.
Call 218-847-1393 to let us know when you can help

*there is not a weight lifting restriction

Open Hours
Tuesday 12-3
Thursday 12-3

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions of the Month


For Christians in Areas of Conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Please Remember Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers


Joseph Noel, Jean LeDoux, Keith Friedsam, Doria Bakken, Dominic Marshall and Dan Kappahn

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.

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

 Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

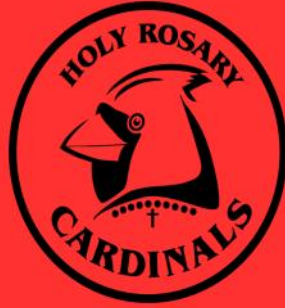
Parish Staff	Trustees and Councils
<p>Pastor: Father Nate Brunn Deacon: Deacon Gary Hager School Principal: Cathy Larson School Office Manager: Beth Gilbert Parish Administrator: John Wilke Parish Receptionists: Nate Flugel & Mary Anderson Stewardship & Development: Jamie McDougall Music & Liturgy: Abby Berg Family Catechesis: Kathy Olson Youth Evangelization & Discipleship: Tess Kalberer Coord. of Adult Catechesis: Jamie McDougall Director of Maintenance: Charles Vareberg</p>	<p>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, Bienvenida Grimsley, Mike Sidders, Ava Klemm, Sabrina Johnson, Mary Hager School Council: Amber Blair, Lori Guenther, Bill Wilke, Katie Watland, Aron Badurek, Tony Schmitz, Tess Kalberer, Susan Deraney, Abby Becker</p>

 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.

Follow us on social media to stay informed

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CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR INFO

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST REHEARSALS NEXT WEEK IN THE CHURCH!

PLEASE CONTACT ABBY IN THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

3RD - 6TH GRADE REHEARSALS

7TH - 12TH GRADE REHEARSALS

SUNDAYS

12/7 - 10:00-10:35 AM
12/14 - 10:00-10:35 AM
12/21 - 10:00-10:35 AM

WEDNESDAYS

12/3 - 7:45-8:30 PM
12/10 - 7:45-8:30 PM
12/17 - 7:45-8:30 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE
The gift of the world Christmas

Holy Rosary School Christmas Program

December 17th at 1:00pm in the Church



PK-6th grade children are invited to participate in our parish Children's Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 21 at 10:15 am!

There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 20 from 9:00am-11:30am.

Sign up at holyroarycc.org or at the parish office by Dec 17:

- Sign up to be an actor or
- in the Children's Choir (3rd-6th gr only)

Questions? Contact Kathy Olson.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

All are Welcome!

This weekend we will gather in the Living Room after the 9AM Mass. Our topic is The Last 4 Things, focusing on the ultimate destiny of every soul, encouraging preparation for eternity through faith, love of God and neighbor, sacraments, and repentance. These concepts emphasize that death isn't the end, but a passage to a personal judgment, leading to either eternal union with God (Heaven) or separation (Hell).

FAITH FORMATION and ALPHA YOUTH

Alpha Youth in a Catholic context offers teens a space to encounter Jesus within an authentic community. Through engaging sessions and open conversations, you'll hear the good news of the gospel, deepen your relationship with God, and find your place in the Church.

<https://alphausa.org/youth-ministry/catholic-youth-group/>

Join Our Music Ministry!

Bell choir and choir rehearsals are on Monday evening:

Bell Choir - 5:30pm
Choir - 6:30pm

If you'd like to join, contact Abby Berg at aberg@holyroarycc.org or just come to practice!

BUSY BAGS are available for young children:

The Bags can be found in both entrances of the church

Each bag is filled with quiet activities for children to use during Mass

Please return the bag and the items inside to the Busy Bag rack after Mass so other children can enjoy them

A special Thank You to Holy Rosary School students for making the bags and to Ron Schmit for building the Busy Bag racks!

BAPTISM: If you plan to present your child for Baptism, please contact Kathy Olson at kaolson@holyroarycc.org or 218-847-1393.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm, Sundays at 10:15am

MARRIAGE: Those wishing to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage, please contact Fr. Nate at least six months prior to the intended date of the celebration.

Schedules and Meetings			Liturgical Ministries	Dec 20 - Sat. 5:00 PM	Dec 21 - Sun. 9:00 AM	Dec 21 - Sun. 11:00 AM
Monday	Dec 15					
4:00 PM	Youth Committee Meeting	Living Room	Eucharistic Minister	Ed Geffre Tricia Geffre	Kenneth Mondry Vera Sidders	Deacon Gary Hager Jennifer Kallstrom
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church				
7:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Church	Eucharistic Minister (Clean vessels)	Lisa Jasken Jane Lunde	Cheryl Knopf Linda Schons	Julie Larson Thomas Leach
Tuesday	Dec 16					
8:00 AM	Rosary	Church	Minister of the Precious Blood	Mary Brenk Matt Brenk Carol Kempenich Dennis Kempenich Cindy Myhre	Barbara Birznicks Angela Malone Jen Wilke Bill Wilke	Lora Buntje Mary Jo Noia Nicholas Noia Maureen Storey Dale Storey
8:30 AM	Mass +Diane Spitzley	Church				
9:00 PM	Adoration	Church				
9:30 AM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room				
Noon	OA Group	Fatima Room	Lector 1 - Book of Gospels	Barbara Schmidt	Joe Ed Knopf	Jean Moe
1:00 PM	Card Playing Group	Living Room	Lector 2 - Prayer of the Faithful	Paul Nistler	Mike Sidders	Annalee Kologi
1:00 PM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	Altar Servers	Lily Campos Marin Lorentz	Gabriella Flugel Marcus Flugel	Will Kalberer Grant Skalin
5:00 PM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room				
7:30 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Church	Cantor	Melissa Lorentz	Tom Trowbridge	Michael Moe
Wednesday	Dec 17		Accompanist	Kate Campos	Heather Trowbridge	Heather Trowbridge
8:30 AM	Rosary	Living Room	Media Minister	Peyton Lorentz	Emily Schindler	Abby Berg
9:00 AM	Quilt Group	Living Room	Sacristan	James Utecht	Angela Malone	Nancy Vetter
9:00 AM	Mass +Diane Spitzley	Church				
10:30 AM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	Greeter / Usher	Alan Bentler Connie Motteberg Greg Mueller Ben Peterson	Michael Guetter John King Bryan Malone Bill Quinn	Todd Kallstrom Jon Larson John Vaida James Wolf
1:00 PM	Holy Rosary School Christmas Program	Church				
5:00 PM	Woman's Cursillo Group	Fatima Room				
6:00 PM	Feeding the Faith	Parish Center				
6:30 PM	Faith Formation	Parish Center	Thursday Dec 18—Holy Rosary's Day of Grace			
7:45 PM	7-12 Christmas Choir Rehearsal	Church	11:00am-6:00pm	Reconciliation	Church	
Thursday	Dec 18		Noon	Al Anon	Fatima	
11:00am-6:00pm	Reconciliation	Church	3:15 PM	CGS After school Care	Living Room	
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3:45 PM	CGS	Atrium	6:00 PM	Mass +Irene Johnson	Church	
5:00 PM	Men's Cursillo Group	Fatima Room	7:00 PM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	
6:00 PM	Mass +Irene Johnson	Church	Friday	Dec 19		
7:00 PM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	7:30 AM	Woman's Cursillo Group	Living Room	
Friday	Dec 19		8:00 AM	Rosary	Church	
7:30 AM	Woman's Cursillo Group	Living Room	8:30 AM	Mass -Wally	Church	
8:00 AM	Rosary	Church	10:00 AM	Mass +Diane Spitzley	Lincoln Park	
8:30 AM	Mass -Wally	Church	Saturday	Dec 20		
10:00 AM	Mass +Diane Spitzley	Lincoln Park	7:00 AM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	
Saturday	Dec 20		9:00 AM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Church	
7:00 AM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	9:00 AM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	
9:00 AM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Church	4:00 PM	Confession	Church	
9:00 AM	Illuminate Advent Study	Living Room	5:00 PM	Mass +John Moran	Church	
4:00 PM	Confession	Church	Sunday	Dec 21		
5:00 PM	Mass +John Moran	Church	9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Living Room	
Sunday	Dec 21		9:00 AM	Mass -For the People	Church	
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			<p>ONLINE GIVING By WeShare</p>			
			<p>Funds Currently Open for Online Giving:</p> <p>SUNDAY OFFERING HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MAINTENANCE, CEMETERY, COMMUNITY FUNDS</p>			
			<p>To set up a one-time gift or create a personal recurring gift account visit holyroarycc.org and click on GIVING</p>			
			<p>Stewardship</p>		<p>Mass Attendance</p>	
			<p>Last Week: \$ 18,327.89</p> <p>This Fiscal Year to Date: \$ 385,757.69</p>		<p>Saturday 5 PM: 248</p> <p>Sunday 9 AM: 332</p> <p>Sunday 11 AM: 269</p>	