

THE CARDINAL NEWSLETTER

September 2026

THEY'RE BACK!

There were smiles all around and lots of new and familiar faces in our classrooms on Tuesday, September 1st, when students and staff returned to Holy Rosary School for the start of classes.



Holy Rosary's Parish Festival is This Weekend!
Come join the fun!

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH Festival
1043 LAKE AVENUE, DETROIT LAKES, MN | 218-847-1393
Join us for our 2026 festival
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

11am Mass followed by:

- Sit-Down Chicken Dinner
- Hot Dogs & Mac n Cheese
- Desserts
- Kid's Games
- Kid's Jack-O-Lantern Contest
- Big Money Raffle
- Electric Scooter Raffle
- Bingo
- Festival Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Wine Raffle
- Farmers Market
- Quilter's Booth
- Debbie's Cookies

Kids Jack-O-Lantern CONTEST
Bring your already carved or painted pumpkin to the parish festival by Noon on Sunday Oct 4th. Winners will be chosen by voting
WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 2:00PM
Prizes will be given to First, Second and Third place winners in 3 categories - 0-5 yrs | 6-9 yrs | 10-12 yrs

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION OPENS SEPTEMBER 19!
Scan to view and bid on SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Kindergarten: New Year, New Teacher Welcome Ms. Riewer!

Holy Rosary School is thrilled to have Ms. Braylee Riewer on staff as our new Kindergarten teacher. Ms. Riewer grew up in Frazee and attended Frazee High School where she ran cross country and was captain of the Dance Team. She graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a degree in Early Childhood Education. At MSUM she was captain of the Dragon Dance Team and is currently the assistant coach for the team. She has a cat named Kida and a dog named Milo. Please stop by and welcome her to our school when you have the chance! -Mrs. Gilbert



This month in kindergarten, we have been learning classroom routines, building friendships, and exploring what makes each of us unique! We enjoyed hands-on learning with apples by observing, measuring, counting, making predictions, and creating apple stamps. I absolutely love this class and feel so lucky to spend each day learning and growing with them. They truly make me excited to come to school every day! -Ms. Riewer



5th Grade Flag Etiquette

The first two weeks of school is packed with training in 5th grade: safe environment, kitchen duty, patrol, flag etiquette, and more! Reportedly, the most memorable of the ventures is Flag Etiquette with Mr. Flugel and patrol training at the crosswalk. Great job, 5th grade! -Ms. Baker



Holy Rosary Parish School Mission Statement

Holy Rosary 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.

Holy Rosary School Calendar 2026-2027

October

- 2 Pet Blessing Mass
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences/NO SCHOOL
- 11 School Marathon at 1 pm
- 12-14 Fall Book Fair
- 14 Grandparent's Day
- 15-16 Fall Break/NO SCHOOL
- 19 School Pictures
- 30 End of 1st Quarter

November

- 6 NO SCHOOL -Teacher Inservice
- 26-27 Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

December

- 16 Christmas Program at 1 pm
- *Dec. 21-Jan. 1 *Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL*

January

- 4 School Resumes
- 15 End of 2nd Quarter
- 18 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
- *Jan. 31-Feb. 6 *Catholic Schools Week*



PLEASE JOIN US

for Holy Rosary School's Annual

GRANDPARENTS DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 12:35-3:00

Crafts Bingo Classroom Tours Cookies Concert Prayer Book Fair

YOUR GRANDCHILD(REN) WILL CONTACT YOU
SO THEY CAN RSVP - DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28





2026 Popcorn Fridays

Friday, October 23

Friday, November 20

Friday, December 11



Congratulations to our fourth graders and new students who received their Catholic Youth Bibles during a special Mass celebrated by Father Nate. The Bibles are a gift from the parish and will be used throughout the school year to learn more about the Word of God.



This is a 9-month publication by the Holy Rosary School office and is published on the 4th, or last Thursday of the month. Any news or additions to the monthly newsletter, please email Beth Gilbert, bgilbert@holyroarycc.org. Insert deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

Diocese of Crookston Teacher of the Year Nominees

CONGRATULATIONS Ms. Baker on Teacher of the Year



Ms. Katie Baker (5th Grade)
and Mrs. Sara Woytassek
(K-Prep)

A highlight of our Ministry Day in East Grand Forks was recognition of the nominees for the Diocese of Crookston Teacher of the Year. Each year, in our Catholic schools across the Diocese, parents and staff are given the opportunity to nominate anyone who they believe deserves to be named "Teacher of the Year". The nominated are then recognized during our Ministry Day gathering in August. Holy Rosary was honored to have two teachers nominated this year: Mrs. Woytassek, KPrep, and Ms. Baker, 5th Grade. We are excited to share that Ms. Baker was named the Diocese of Crookston Teacher of the Year! Congratulations, Ms. Baker, on this well-deserved honor! We are grateful to the parents who took the time to nominate both of these outstanding teachers! We are incredibly thankful for ALL of our teachers and the many ways they share their gifts, their faith, and their love with our students every day. We look forward with excitement to a wonderful school year ahead. -Principal Larson

Holy Rosary Staff is Geared Up for Another School Year!

In preparation for the new school year, staff attended three days of professional development and faith development. On August 18, we attended the annual Diocese of Crookston Ministry Day at Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks, joining Catholic educators from across the Diocese. Our day together included Mass, time for prayer, fellowship, and learning from our keynote speakers, Bishop Cozzens and Dr. Arthur Hippler.

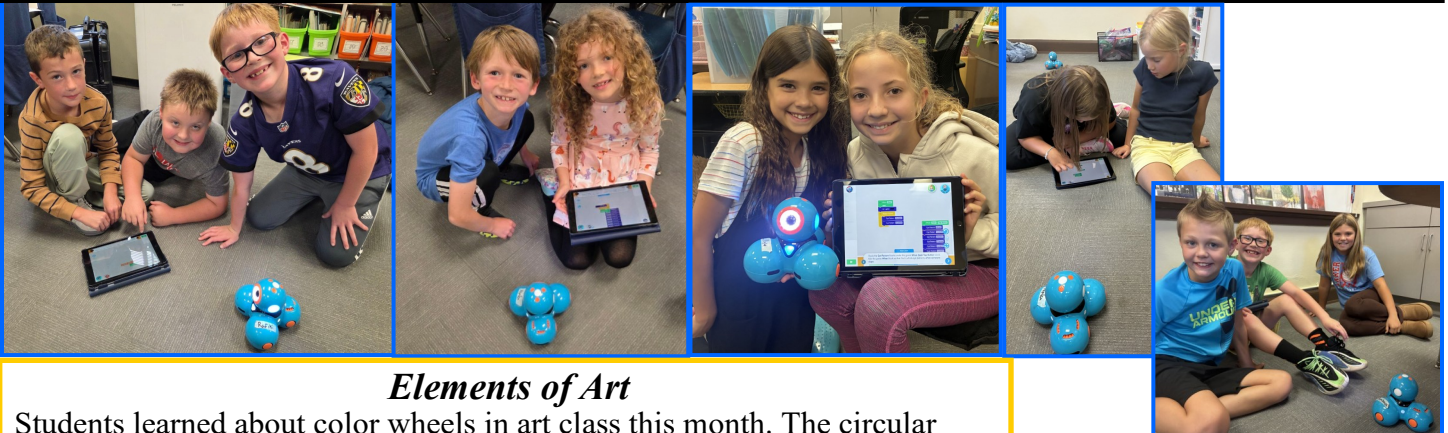
We continued our professional development and faith formation during the last week of August. We began the week with a Retreat Day led by Fr. Nate, providing an opportunity to set our hearts and minds on the year ahead through prayer, scripture, and reflection. It was a meaningful way to reconnect as a staff and prepare ourselves to serve our students and school community with faith and purpose. Our staff continued their professional development with full days of learning and

preparation for the new school year. We received training on our new math curriculum, and we explored *Hallow* and the many ways its prayer resources, classroom materials, and curriculum supplements can support our students and staff in growing their faith. Staff also participated in OSHA safety training and welcomed Vanessa Collman from Becker County Public Health for training on EpiPen and Naloxone (Narcan) use. We were also introduced to *CredibleMind*, a free and confidential online resource offering trusted, evidence-based tools to support mental health and overall well-being. These sessions helped equip our staff with valuable resources to support the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of our school community. We wrapped up the week by welcoming our families back during our "Back-to-School Night" at the end of the week! -Principal Larson



THERE'S A ROBOT ON THE LOOSE!

This year, we're excited to partner with the College of Engineering at the University of St. Thomas! Throughout the school year, they will provide our students with engaging STEM kits and hands-on activities. Ms. Buntje and her 2nd graders (bottom left) were the first to put the kits to the test with Dash the Robot! 4th graders (bottom right) also got to work with Dash. Students put their problem-solving skills into action as they practiced coding to make Dash move, light up, and even speak. It was a fun and engaging way to bring STEM learning to life in the classroom!



Elements of Art

Students learned about color wheels in art class this month. The circular diagram is used to teach about primary, secondary, tertiary, or intermediate colors.



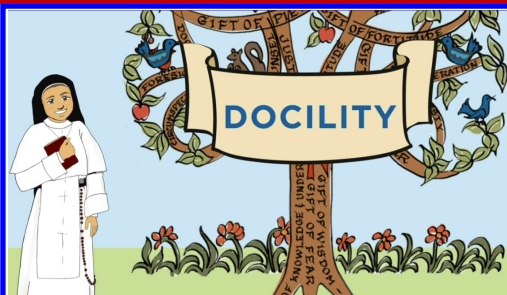
DON'T FORGET!

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL MARATHON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Be ready to hit the pavement on *Sunday, October 11 at 1pm* and pray for good weather!



Catholic Virtues



Holy Rosary School continues to focus on one Catholic Virtue every month. The Virtue for the Month of September was Docility, which means a willingness to be taught. Please talk to your students about the ways they showed docility this month.

Students are Eatin' it up: The Clean Plate Club is already off to a great start!



Service With A Smile

HRS 4th graders have been trained and are working up a sweat, fulfilling their kitchen assistance duties. They've been serving lunch, scraping trays, washing dishes, and wiping tables. Way to go Fourth Grade. Keep up the good work!

