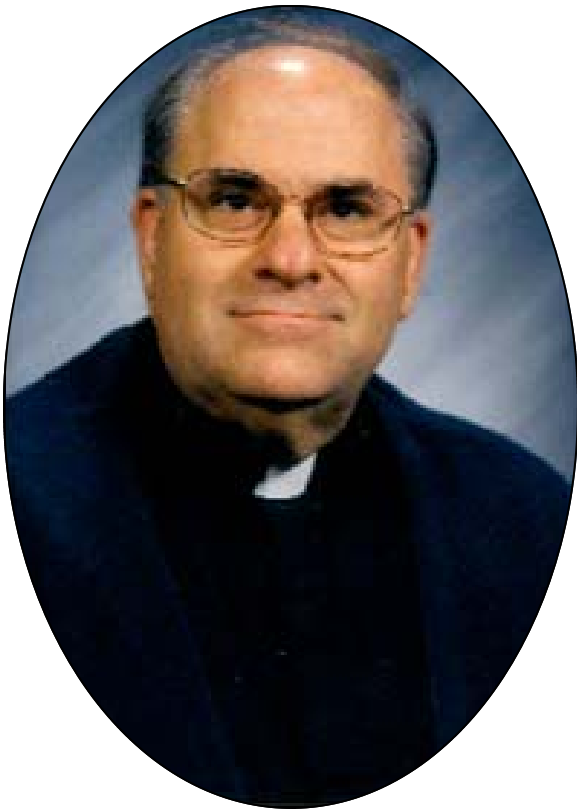


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New Pastor Named:



*Monsignor
Tim McGee*

A little background on our new Pastor. Monsignor Tim McGee was born and raised in Minot, North Dakota and graduated from Bishop Ryan High School and later attended the National College at Rapid City, South Dakota where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Later he attended the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science and became a licensed funeral director. He worked for several funeral directors in western North Dakota and moved to East Grand Forks in 1981. In 1984 he entered the seminary at Hales Corners, Wisconsin to study for the priesthood for the Diocese of Crookston. He was ordained by Bishop Balke in 1987. His first assignment was serving as associate pastor at St. Phillip's Parish in Bemidji and in 1988 he became associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in East Grand Forks. In 1990 Bishop Balke named him pastor of Sacred Heart. In 2001 he was appointed Pastor of St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls. Monsignor also serves on the Finance Council, the Priest's Council, and is Director of Cemeteries for the Diocese of Crookston.

In the late 1990's Holy Rosary Parish Assembly put forth the following goal: *"Holy Rosary will focus on holistic, intergenerational faith formation and reflect this priority in the way it meets the needs of the elderly, families, adults and youth, as well as children."* It has been reaffirmed at subsequent Assemblies. Our staff put together a "Review of Faith Formation at Holy Rosary" for you to see. Something is offered almost daily at various times to accommodate parishioners' lifestyles and schedules. Faith Formation will be a topic at our Parish Assembly May 13th. Hopefully this provides some perspective.

ADULTS

L.I.F.E. - Lifelong Intergenerational Faith Experience is the principal process of family faith formation designed to help parents grow in their own faith, and at the same time to help form their children in the faith. We tend to struggle with the low attendance of our families as well as that of young adults and empty nesters. Our typical attendance is about 35 adults and 100 children. In addition to staff about 10 adults help facilitate this.

Bible Study Program offers five different bible studies at various times throughout the week. In any given week we have about 50 adults participating. The popularity of this series dictates a Summer session.

Mom's Group meets on Saturday morning once a month. Young mothers come together to support one another in faith and fellowship. At present, we have a small, intimate group we hope to grow. This is led by a facilitator. We enjoy each other's company over coffee.

Coffee with the Evangelists. A faithful group of about a dozen attendees meet weekly to share and grow in understanding of the Sunday scriptures. All of the participants are active in parish life and several are in leadership roles in organizations and in other Faith Formation programs.

Why Catholic? is a four year program based on Scripture and the Catholic Catechism. Participants meet in small groups of 8 to 12, at varying times and on different dates. We began with approximately sixty adult participants and that number has been fairly consistent over the years. The facilitators of these small groups tend to show up as leaders in other Faith Formation programs and the rest of the participants are frequently enrolled in other programs. Word-of-mouth advertising has led to the creation of a new group that will begin with the first session that was first offered in Fall of 2007.

Marriage Enrichment is a periodic attempt to enrich the married lives of couples in our parish. This year approximately 20 couples learned about good communication in marriage.

SACRAMENTS

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist preparation processes are family-centered with teaching and learning happening here and in homes. About 50 families participated this year.



Confirmation, a two year, multi-faceted process is aimed at enabling young people to reflect on what it means to more fully conform their lives to Christ's - how do I live as a true follower of Jesus the Christ. This year we have about 70 students, 70 sponsors and 9 adult leaders. Our leaders meet twice monthly for learning and preparation. Once a month our community celebrates Sunday liturgy at 6:00 p.m. At this mass we have an adult give witness/testimony to the role faith has played in his/her life. Witnesses in faith have ranged in ages from 20-plus to 90-plus. There are about 250 individuals attending this liturgy.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): This is the normative process for adults to enter into Catholic Faith through the sacraments of initiation. This process usually has 8 to 10 "candidates" supported and surrounded by a team of 10 members and an individual sponsor each. Our main struggle is to find Catholics that can make the time commitment to this 9-month process.

Marriage Preparation offers a unique preparation program for engaged couples as well as an opportunity for couples recently married that would like to share in an experience that will surely enrich their relationship. This team lead process serves about 8 couples a year.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Liturgy of the Word for Children happens during Sunday Liturgy and offers children of pre-school age through 5th grade the opportunity to reflect on the Word of God at an age-appropriate level. On average, approximately 80 of these young community members engage in this process. Visitors really appreciate this experience for their children.

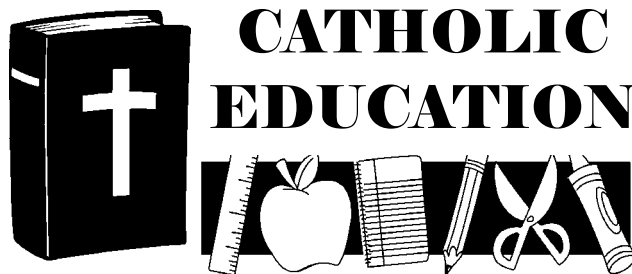
Holy Rosary School has just completed two years of self-study and long-range planning that culminated with a visit from a team of educators from the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association in early April. The Accreditation Team Chair expressed their thanks for the wonderful hospitality they received during the visit and the following thoughts, *"The overall atmosphere at Holy Rosary was one of 'family.' This was not only shared by parents, students and staff, it was evident in the lived experience at the school. The children helped each other and were gracious to the visitors. When the team asked the children about the discipline policy, frequently the response was, "It is one of respect, we are to respect one another." We also saw this attitude of respect in the school staff. The principal and teachers were willing to change schedules at a moment's notice, and they worked together to ensure the needs of the team were addressed."* Academic excellence is important to our mission and the team noted, *"Parents shared their praises for the school. They sited how well prepared*

their children are when they move on to the high school." The results of the report are available for review in the principal's office. We thank our parish family for the support of Catholic education in Detroit Lakes. We have 156 students in pre-school through 8th grade being taught by 13 teachers. All parents (99 families) are active in the school in various ways.

9th Grade Students (about 15 students) meet twice monthly (once a month beginning with Mass) for learning and discussion of Catholic faith and tradition and to engage in small group youth activities. Parents provide snacks and chaperone when called upon.

9th - 12th grade Youth Gathering meets weekly during the school year before Voice of Truth Choir practice. These 40 students meet in an informal setting, where they interact with their peers. Choir and Youth/Staff lead study and discussion. Three times a year Father Jerry meets with them sharing Catholic tradition and faith. Parents of these students take turns bringing supper and snacks for these students.

12th Grade Students meet four times a year at the rectory where they prepare a meal together, have Q & A with Father Jerry and end with the celebration of Mass.





Recently the following were buried from Holy Rosary. We remember them and their families in prayer:

Philip Kunz entered eternal life on February 20, 2009
Lorraine Strawsell eternal life on February 20, 2009
Robert Berg entered eternal life on April 4, 2009
Frieda Butala entered eternal life on April 7, 2009
Beverly Pillatzke entered eternal life on April 11, 2009
Barb Standal entered eternal life on April 14, 2009



The following couple was united in the sacrament of Marriage. May their life together be and become a sacrament of God's life and love!

Deb Timmerman & Nathan Latzke,
were united in marriage on March 14, 2009



Choosing to associate with our Catholic Community by registering as members were the following:

Jonathan & Katherine Aligada
Troy, Lucia, Mya & Lily Anderson
Tom, Deborah, Jonathan & Karrigan Hallisey
Tom O'Meara



Welcomed into our faith community through the waters of baptism were:

Rebecca Ann Hunter,
daughter of Nathaniel & Gretchen Hunter
Aubrey Elizabeth Kordosky,
daughter of Greg & Trudy Kordosky
Henry Jonathan Olson,
son of Jonathan & Angela Olson
Isabelle Rhys Wolf,
daughter of Kregg & Amy Wolf



**Neighborhoods ❖❖ Neighborhoods
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At our last Parish Assembly we addressed the issue of our Parish Neighborhoods. It was the consensus of those gathered to revitalize our neighborhoods through our service to one another and in hospitality. Following the Assembly smaller groups met a couple of times to look at how we might enhance how we do this. One might say these smaller groups are the beginning of a steering committee.

The "steering committee," following up on the discussion at the Assembly, affirmed how Holy Rosary really likes that "neighborhoods" provide for and serve funeral luncheons. This was seen as something to continue and expand with every effort being made to invite everyone to participate. Throughout the year, through the invitation of callers, we are seeing some new faces serving some events and are very grateful to continue to see our faithful workers.

Hospitality and welcoming newcomers was another area of focus with the "steering committee." Everyone really likes the "Newcomers Dinner" at which we welcome those new to our parish with a dinner and opportunity to meet other newcomers and our parish staff. There is a desire to do more within the neighborhood to reach out and welcome those who are new - not just as neighbors but as fellow members of Holy Rosary. There is really much positive energy and desire to make this happen.

As we discussed ways to build up our neighborhoods we came to the conclusion that over the years our neighborhoods have grown disproportionately and geographically disbursed. At this point we need to convene a steering committee to complete the process we began to realign our neighborhoods so we can more effectively build up and revitalize them. If you are very good with Detroit Lakes geography and are willing to sit with a few others to do this, please call Barbara at the Parish Office (847-1393).





Well for all those people who do not know me - this is my short story.

I was born and raised in Detroit Lakes, attended Holy Rosary School for eight years, and graduated from Detroit Lakes High School. After High School I went to work for the Minnesota Highway Department. I married Anita (Sue) and have six children and fifteen grandchildren. I worked for the Highway Department for twenty-three years.

After I left the Highway Department, I went into business for myself. I owned and operated Thomas Fire Equipment and sold fire trucks in a three state area. Later I sold the business and took care of some health problems. I then entered the Deacon program and was



ordained in 1996. I am a retired fire fighter from the Detroit Lakes Fire Department. I enjoy watching my

grandchildren grow up and I enjoy hunting and outdoor activities, especially shooting.

This is it! If you would like to know more, come and visit me!



My name is Ole Elton, but I have answered to Red Elton since long before my hair lost the red. The last 5 years I have answered to *Deacon Red*. I was born in Carrington, ND, spent my youth in

West Fargo, ND, and resided most of my adult life in Southern California. I have been married to my High School girlfriend for almost 57 years. Mary and I have five children, twelve Grandchildren, and five Great-Grandchildren. I spent four years in the Air Force, followed by four years at NDSU, and thirty years working for one company with time-variant names of North American Aviation, Rockwell International, and Boeing Corporation - which now pays my retirement.



My goal upon retirement was to become a perpetual student in non-engineering and non-management courses. I have had reasonable success in this endeavor. Over a period of six years, I went part-time to school at Orange Catechetical Institute in Orange, CA and received a Masters Certificate in religious studies. We came to live full time in the Detroit Lakes area in 1998 and without too much delay, I enrolled in Diaconate studies in the Crookston Diocese. Since ordination, I have been privileged to work with the Faith Formation process at Holy Rosary which offers me a steady diet of enrichment.

God calls me and blesses me in many, many ways and I believe that I am absolutely obligated to return and pass these blessings along. I am grateful to be in a ministry which facilitates my doing that. Holy Rosary is a community which not only calls me, but also fuels my daily conversion. In the face of a number of health issues, Mary believes (and I think she may be right) that my ministry has been a key factor in keeping me alive. I am most grateful to God for giving me the gift of faith and the gift of relationships.



My name is Gary Hager, one of the deacons here at Holy Rosary. Mary, my wife, is one of the smiling faces at Holy Rosary's

office. Joe, our son, is a Freshman at DLHS, pizza maker at Papa Murphy's, bowler, curler, shot-putter and this summer will be working in landscaping. Mary and I enjoy being around home and Holy Rosary. Joe and I enjoy bowling, NASCAR, snowmobiling, plus participating in mission trips. I was born and raised in Waseca, MN in southern Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota.



Shortly after Mary and I married, Deacon Randy Bauer asked me to chaperone high school students to a Christian Concert in Fargo. From that moment, my active ministry with our high school aged members flourished. I cherish being one of many adults involved in the lives of our high school students.

Today I participate with many other fun volunteers as an adult with our Confirmation program, plus seventh and eighth grade religious education. Mary and I are also one of seven couples involved with Marriage Preparation plus other small activities around the parish.