Our Lady of Hope Parish

January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions January 24–January 30

Monday, January 24 †No Mass	5:30 p.m. Aurora	
Tuesday January 25 † No Mass	9:00 a.m. Hoyt Lakes	
Wednesday, January 26 †No Mass†	9:00 a.m. Biwabik	
Saturday, January 29 †Joan Willett By Carol Ferris		
· · ·	8:30 Biwabik	
For The People		
Sunday, January30		
†Steve Rabb		
By Kathy & Bill Lesar		

Thank you to everyone who helped with the decorating at our church in Aurora during Christmas. Your help was much appreciated.

Mass Intentions. Please consider having a Mass said for anyone that you feel inspired to pray for. These Masses can be said for a deceased person or a living person. Let it lighten your heart to remember someone special.

Our Lady of Hope Events This Week At A Glance

Religious Education on Wednesday at 5:30 in Aurora. Meal at 5:00.

Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions have arrived and can be picked up at the Parish Office.

Prayer and Adoration on Sunday, January 23 from 6-7 p.m. in Hoyt Lakes

Hackers have recently started targeting the public with emails, posing as priests, asking for money or personal emails. If you receive one, please contact your local parish to confirm it was sent from your priest, even if it says it is.

Ministry Schedule January29—January30

Saturday, January 29	4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes
Lector:	Lee Martinek
Ushers	Tom Erickson
Ron Alholm	
Saturday, January 303	8 8:30 a.m. Biwabik
Lector	Carol Stanaway
Ushers	Bruce Behrens
	Need 1 Volunteer
Sunday, January 30	10:30 a.m. Aurora
Lector	Rose Antilla
Ushers	Patrick Layman
	Roger Pennel



We are starting **Wednesday Family Nights** with Father Kris and on occasion with guest speakers. This is an invitation for all students, families, grandparents, parishioners and friends to attend a fun filled evening. Each class will take place in Aurora from 5:30–6:30 p.m. and is available to everyone. Meals 5:00-5:30

January - Dedicated to the Holy Name

New -Pre-School Classes from 5:30—6:30 Mass: Penetential Rite, Gloria Mass-Liturgy of the Word (Bible!)/Lectio Divina (How to pray the Bible) Mass-Liturgy of the Eucharist Mass-Liturgy of the Eucharist/ dismissal

Please make sure the Christ Child Society Bottles are returned to the church by Monday, January 17. We thank you for your participation.

Letter from Fr. Kris

Every now and then, I like to offer a book recommendation. As a bit of a self-proclaimed nerd, I like to spend my down time with a book and a good cup of good coffee and try to devote an hour or so to reading each day. I also tend to operate on the belief that good books are worth reading more than once, and that life is too short to waste time on bad books. So, as I was re-visiting a book I hadn't read in quite a while, I thought that it was worth sharing.

The book that caught my attention this past week was written by Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. In his reflections on the Mass, Spirit of the Liturgy, was well worth the re-read, in no small part because it was a good reminder of invisible realities of the Mass and the visible realities and gestures that invite us to enter more deeply into the Mass. At the same time, having a deeper understanding of the rituals and realities that they embody can help us to enter more deeply into prayer during the Mass and to more fully experience a real active participation.

Throughout the Spirit of the Liturgy, Benedict shares his theological, historical, and Biblical insight that invites us to, in a sense, pay more attention to the why behind the what while we're at Mass. In my own estimation, this helps us to move beyond looking at the Mass as a form of religious entertainment, and more as the ultimate act of worship. This shift can help to move us past a what's in it for me type attitude to realize that we're there, ultimately to worship God and to give ourselves fully over to His loving care and providence.

Interestingly, while I was watching a hockey game one evening, it occurred to me that, even with the seemingly endless forms of entertainment that are out there, very few of them really capture our attention—of all the channels, apps, podcasts, etc... that we have, how many do we really pay attention to? As a Church, we're not entertainers (at least we shouldn't be), so why not keep our focus on why we exist: to give praise, glory, and adoration to God!

At any rate, as I was re-reading Ratzinger's unpacking of the mystery of the Mass, I couldn't help but feel like I was sitting at the feet of a loving grandpa who wanted to share his wisdom; and not so that he could point out how holy he is, but rather so that we may enjoy the peace that comes from being in the presence of Christ, especially considering that one of the main themes that runs through each of Benedict's writings is that of encounter with Christ. Throughout the Spirit of the Liturgy, he offers us some insight that can help us to meet Christ where He is: in the Sacrament of Charity.

Since the reality of God's glory in the Mass is veiled, we don't see what's really happening. We need those reminders that, when we're gathered by God for the Mass, we're joining the angels and saints in the Heavenly Liturgy and that we shouldn't devolve into a closed-circle of self-worship. The Mass isn't about us, nor did Jesus give it to us as a form of entertainment. His reasoning was infinitely better than that: because He loves us and wants to share His life with us!



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