

October 05, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings is # 1028 in the **Journeysongs Hymnal**

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Owning Our Past, Trusting God’s Future

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is—an assault on the children of God—both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality, and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Richard Leonard SJ*



Weekend Contributions:

St. John's	Sep 28, 2025	Holy Rosary	Sep 28, 2025
Envelopes:	\$ 680.00	Envelopes:	\$ 85.00
Plate:	\$ 415.00	Plate:	\$ 197.00

Mass Intentions

We have openings for Mass Intentions.
\$10.00 per Mass
Contact the Parish Office
(218) 387-1409 or stop by
Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saint John's Catholic Church - Grand Marais

Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Grand Portage

10 East 5th Street, P.O. Box 549, Grand Marais, MN 55604

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Saint John's — Grand Marais

Monday 8:15 a.m.	Weekday + Mass	10/06/25
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	No Mass Rosary + Mass	10/07/25
Wednesday 8:15 a.m.	No Mass + Mass	10/08/25
Thursday 7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	No Mass Rosary + Mass	10/09/25
Friday 8:15 a.m.	No Mass + Mass	10/10/25
Saturday 10:00-11:00a.m. 4:00-4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Twenty-Eighth Sunday Sacrament of Penance Sacrament of Penance +Mass— <i>Charles & Mildred Mainella</i>	10/11/25
Sunday 8:00-8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Twenty-Eighth Sunday Sacrament of Penance + Mass— <i>Br. Robert Thomas</i>	10/12/25

Holy Rosary — Grand Portage

Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Twenty-Eighth Sunday + Mass— <i>For the People</i>	10/12/25
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Liturgical Roles for St. John's

Saturday, October 4th:

Lector: Bill Burkhardt

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Waldrop

Ushers: Ben Petz, Bill Wehseler

Sunday October 5th:

Lector: Ken Wielinski

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Bauer

Ushers: Kathy LaVigne, Mike LaVigne

Saturday, October 11th:

Lector: Bill Gabler

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Waldrop

Ushers: Jerry Kohl, Mark Quello

Sunday October 12th:

Lector: Linda Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy LaVigne

Ushers: Douglas Hurth, Charlie LaBoda

Scripture Readings for 10/05/25

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19



Pope's Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



Our Lady of the Rosary is a Marian title for the Virgin Mary, celebrated with a memorial feast on October 7th, honoring her role in the victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The prayer of the rosary is a key spiritual weapon, and the month of October is dedicated to its practice, with a renewed emphasis on prayer and turning to God and Mary for help.



Please Pray For...

We pray for all parishioners facing life-threatening illnesses, in both our parishes.

Those to pray for:

John Benschoter, Kathleen Sivets, Jimmy Spry, Rory Bakke, Stan Wielinski, and Krystyua Okruszek

Prayer Intentions

As a parish family, we lift one another up in prayer. If you have a loved one who is ill—whether physically or mentally—facing surgery, near the end of life, or simply in need of the support of our prayers, we invite you to share their name with us.

Their names will be listed here in the bulletin, so that together we may hold them in prayer before the Lord.

As Catholics, we are united in our faith, the sacraments and the good works of the Church. As a Diocese, we are also united in the Healing, Hope and Joy in Jesus. The **Ministries Appeal** provides us an opportunity to act together, as one body. Prayerfully consider a generous gift in support of this ministry. Each and every gift is appreciated and needed in the continuation of our mission and vision in the Diocese of Duluth.

St. John's YTD Donations **\$10,735**

Goal **\$22,929**

Difference **-\$12,194**

Holy Rosary YTD Donations **\$1850**

Goal **\$2238**

Difference **-\$388**

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

PARISH NAME: St. John's Catholic Church

CITY: Grand Marais

Statement of Activities

Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024

	Year End 06-30-25	PRIOR Year End 06-30-24
INCOME		
Ordinary - Envelopes, Plate	126,169	122,739
Special - Program, Rent, Flowers, Designated Donations	9,892	20,254
Extraordinary - Grants, Sale of Assets, Insurance Recovery	0	0
Cemetery - Donations, Sale of Lots	0	0
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>136,060</u>	<u>142,993</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Benefits	111,415	49,313
Purchased Services - Contracted Snow Removal, Janitorial, etc.	5,012	2,229
Program Supplies & Materials - Postage, Altar Ware, Flowers, Books, etc.	11,252	10,759
Program Expense - Youth Activities, Adult Education, Social Concerns, etc.	1,252	2,238
Miscellaneous Expense	4,310	2,227
Administrative Expense -UCA Shortfall, Pension Assessment, other	7,558	4,087
Fixed Charges - Insurance, Accounting & Legal, R.E. Taxes, etc.	12,818	10,581
Plant Operating Expense - Utilities, Groceries, Janitorial Supplies, etc.	30,288	20,019
Plant Maintenance - Painting, Plumbing Repairs, etc.	19,423	19,262
<u>Total Operating Expense</u>	<u>203,329</u>	<u>120,714</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY - Remodeling, Additions, Furniture and Equipment	1,143	55,012
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-68,412	-32,733
OTHER SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF June 30		
General Checking	1,257	17,364
Parish Savings	9,301	54,105
Parish Investments	327,305	327,305
Cemetery Checking	1,369	1,469
Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings	6,139	6,119
<u>Total</u>	<u>345,372</u>	<u>406,362</u>

FOOTNOTES:

Furnance Repairs \$13,539
Parking Lot \$10,500
Church Insurance Increase \$13,684
Reduced Clergy Salary for Y/E 6/30/24

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERSPARISH NAME: Holy Rosary Catholic ChurchCITY: Grand Portage**Statement of Activities**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024

	PRIOR	
	Year End 06-30-25	Year End 06-30-24
INCOME		
Ordinary - Envelopes, Plate	11,826	12,160
Special - Program, Rent, Flowers, Designated Donations	781	912
Extraordinary - Grants, Sale of Assets, Insurance Recovery	0	0
Cemetery - Donations, Sale of Lots	0	0
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>12,607</u>	<u>13,073</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Benefits	1,162	0
Purchased Services - Contracted Snow Removal, Janitorial, etc.	0	0
Program Supplies & Materials - Postage, Altar Ware, Flowers, Books, etc.	148	761
Program Expense -Youth Activities, Adult Education, Social Concerns, etc.	0	465
Miscellaneous Expense	0	0
Administrative Expense -UCA Shortfall, Pension Assessment, other	1,500	2,509
Fixed Charges - Insurance, Accounting & Legal, R.E. Taxes, etc.	0	2,257
Plant Operating Expense - Utilities, Groceries, Janitorial Supplies, etc.	538	1,805
Plant Maintenance - Painting, Plumbing Repairs, etc.	474	71
<u>Total Operating Expense</u>	<u>3,822</u>	<u>7,868</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY - Remodeling, Additions, Furniture and Equipment		
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>8,785</u>	<u>5,205</u>
OTHER SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF June 30		
General Checking		
Parish Savings		
Parish Investments		
Cemetery Checking	2,549	2,540
Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings	1,100	1,100
<u>Total</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>3,641</u>

FOOTNOTES: