

Our Lady of Hope Parish

December 26, 2021 The Holy Family



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday
Hoyt Lakes 4:30

Sunday
Biwabik 8:30

Sunday
Aurora 10:30



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Mass Intentions December 27–January 2

Monday, December 27	5:30 p.m.	Aurora
† Cleo Lavoie By Barb Hammer		
Tuesday, December 28	9:00 a.m.	Hoyt Lakes
† Steve Holter By Linda & Don Lucachick		
Wednesday, December 29	9:00 a.m.	Biwabik
† Deacon Fred Wright By Mark & Colleen Skala		
Friday, December 31	4:30 p.m.	Hoyt Lakes
† Bruce Hallada By Debra & Butch Antilla		
Saturday, January 1	8:30 a.m.	Biwabik
† Walter Kafut By Kathy & Bill Lesar		
Saturday, January 1	10:30 a.m.	Aurora
† Richard Valesano By The Valesano Family		
Sunday, January 2	8:30	Biwabik
For The People		
Sunday, January 2	10:30	Aurora
† Tom Bartol By Janet Johnson		

Ministry Schedule December 25—December 26

<u>Friday, December 31</u>	<u>4:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Hoyt Lakes</u>
EMHC: Deacon Mark		
Lector: Sharon Alholm		
Ushers: Dennis Doyea Tom Erickson		
<u>Saturday, January 1</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Biwabik</u>
EMHC: Mary Strukel		
Lector: Carol Stanaway		
Ushers: Bruce Behrens Need 1 Volunteer		
<u>Saturday, January 1</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Aurora</u>
EMCH: Deacon Mark		
Lector: Rose Antilla		
Ushers: Patrick Layman Roger Pennel		
<u>Sunday, January 2</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Biwabik</u>
EMCH: Deacon Mark		
Lector: Carol Stanaway		
Usher: Bruce Behrens Need 1 Volunteer		
<u>Sunday, January 2</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Aurora</u>
EMCH: Deacon Mark		
Lector: Rose Antilla		
Ushers: Patrick Layman Roger Pennel		

Hoyt Lakes Women's Christmas Party The Singing Nuns



Grace Rubesh, Cheryle Soular, Karen McNulty, Karen Doyea, Patti Rogge, Mary Hess
Carol Ferris, Boots Armstrong, Jan Butzke
Debbie Servaty



Carol Orth, Luella Pospeck, Veronica Johnson, and Diane Lesnau Our Special Kitchen Helpers.

Sarah Koski, Kathy Lesar and Deb Maki would like to thank all the lovely people who donated the raffle items, baked goods and donated them and those who worked on Friday and Saturday. We had a great crew on Friday turning out those cookies and our busy work crew on Saturday selling raffles and cookies as fast as they could. We are grateful for everyone's generosity and giving spirit in our parish. May God bless you for giving of your time,



Congratulations to our Raffle Winners at our Annual Cookie Bake

The Little Library Book Basket—Chris Johnson, Eveleth
5 pc. Quilt Set—Sylvia Berggren, Aurora
Potica Cake—Mary Hess, Aurora
Christmas Table Runner—Rose Antilla, Aurora
Movie Basket—Teresa Lehtinen, Gilbert
Christmas Baking Basket—Cordy Sanvik, Aurora
\$50 Vi's Pizza & \$25 Lucky 7 Gift Cards—and Blue Woven Rug,
Super 1 Gift Card & Bottles of Wine -Anna Adamiak, Embarrass
Beautiful Embroidered Virgin Mary Picture—Rose Antilla, Aurora
George Foreman Grill—Lynn Niemi, Aurora

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We can now officially offer each other this greeting! I know it's something we normally do well before Christmas, but now it's official! For the past four weeks, we've been preparing our hearts for the Lord's birth and making more room in our lives for Him. We're challenged by the stories of Jesus' birth when we heard that there was no room at the inn to make sure there's room in our hearts for the newborn King.

Today is born a Savior, Christ the Lord! When the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, we were given the greatest gift ever. God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, not to condemn the world, but to redeem it. God knew the mess of sin and death we had gotten ourselves into and wanted to rescue us. He wants us to be happy, and as we all know, sin steals our joy; it makes us sad.

In the newborn Savior of the world, forgiveness and mercy have entered the world. Through the Word Incarnate, and his miraculous birth, we also get a glimpse into the infinitude of the love of the Father. We see that God wants us to be with Him for all eternity. We see that, in His humility, the Son entered into a fallen humanity to restore our relationship with the triune God. He lowered Himself so that He might raise us up to the glory and happiness He wants us to receive.

That little bundle of God is the greatest gift we could receive. Think back on all the time spent trying to find exactly the right gifts for family and friends. Purchasing things they either want or need, gifts that show our care for them. All that is just a tiny glimpse into the love that God has for us. He gave us a gift that we might not have asked for on our own, or we might not have known that's what we need. But, God knew. He knows us better than we know ourselves!

The Christmas Season provides us with a time to reflect on the nearness of God. Whatever challenges we face, He's there with us. Much like Jesus' entrance into humanity, He could have "fixed" everything from a distance, but He didn't. He could take away all our suffering, pain, and challenges in this life, but in His providence, He doesn't. He knows what we need better than we do. He wants us to know His presence in every moment of our lives, so that we may grow closer to Him.

When seeking His closeness in our lives becomes a habit, we find that we grow in gratitude. We're thankful to Him. We find ourselves less easily angered, less demanding on the people around us, and less focused on ourselves. His nearness draws us out of ourselves and more deeply into His love. And it's His love that gives us a happiness that can't be found anywhere else in the world.

**Our Lady of Hope Events
This Week At A Glance
No Religious Education this week
Assumption Group Lunch, Saturday,
January 1 at 12:00 at The Hive**

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