# Our Lady of Hope Parish

### January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Sunday** 

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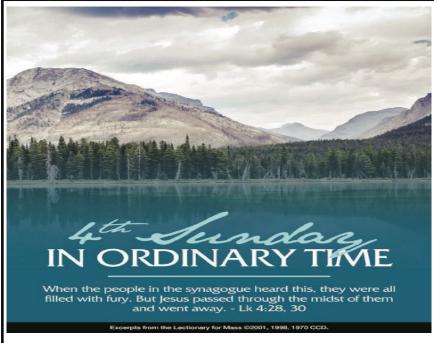
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**Weekend Mass Times Saturday** Sunday **Hoyt Lakes 4:30** Biwabik 8:30 **Aurora 10:30** 



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- Find Our Lady of Hope Parish by name, address or zip code.
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### Mass Intentions January 31-February 6

Monday, January 31 5:30 p.m. Aurora †Leo Matteson By Linda & Don Lucachick

Tuesday February 1 9:00 a.m. Hoyt Lakes

Don Koblewski

By Carol & Tom Kolodzinski

Wednesday, February 2 9:00 a.m. Biwabik

†Rev. John Wild

By Our Lady of Hope Parish

Saturday, February 5 9:00 a.m. Aurora

**†Woitto Skip Jarvi** 

By Robert Kivela

Saturday, February 5 4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes

For The People

Sunday, February 6 8:30 Biwabik

†John Briski

By Caroline & Harold Ebnet

Sunday, February 6 10:30 Aurora

†Joseph Yurczuik

By Darlene Yurczuik

#### **Our Lady of Hope Events** This Week At A Glance

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

Coffee 'An in Biwabik after Mass on Sunday, February 6

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

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.

We welcome the students from Marquette Catholic School Fund Raiser and thank them for participating as altar servers to assist us at our Masses on Saturday in Hoyt Lakes at 4:30 and on Sunday in Biwabik at 8:30 and in Aurora at 10:30.

### **Ministry Schedule** February 5—February 6

Saturday, February 5	4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes
Lector:	Carol Kolodzinski
Ushers	Lee Martinek
	Bill Armstrong
Sunday, February 6	8:30 a.m. Biwabik
Lector	Sue Devereux
Ushers	Louis Suhadolce
	1 Volunteer
Sunday, February 6	10:30 a.m. Aurora
Lector	Frank Van Dehey
Ushers	Shirley Wright
	Debbie Maki



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

The Assumption Group has a lunch scheduled for Wednesday, 12:00 Noon on February 9 at Vaughn's in Hoyt Lakes.

### Letter from Fr. Kris

In the life of faith, it's important for us to keep returning to the basics as we try to keep up with our spiritual fitness. Since none of us is perfect, we're always being re-formed by the Lord. We're always in that process of sanctification and being drawn more deeply into our relationship with the Lord. And, I've found that a regular return to a very basic question is of utmost importance: What's the one thing in my life that drives me?

As Catholics, that one thing should be none other than Jesus Himself. Our lives should be guided by the One who loves each of us more than we can imagine. As humans living in a fallen world, we find that we sometimes get distracted and need some helpful reminders of Who it is that we follow, and why we follow Him.

All of our Catholic practices, the Sacraments and our devotions, all serve to bring us closer to Jesus. The Sacraments offer us a share in God's grace, and the devotions we offer help to refocus us on His presence and love. The life of holiness is about a relationship and not just taking a 'check the boxes' approach. Jesus wants more than simply saying our prayers; He wants our hearts. He wants us to grow closer to Him. Some tried-and true principles have helped the saints throughout history, and over the next few weeks, I'll offer some of their spiritual nuggets of wisdom.

The first of which is a consistent sacramental life, especially regular Confession and frequent Mass attendance. For the time, I'll assume that if you're reading this, they're both important parts of your spiritual life, so I'll start this week with a little something about Confession. Since we're all sinners and need God's mercy on a regular basis, Confession is a great place to start. I've often commented that it takes courage and humility to approach the Lord seeking His mercy. Regular Confession is a good practice to get into—a holy habit—that can help us to grow in holiness.

Even if it's been a while since your last Confession, don't let that be a roadblock. God always awaits our repentance. At the same time, I have to say that whenever I hear that "it's been a few decades since my last Confession," it makes my week! I can almost sense the angels and saints in Heaven rejoicing!

Whenever we humbly confess all the sins that we're aware of, with no excuses and generally no explanations, and repent, God responds to us with His mercy and forgiveness! He gives us a spiritual fresh start and renewal in His grace. Not only that, but He also gives us the grace of the Sacrament so that we continue to grow in our friendship with Him! We repent, then God wants us to leave our sinful past where it is...in the past! He wants to renew us. He gives His strength and draws us more deeply into His love.

Confession also returns us to that deep Communion with God and with each other. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance, our relationships with the Lord and His people are restored. Sin harms our relationship with God and with each other. Sin less than human. God wants us to turn away from slavery to sin, to return to Him and to find the happiness, peace, and joy that only He can offer!



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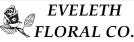


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