

News and Events

Planning for Mission - Prayer, Discernment, Feedback.

Who: All Holy Rosary Parishioners are welcome.

Where: Holy Rosary Catholic Church Detroit Lakes, MN

When: August 15th 2026, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Our parishes face a number of challenges — demographics have changed, especially in some of our rural areas; the parishioner base of some parishes is quite small; in some places lack of volunteers makes it difficult to do the ministry and mission of a parish; we have fewer lay people working for the Church and fewer priests. Additionally, the world has changed, and the membership of our Churches has declined dramatically over the past 10-20 years, not just because of demographics but also because of disaffiliation. Because of all this, we are led to ask the question: How can we structure ourselves and our parishes to accomplish the mission with fewer resources?

With support from the Diocesan Planning Commission, parish leadership will invite everyone to participate in a 2 3/4-hour session on parish planning for mission. Parishioners will hear the vision for mission from Bishop Cozzens (via video), be invited to encounter the Lord, to discern in prayer how the Lord is calling them to become a mission center, to understand their resources and to provide suggestions to the Diocese for parish planning in their region.

Pastors & local planning team goals...

- o Facilitate for parishioners an encounter with the Lord in prayer.
- o Teach discernment and listening to the Holy Spirit for mission guidance.
- o Allow an opportunity for all parishioners to feel heard.
- o Collect feedback for Parish Leadership for discernment and the Diocesan Planning Commission
- o Parish leaders will compile feedback and share it with the Diocesan Planning Commission.
- o The Diocesan Planning Commission will recommend to the Bishop any necessary collaboration or structural changes for mission success.

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over -- twelve wicker baskets full." **Matthew 14:19-20**

If we follow Jesus, there will always be more than enough. The young man gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish, and with that Jesus was able to feed thousands with plenty left over.

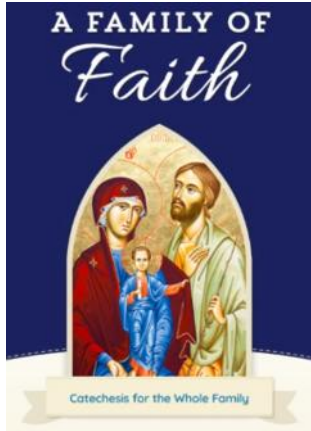
Parish Staff	Trustees and Councils
Pastor: Father Nate Brunn Deacon: Deacon Gary Hager School Principal: Cathy Larson School Office Manager: Beth Gilbert Parish Administrator: John Wilke Parish Receptionists: Nate Flugel & Mary Anderson Stewardship & Development: Jamie McDougall Music & Liturgy: Abby Berg Family Catechesis: Kathy Olson Youth Evangelization & Discipleship: Tess Kalberer Coord. of Adult Catechesis: Jamie McDougall Director of Maintenance: Charles Vareberg	Trustees: Debbie Carlson, Tom Lundberg Finance Council: Tom Lundberg, Ed Geffre, Lori Lehmann, Rob Woytassek Pastoral Council: Jen Wilke, Steve Carlson, Laverne Moltzan, Bienvenida Grimsley, Mike Sidders, Mary Hager, Bobbi Mercil, Jakie Odegard, Jean-Paul Lipton School Council: Amber Blair, Lori Guenther, Bill Wilke, Katie Watland, Aron Badurek, Tony Schmitz, Tess Kalberer, Susan Deraney, Abby Becker



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Faith Formation Announcements

We are excited to announce a new model of Faith Formation for children and their families that will begin this Fall! “A Family of Faith” will begin in October on Wednesday evenings for families with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Families will gather twice a month to learn together, pray together, and share their experiences of faith together.



There will be three Information Meetings to explain why we are moving to a family model and what “A Family of Faith” will look like for our Holy Rosary Faith Formation families. **If you are a family with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade who will be enrolled this Fall in Wednesday evening Faith Formation, it is of utmost importance that you attend ONE of these meetings.** The whole family is welcome to attend together.

Family of Faith Information Meetings

Sunday, August 2, 10:15-10:45am

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30-7:00pm

Sunday, August 9 at 10:15-10:45am

All meetings will be held in the Parish Living Room.

Contact Kathy Olson with questions.

Register for Faith Formation – children, families, youth!

❖**K-5th grade (“A Family of Faith”): 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm**

❖**6th-7th grade: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm**

❖**8th-11th grade: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm**

Begins September 16!

❖ **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-6: Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00pm**

Begins September 22!

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 1:

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***PARISH OFFICE**



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

August 02, 2026

Eighteenth 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-4pm; Friday 8am-2pm

www.holyrosarycc.org / hrreceptionist@holyrosarycc.org

YouTube: Holy Rosary Catholic Church Detroit Lakes MN

Happy 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Thank you to everyone that helped with prayers for the mission trip group and raising funds to be on mission in Asheville, NC. This article was written this last Tuesday evening from Asheville, NC to give a report in the bulletin.

Our group includes, Hadley Brown, Erica and Carson Germain, Deacon Gary Hager, Ryan, Katie and Ben Hansen, Izzy Mariotti, Paul and Karla Nistler.

Our team leaders are Harold and Mike, employees of Samaritan’s Purse, a Billy Graham organization.

We are working on the home of Maddison and her 14-year-old daughter, Izzy. Their two-story home was built by Maddison’s parents, her father built it by hand in 1991 with the help of his friends, making this her family home. The home was damaged by Hurricane Helene in the fall of 2024.

Other groups worked on the home before our arrival, our goal is to finish siding the exterior of the home, reinforcing roof rafters to meet today’s building codes, installing exterior doors, painting new interior doors and being the feet and hands of Jesus.

Here are some comments from our team through our second day on mission, “Meeting people on other teams that also traveled long distances to be on mission, such as from Texas, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Iowa with the same vision to help others.” (Katie Hansen); “Learning how to use construction tools” (Ben Hansen); “Painting the interior doors, knowing that Maddison has one less weight on her shoulders to restore the home for her and her daughter, and my own degree of feeling spent at the end of the day, that I gave all that I had to help her.” (Hadley Brown); Experiencing the people from Samaritan’s Purse, their love and joy for Jesus in their talk and in their actions.” (Izzy Mariotti); “Talking with Maddison to hear about her story and how she continues to move forward each day.” (Carson Germain)

Again, **Thank You** to the parish for supporting us both through prayers and fundraising events. Looking forward to tell our story about these 5 days of mission when we return.

Peace, Deacon Gary

Please Remember Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers	
Callahan John Veil, Alan Bergum, Jean LaDoux, Sonya Privratsky, Tim Bergen and Dale Bohner	
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 Intentions of the Month	
For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.	
Prayer of the Faithful	
That we learn to put our trust in God in everything we do.	
Stewardship Reflections	
	“Jesus said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.’” - MATTHEW 14:16 This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

