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“Building Hope, Faith and Futures”



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The Parish School of Holy Rosary

Information Packet

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HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Rosary Parish 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**.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

- Holy Rosary School community believes in the promotion of a **Faith Community** of love and compassion and the proclamation of the **Gospel Message**
- We strive toward **Academic Excellence** and **Spiritual Growth** by providing opportunities which promote the overall well-being of each student
- We encourage open **Communication** to help our students develop their potential in all areas
- Students are led to discover the gift of their individual uniqueness and develop a positive **Self-Concept**
- Students are invited to develop Christian attitudes and encouraged to live the values of **Peace, Justice, and Service** that are rooted in our Catholic Tradition



ACCREDITATION

Holy Rosary Catholic School is accredited through the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. This organization monitors the work of our school through self-study and long range planning.

The state of Minnesota and the United States Congress have enacted laws related to health, safety and compulsory attendance that apply to nonpublic schools as well as public schools. Holy Rosary is in compliance with these laws and keeps appropriate documentation on file.

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL PLEDGE

I pledge for myself, my family, my school, and my country to be the best person I can be, to learn all that I can learn and to treat others as I would like them to treat me.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Welcome to Holy Rosary School



Cathy Larson, Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering Catholic education and Christian formation for your child. It could be one of the best investments you could ever make for your child's future. Faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service are key elements to Catholic education and set our school apart from other educational options. There are many aspects to reflect upon as you consider the option of Holy Rosary School: we offer a school environment that provides a family-like atmosphere, small class sizes which allow for one-on-one attention, dedicated teachers with experience and knowledge, a faith-based curriculum & high academic standards, a commitment to service, and most importantly, a Catholic

identity where all are welcome to pray and live the Gospel.

We are glad to share our school with Holy Rosary Parish and the Detroit Lakes community as we teach to the needs of each child and provide academic, spiritual, social, and emotional growth. We believe in supporting the parents as the child's first teacher and in keeping communication between home and school a priority to nurture and prepare our students for their high school years. Holy Rosary students graduate from 8th grade prepared to meet the moral and physical demands of the world around them.

The best way to experience Holy Rosary School is to "come and see". Call and let us know when you would like to visit. Ask parents who have their children attending Holy Rosary how they feel about their experience. Pray about your decision. We are here to support you in providing positive growth experiences for your child.

Thank you for considering Holy Rosary School for your child's educational needs, and we look forward to being a part of your family's life for years to come!

God bless,

Cathy Larson

Fr. Chuck Huck, Superintendent and Pastor

Greetings Moms, Dads and Students,

Thank you for visiting and spending time considering Holy Rosary Catholic School. We have over 105 years of experience in helping students grow in faith, academics, and being of service to others. From pre-K through 8th grade we have the accreditation and dedicated staff to help your children grow and prosper. Our small class size and family like atmosphere helps as we instill a dedication to study habits, discipline, and accountability that will pay dividends for life.



One of our goals is that when a student graduates from Holy Rosary we are able to say that we have strengthened within them, values for life, through all of our curriculum and activities, we have taught them to be organized, respectful, responsible, kind, and community oriented.

We do not know what will happen in the lives of our students after they leave Holy Rosary but, we do know they will have been loved, nurtured, and taught to be responsible citizens in the world. They will be individuals who will make a difference.

We are excited to be on the journey of academic life with you and your family.

Blessings on your Day!

Fr Chuck Huck, Superintendent

KEY BENEFITS OF OUR SCHOOL

- ◆ 105 Years in our Detroit Lakes Community
 - ◆ Faith Filled Environment
 - ◆ Excellence in Academics
- ◆ Opportunities in Extra Curricular Activities
 - ◆ Stewardship as a Way of Life
 - ◆ Scholarships
 - ◆ Family Friendly Community

Our Choice

“We chose to send our daughter to Holy Rosary School because our faith plays such an important role in our family life. We love the small class sizes, attentive and approachable teachers, clear boundaries, and excellent guidance for expectations.” Former Parent

“Catholic school teachers, staff, and administration are privileged to help our students grow in every way; cognitively, morally, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We truly have the ability to nurture the whole child, which is a unique quality that public schools cannot offer.”
Cathy Larson, Principal

“ Our students have proven to be prepared for high school, have great note taking skills and are better adjusted to classroom routines that require self discipline and cooperation. “
Kathleen Klindt, Former
Principal

“They are not only learning academics, but life lessons: Compassion, understanding, respect, self esteem and caring for others, as well as themselves. Current Parent

Open to All

We accept students and families from all religious backgrounds. Students living within the Detroit Lakes School District may use the public school buses and participate in public school activities/sports.



Kindergarten Prep

We pride ourselves in building a strong foundation for our Kindergarten Prep students.

We offer hands-on center exploration through both structured and free-choice play. Play is an important part of child development; we teach appropriately joining play, sharing, taking turns, accepting others' ideas, resolving conflict and bringing our imagination to life. Children are introduced to prayer and beginner Bible stories. Our curriculum is a combination of the Minnesota Early Learning Standards and the *Happily Ever After* curriculum. The *Happily Ever After* curriculum progresses into the curriculum utilized in Kindergarten through 2nd grade at Holy Rosary. We have use of the gym, library, and computer lab as part of our weekly routine.



Kindergarten



Our mission in kindergarten is to provide students with experiences that develop the whole child—spiritually, physically, emotionally, and cognitively. We aim to help children become a growing part of the community and develop a loving relationship with God and others. We teach and expect appropriate manner and social skills! Our goal is to help students develop the gifts and knowledge that they have been blessed with through hands-on activities, developmentally appropriate and differentiated learning experiences. We want our students to know that they are special to all who know and love them. Rowland Reading SuperKids Reading Program utilizes fun interactive characters to master the alphabet and literacy concepts. The "Progress in Mathematics" curriculum

focuses on introducing and cementing basic math concepts in order to form a firm academic foundation. The curriculum also focuses on hands-on applied math. We have gym every day and at least 30 minutes of free time. Computer and Music classes take place two times a week.

Special Kindergarten Experiences:

- Tamarac Wildlife Refuge Fieldtrip to observe seasonal changes and explore nature in a hands-on way
- Classroom cooking projects, on campus gardening, special science projects

First Grade

In first grade, we put a strong focus on reading skills. We have an excellent reading program called "The Superkids." This program incorporates reading, spelling, phonics, handwriting, and creative writing for consistent learning throughout the day. After Christmas, we also use the Accelerated Reading Program. This program promotes independent reading at the level appropriate for each child and measures their growth. Our classroom has an interactive Smart Board that integrates technology into all subject areas. In Religion, we learn about the goodness of God, the Saints, the rosary prayers, as well as many wonderful Catholic traditions and teachings.

Special first grade experiences include:

- Weekly Mass— We bring canned goods for the Food Pantry
- We study the Mysteries of the Rosary in October
- We pray the Living Stations of the Cross during Lent
- We participate in an All-School Lenten Retreat
- We have Class Marble Parties. (behavior reward programs)



Second Grade

Second graders prepare for their first reconciliation and Eucharist in the spring. They prepare throughout the year by attending Mass, learning about Jesus, and the rosary. In the classroom they learn **Language Arts**/phonetic and structural analysis for reading, comprehension skills, grammar, writing, and spelling; **Math**, operations and relations, problem solving, money, time, measurement and geometry; **Social Studies**/neighborhoods and communities, land forms, geography and map skills; **Science**/plants, animals & habitats, matter, weather, earth & sun; **Health**/nutrition, safety, **Religion**/sacraments and the Mass.

Second Grade Experiences:

- First Eucharist and Reconciliation
- Weekly Mass
- Stations of the Cross
- Various field trips



Third Grade

In third grade, students transition to upper elementary concepts and expectations. In this grade, students focus on reading comprehension through the use of Accelerated Reader as well as class novel projects. They also build their writing skills through various writing projects and spelling skills through weekly tests. In math, students work toward mastery of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. Science curriculum is supplemented with hands-on S.T.E.M. activities. To further their relationship with God, students memorize many prayers, participate in weekly Masses, are involved in altar serving, and serve others by reading to residents at Oak Crossing.



Special 3rd grade experiences include:

- Seasonal trips to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
- All school Christmas program
- Altar serving
- Reading at Oak Crossing

Fourth Grade

In fourth grade, a strong emphasis is put on extending basic skills learned at our lower level program. Besides Computer classes twice a week, technology is integrated throughout our fourth grade student's day with personal iPads and computers in the classroom that are used with our reading, math, science and throughout our curriculum. Fourth graders are learning about our faith and Jesus with the help of their Bibles that they receive at the beginning of the year. They become more involved in planning our school liturgy and participating at Mass through altar serving, reading, and singing.

Special programs 4th grade participate in are:

- Field trips to Fargo/Moorhead Symphony and the Hjemkomst Center
- Agriculture Days at MState
- Water Festival– water and earth activities
- We are the Groundwater Guardians for our Community



Fifth Grade

Our fifth grade students learn and explore many new topics. We start and end each day with a prayer and are a very supportive community of learners. We recognize that each student in our class thrives in a different way; therefore, we learn in a variety of ways. We learn through reading and note taking, through videos, through power point slides, through doing experiments, by researching on Chromebooks, by doing group or individual projects, and by conversing as a group.

Special 5th grade experiences:

- ◆ School Patrol
- ◆ Field Trips: behind the scenes of the Public School Musical, and MSUM's Planetarium
- ◆ Preparing for Mass
- ◆ Social studies group projects, book projects, and science experiments
- Service projects: Serving and Scraping during lunch hour, and making cards for the elderly
- Annual Fair: wax museum, science fair, Faith fair, art expo



Holy Rosary Middle School (6-8)

Our middle school students travel between classrooms depending on the subject, which teaches self reliance, responsibility, organization, and time management skills. Each student has his/her own chrome book that they use throughout the week.

There is a strong emphasis (or robust curriculum) on the five core classes of math, science, social studies, language arts, and religion. Special courses such as health, technology, FACS, music, physical education, art, band, and choir are part of the curriculum.

Sixth graders take a basic skills math course, progress to pre-algebra, and end with algebra. All middle schoolers will take each of the following science courses over their three years: Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science. Social studies progresses from Minnesota Studies, to U.S. History, and finally World History & Geography. The language arts curriculum covers the areas of grammar skills, composition, literature, and comprehension. We emphasize an environment rich in books, which promotes independent reading. Additionally, we provide speaking opportunities to encourage the practice of precise, formal speech.

In religion, students study the Old and New Testament along with Jesus's teachings. Through this study students grow in their faith and know they are called by God to be stewards of His grace – creating a foundation to guide them in the years ahead. The middle school students also serve as role models for the younger students in the school and have many leadership opportunities

Extracurricular Opportunities:

- Public school sports and school play
- Spelling Bee
- Knowledge Bowl
- Envirothon at Prairie Wetlands Center

Field Trips:

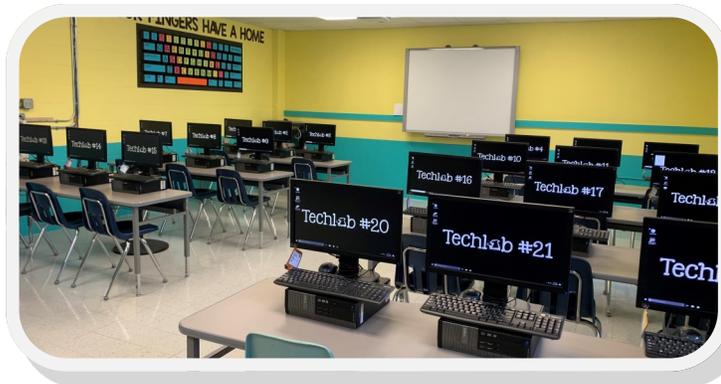
- Minneapolis/St. Paul, Duluth
- Religion trips to Crookston, Twin Cities and St. Cloud

Other Learning Experiences:

- Skiing, Bowling, Frisbee Golfing, Mini Golfing

FACS - Family and Consumer Sciences

Holy Rosary has a comprehensive Middle School FACS program that helps students build and apply problem-solving, decision-making, critical thinking, communication, literacy, and math skills. Areas of study include, but are not limited to: interpersonal communications, resource management, community service, consumerism, foods and nutrition, and textiles and apparel. Some of the classes are integrated into the curriculum. Students have lab classes with projects each quarter in either the areas of foods and nutrition or in sewing and textiles.



Computer & Technology

All grades receive weekly technology instructions. The computer lab provides opportunities to develop skills in word processing, multimedia presentation, internet research skills, spreadsheet and database. Integration of technology with the various curriculum areas is ongoing. Students in grades 1-4 each have an iPad. Students in 5—8 have Chromebooks.

Art

Students in 1st– 8th meet once a week for art class. Students design individual projects using various media and techniques, learn to identify the basic elements and principles of art, and work to gain a general knowledge of the history of art and its artists.



Library

The Resource Center is a state of the art library which provides resources and literature for each student to expand their horizon.

Physical Education

All students use the gym daily. Kindergarten through 3rd grade develop large motor skills, cooperation skills, and listening skills. 4th through 8th grade improve on motor skills learned, and expansion of their knowledge on different activities and sports from around the world. All students have 25 minutes of physical education daily, and an additional outdoor recess time. Proper eating habits and healthy lifestyle choices are developed throughout every grade level.

Music & Band

Holy Rosary provides students with many wonderful music opportunities. Classroom music instruction is taught two days a week for grades K-8. For those interested, in grades 5-8, we offer instrumental music (band) and lessons one day a week. Middle school students meet briefly once a week to sing as a choir and then share their talents when they lead the school Mass. Students in grades K-8 perform a short musical program for Grandparents Day and after the closing liturgy. Our big production is the annual Christmas musical which involves the entire school, singing and acting, as well as a short performance from the band.



First Aid

Although we don't have an official nurse, the secretary is trained with First Aid and CPR and is able to help and assist children who are ill or injured. We have a sick room adjoining the office. Through a partnership with Detroit Lakes Public Schools, the Public School Nurse maintains our records for student immunizations and offers vision and hearing screenings, and 4th and 5th grade development education.

Special Education and Title Services

We partner with Detroit Lakes Public Schools who offer services such as Title One or Speech as needed.

Other Learning Opportunities

- ◆ Church Choir
- ◆ Band (5-8)
- ◆ Agricultural Day
- ◆ Track and Field Day (K-8)
- ◆ Sports and other afterschool activities offered through public schools
- Field Trips
- Spelling Bee
- Weekly School Mass
- Christmas Program
- Knowledge Bowl Competition
- Essay Contests
- Lenten Retreat
- Fundraisers
- Piano or Guitar Lessons
- Special Events at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center and Holmes Theater
- Visitor Presentations



ADMISSION INFORMATION

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

1. Baptismal certificate
2. Birth certificate
3. Up-to-date record of state required immunizations
4. Student Registration Form
5. Registration Agreement Form
6. Child Accounting Form
7. Buzz book/Photograph/Video/Sound Release
8. Records from previous school (for transferring students)
5. Preschool screening record prior to kindergarten entry *

* A Well Child physical is not an appropriate substitute for a Preschool screening. To schedule your child for a screening please contact the Becker County Human Service Department at 218-847-5628,

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Kindergarten Prep:
 - Group 1: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, students must be 5 years of age by June 1, 2022
 - Group 2: Tuesday/Thursday: students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2021
- ◆ Kindergarten: Students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2021

ADMISSION POLICY:

1. Students from families presently enrolled at Holy Rosary School
2. Siblings of currently enrolled parish students.
3. Registered members of Holy Rosary Parish & registered Catholics of other area parishes
4. Siblings of non-parishioners already enrolled
5. Students who are non Catholic

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE:

- ◆ Any student transferring to Holy Rosary will be accepted on a probationary period consisting of the first quarter. If the student cannot comply with academic and/or behavioral expectations, the student will not be allowed to continue attendance for the second quarter.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for Kindergarten—8th Grade

	Parish Member	Non-Parish Member
First Child:	\$3,750	\$3,900
Second Child:	\$2,850	\$3,000
Add'l Children	\$2,250	\$2,400

Rates are subject to go up annually.

Tuition for Kindergarten Prep

Full Day T/H:	\$2,100
Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2021	
Full Day M/W/F:	\$3,150
Students must be 5 years old by June 1, 2022	

Registration Fee: \$25 non-refundable registration fee per family payable at the time of registration through the online FACTS Tuition Program. After May 31st, the registration fee is \$50 per family.

Financial Assistance is Available: Families in K—8th grade may request financial assistance through FACTS.

Hot Lunch

- ◆ Adults \$3.85 meal per day
- ◆ Students \$3.00 meal per day
- ◆ Extra milk with lunch .25 each

Milk/Juice at Break (optional for grade 1-8)

\$50/year \$25/half year

* *Kindergarteners receive milk at snack time paid by Minnesota State Kindergarten Program*

Free/reduced meal applications are available to all families.

GET INVOLVED!

Fundraising and Volunteering

Holy Rosary School families are required to earn hours through fundraising and volunteering. The amount due is per child that is enrolled per year. This is imperative to help fund our school and to help with service projects. If requirement is not met, you will be asked to pay the difference at the end of the school year.

Don't be overwhelmed, please reach out and let us help you earn your way!
Opportunities are negotiable. We just want everyone to do their fair share to help support our school.

Per student enrolled in:	Total due	Fundraising *	Volunteering *	Raffle Calendar *	Catholic Schools Raffle *
K—8 Grade	\$725 per student	5 hours/\$50 per hour/per student	5 hours/\$50 per hour/per student	5 calendars/\$25 each/per student	20 raffle tickets/\$5 each/ per student
Kindergarten Prep M/W/F	\$435 per student	3 hours/\$50 per hour/ per student	3 hours/\$50 per hour/ per student	3 calendars/\$25 each/per student	12 raffle tickets/\$5 each/ per student
Kindergarten Prep T/TH	\$290 per student	2 hours/\$50 per hour/ per student	2 hours/\$50 per hour/ per student	2 calendar/\$25 each/per student	8 raffle tickets/\$5 each/ per student

Opportunities Throughout the Year

School Advisory Council
 Playground Supervisor
 Dishwasher
 Christmas Musical
 Opening School Liturgy Refreshments
 Christmas Program Reception
 Lenten Soup Supper
 Closing of School/Graduation
 PTO Scholastic Book Fair

PTO Member
 Lunchroom Supervisor
 Lunch Server
 Track and Field Day
 Palm Sunday Breakfast
 Giving Hearts Day
 Classroom Service Projects

Catholic Schools Raffle
 Parish Festival
 Marathon for Nonpublic Education
 Spring Interlude Event
 Our Family for Education (UPC's only)
 We Share Central Market Receipt Program
 Coca Cola Rewards
 Box Tops Education Program
 Sort We Care Receipts
 Raffle Calendar



