

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?

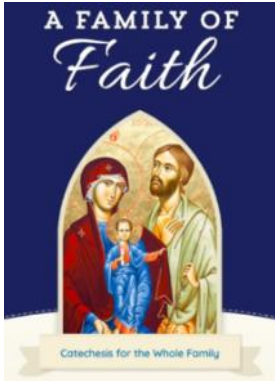
With support from the Diocesan Planning Commission, parish leadership will invite everyone to participate in a 2 3/4-hour session on parish planning for mission. Parishioners will hear the vision for mission from Bishop Cozzens (via video), be invited to encounter the Lord, to discern in prayer how the 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.

Faith Formation Announcements

Our Feeding the Faith Ministry needs monthly volunteer coordinators on Wednesday evenings (September-April) to help sustain and keep this awesome ministry going and thriving for our youth. Responsibilities include ensuring there are servers and desserts for the meals in your assigned month (these positions are usually filled by parishioners through our

Feeding the Faith Sign Up Genius, so there would be minimal cold calling), being present from 5-5:30pm on the Wednesdays in your assigned month to provide instructions to the servers. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. If you can help, please contact Kathy Olson (kolson@holynosarycc.org).



If you will be registering your Kindergarten-5th grade child(ren) for Wednesday evening Faith Formation, please plan to attend our last “A Family of Faith” Information Meeting on Sunday, August 9 from 10:15-10:45am in the Parish Living Room. At this meeting we will explain why we are moving away from the weekly classroom model of children’s Faith Formation to a family model and what “A Family of Faith” will look like for our Holy Rosary Faith Formation families. The whole family is welcome to attend together.

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

WE'RE HIRING

Part-Time Opening Evangelization Team Assistant

Provide administrative support to our Evangelization Team.

A job description can be found at the parish office

To apply for this position, please send a cover letter, resume and references to:

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
1043 Lake Ave
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Attn: John Wilke

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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Holy Rosary Catholic Church

August 09, 2026
Nineteenth 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@holynosarycc.org
YouTube: Holy Rosary Catholic Church Detroit Lakes MN

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Life often feels like a storm. We face uncertainty, disappointment, illness, family struggles, financial pressures, and moments when God seems distant. The disciples experienced the same fear as their boat was tossed by the waves in the middle of the night. Then Jesus came to them, walking on the water, and spoke words that continue to comfort believers today: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

Peter's response is both inspiring and deeply human. Filled with faith, he steps out of the boat and begins to walk toward Jesus. But when he shifts his attention from Christ to the strength of the wind, fear overwhelms him, and he begins to sink. Immediately Jesus reaches out His hand, catches him, and gently asks, "Why did you doubt?"

Peter's experience mirrors our own. We begin with confidence, but life's challenges can distract us from God's presence. Fear grows when we focus only on the wind and the waves of life. Faith grows when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

The good news of the Gospel is not that Peter never sank—it is that Jesus never abandoned him. Christ's hand was already reaching out before Peter cried for help. The Lord remains close to us in every trial, inviting us to trust Him even when the way forward is unclear. Peter had to act; he had to move. The Lord never forced Himself but always was ready when called upon.

As we gather for the Eucharist, may we renew our confidence in the One who calms every storm. Whatever difficulties we face this week, let us remember that Jesus is with us, strengthening us with His presence and inviting us to step forward in faith. May our prayer be the simple and powerful cry of Peter: **"Lord, save me!"** And may we always recognize Christ's outstretched hand leading us.

Planning for Mission: Reminder that on Saturday, August 15th from 9:00-noon we will gather for time in prayer and discernment as we look to the future! This is an opportunity to lean into the power of the Holy Spirit to look at Holy Rosary and our community and ask, “where is the Holy Spirit inviting us?”. We will gather for prayer, large group and small group, and reflection through this time. The next step in the process is that we will receive this feedback and process the responses, and then give strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats analysis to the Diocesan Planning Council.

Fr Andrew Obel: Some of you may remember Fr. Andrew Obel as the associate pastor at Holy Rosary with Msgr. Tim. He will be returning for the weekend Masses on Aug 15-16. Dying these Masses, he will preach on his home diocese and needs that are present there and how we can help them in their needs. I am looking forward to having Fr. Andrew join us for the weekend!

Blessings, Fr. Nate

Please Remember Those Who Have Asked For Our Prayers

Callahan John Veil, Alan Bergum, Jean LaDoux, Sonya Privratsky, Tim Bergen, Dale Bohner and Jacinta Putnam

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 recognize that we are beloved sons and daughters of God and to listen for His voice every day.

Stewardship Reflections

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

