



# Saint Francis de Sales

## Catholic Church—Moorhead

MINISTERIO GUADALUPANO

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church—Georgetown

*Diocese of Crookston*

### **Our Parish Mission Statement**

"To inspire all people to know, love, and serve God, by cultivating our faith family, embracing our cultural diversity, and serving the greater community."

### **Misión de nuestra Parroquia**

"Inspirar a todas las personas a conocer, amar y servir a Dios, cultivando nuestra familia de fe, abrazando nuestra diversidad cultural y sirviendo a la comunidad en general."

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Tercer Domingo de Adviento*

December 17, 2023



*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'make straight the way of the Lord.'" (John 1:23)*

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## Mass Intentions

Masses can be requested from the parish at any time, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$10 offering is customary for each request.

## THIS WEEK

### Saturday 16th

4 pm, Reconciliation  
5 pm, Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent -- +Ann Mertes

### Sunday 17th

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



8 am, Mass (G'town) -- Wierschke Family  
10 am, Mass -- Pro Populo  
10:55 am, R.E.  
11 pm, OCIA  
11 am, Fellowship  
11 am, Holy Hour  
12 noon, Mass (Sp.) -- +Francisca Ines Angel  
1 pm, Fellowship

### Monday 18th

*Je 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25*  
8:30 am, Mass -- St. Rita

### Tuesday 19th

*Ju 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25*  
8:30 am, Mass -- +Clifford Steinert  
1:30 pm, Cursillo  
5 pm, Finance Council  
6 pm, Pastoral Council

### Wednesday 20th

*Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38*  
8:30 am, Mass -- +Mark Bittner  
9 am, Social Concerns

### Thursday 21st

#### ST. PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

*Sg 2:8-14 or Zp 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45*  
8:30 am, Mass -- ++Gerald & Phyllis Naumann

9 am -- 12 noon, Adoration  
9:30 am, Healing Sorrow: Faith and Fellowship Prayer Group

### Friday 22nd

*1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56*  
8:30 am, Mass -- St. Anthony

### Saturday 23rd

#### ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

*Ma 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Lk 1:57-66*  
4 pm, Reconciliation  
5 pm, Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent -- +Rosalind Scanlon

### Sunday 24th

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Ro 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38*  
8 am, Mass (G'town) -- +Lucy Ohnstad  
10 am, Mass -- +Pro Populo  
12 noon, Mass (Sp.) -- +Estolia De La Cruz

#### VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

*Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25*  
3:30 pm, Caroling  
4 pm, Mass -- +Steven Berlinger  
5 pm, Caroling (G'town)  
5:30 pm, Mass (G'town) -- The forgotten souls in Purgatory  
6:30 pm, Caroling (Sp.)  
7 pm, Mass (Sp.) -- ++Jesus & Lorenza Carrasquillo

### Monday 25th

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD/CHRISTMAS

10 am, Mass -- ++Adrian & Geneva Schwab

## rites of passage

**BAPTISM** ~ Parishioners seeking baptism for their child should contact the parish office at (218) 233-4780.

**MARRIAGES & BANNs** ~ Registered members of the parish are to make arrangements for the wedding at least 6 months in advance.

**DEATHS** ~ Please remember in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL

~ Please join us in praying for all our sick parishioners. If you are ill and would like to be prayed for by our parish family, or if you are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit, please call the parish office.

Betty Bosak	Marsha Cerar
Nick Denault	Marge Erickson
Daniel Hendricks	Mary Lewis
Rose Lindgren	Ron Mertes
David Neil	Shelley Nelson
Bev Noonan	Leland Ohren
Linda Olson	Kathy Platt
Jeanne Roen	Barb Schmidt
Geri Schreiner	Jim Schreiner
Betty Schurdevin	Lane Slavik
Theresa Stenger	James Wenner

**NEW PARISHIONERS** ~ Contact the parish office or visit <https://stfrancis.mhd.org> to register. If you are not Catholic, please call the office to learn about OCIA. Welcome to our parish family.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DEC. 23, 5 PM

Deacon	Dcn. Tom Cerar
Sacristan	Donna Villiard
Gift Bearers	4 Needed
Cross Bearer	Dennis Heley
Ushers	4 Needed
Lectors	(1) John Villiard (2) Needed
EMHC	(1) Dcn. Tom Cerar (C1, C2) Needed
Altar Servers	2 Needed

### SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 10 AM

Deacon	Dcn. Tom Cerar
Sacristan	Needed
Gift Bearers	4 Needed
Cross Bearer	Jack Huus
Ushers	Tim & Janet Hanson +2
Lectors	(1) Heidi Huus (2) Needed
EMHC	Dcn. Tom Cerar +4
Altar Servers	2 Needed

### SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 4 PM

Deacon	Dcn. Dennis Ouder Kirk
Sacristan, Gift Bearers	Needed
Cross Bearer	Dennis Heley
Lector	Lisa McDonald +1
EMHC	Dcn. Dennis Ouder Kirk +4
Server	James Shulstad +1

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending December 10, 2023 (Week #24)

Immaculate Conception	\$ 233.00
Weekend Envelopes	\$ 3,806.00
Weekend Loose Plate	\$ 97.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,136.00</b>
<b>December Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,283.25</b>
<b>Monthly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 18,583.00</b>
<b>% of Monthly Budget Goal</b>	<b>60.7 %</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD Total</b>	<b>\$ 107,646.71</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 102,923.05</b>
<b>% of Fiscal YTD Budget Goal</b>	<b>104.6 %</b>
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 419.00

*“Fight all false opinions, but let your weapons be patience, sweetness and love. Roughness is bad for your own soul and spoils the best cause.” (Saint John of Kanty)*



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Rejoice! This Sunday, Advent takes an especially hopeful outlook, as we look forward to Christ's fast approaching Nativity.

In just a week's time, we will behold him in the flesh as he was beheld by his mother, Mary, by Joseph, by the shepherds and by the angels, for the first time in Bethlehem two millennia ago.

To mark this expectant joy of hers, the Church allows the use of rose liturgical vestments on Gaudete Sunday, rather than the penitential violet which dominates the rest of the Advent season.

This week's antiphon comes from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. 'Rejoice in the Lord.' Why rejoice? 'The Lord is near.' S. Paul is making a direct allusion to Christ's second coming, a theme important for Christians to bear in their hearts during Advent.

What practical steps can we take to prepare ourselves for that glorious coming? A good starting point is to try to live the Christian life well and offering the work we do through love of God and neighbor.

This is what S. Paul invites us to do in the following words: "let your modesty be known to all men." In Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his disciples, 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden'.

Rejoice, for true Christian joy cannot be contained. It must flow out of ourselves into the life of God, through our prayers and petitions, and that of others, through our interactions with them.

From the virtues of faith and hope, we must let God make us grow in the virtue of charity. Thus, the hope which we carry in our hearts will be the prelude to that 'peace of God which surpassed all understanding', come to make its home in our minds and hearts.

Fr.Maschio.



## Father's Vacation Schedule

Father Maschio will be on vacation in India from January 4, 2024, to February 9. During his absence all weekend Masses will be held as usual with Father Gary LaMoine and Father Bill Gerlach, and there will be a Communion Service led by a Deacon each weekday. If you have a pastoral emergency (illness, death, anointing), please call the parish office and we will make arrangements.

## Attention Christian Mothers and St. Francis Parishioners

Effective immediately, there is a change of leadership in our Confraternity. Judy Vanyo Hoffman is stepping down and Carolyn Strnad and Sharon Jorschumb will be co-chairs.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE



Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase a gift for someone in need. Like last year, items this year emphasize basic hygiene and household care. No food should be donated due to the availability of very many food pantries.

## PARISH NEWS

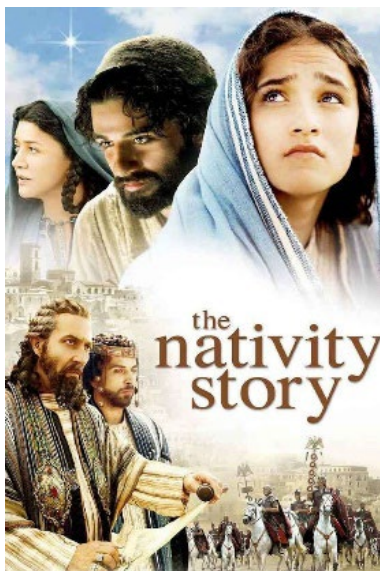
### Religious Education Substitutes

Religious Education substitutes are still needed, if you are interested, please talk to the RE Coordinators or [RETeam@stfrancismhd.org](mailto:RETeam@stfrancismhd.org). Thank you!

### Movie Night: "The Nativity Story"

*Saturday, December 16 after 5 pm Mass.*

Come to 5 pm Mass and stay for Parish fellowship. It's a great way to meet and get to know our sisters and brothers in Christ. We will be showing "The Nativity Story" and providing taco in a bag, water and juice. Feel free to bring a snack to share with the group. The sign-up sheet will be on the Youth Ministry bulletin board. Please sign up so we know how much food will be needed.



## AROUND FARGO-MOORHEAD & THE DIOCESE

### Family Christmas Ball!

Friday, Dec. 29, 6:30pm-10pm, St. Mary's Cathedral Basement. Come join us for a fun, FREE night of Waltzes, Foxtrots, Swing and a few Ballroom Line Dances-that are easy to learn! Bring a snack to share. All ages are welcome, attire is formal. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Goering: [goeringtiffany@gmail.com](mailto:goeringtiffany@gmail.com), (701) 388-6362

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at (218) 281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

## Cakes for Sale



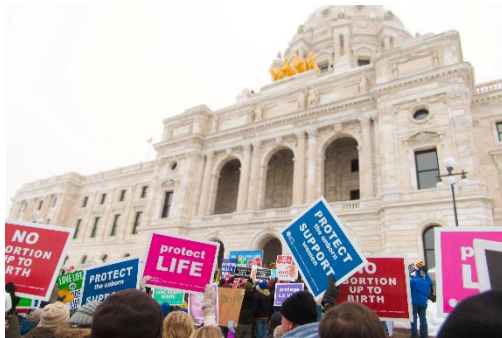
I am selling 3 milk cake and pineapple upside down cake, for Christmas. Call Cely Vanlenczuela with your order (701) 306-1445.

## AROUND FARGO-MOORHEAD & THE DIOCESE

### Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral of St. Mary

All are welcome to pray and sing vespers each evening from December 17 to 23 at 7 pm in **Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel at the Cathedral** at 615 7th Street North in Fargo. The Church eagerly awaits the coming of the Messiah and sings the "O Antiphons" which recall various prophetic titles of the Christ: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel.

### Minnesota March for Life



Join thousands of Minnesotans for the MCCL March for Life at noon on Jan. 22, 2024, at the state Capitol in St. Paul. As abortions increase and lawmakers enact extreme pro-abortion laws, help show elected officials and the public the precious value of every human life. This March for Life will also feature a

powerful public display of 12,000 life-sized models of unborn babies to represent the number of Minnesota lives lost to abortion in the last year alone. Come march for the 12,000! To get involved and register to carry a baby model please visit [mccl.org/march](https://mccl.org/march).

**Central Minnesota Koinonia** is an adult weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

### Married Couples' Retreat

Are you looking for a chance to get away for the weekend to spend some one-on-one time with your husband/wife? Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz, the creators of Six Stone Jars, will be offering a Married Couple Retreat at the Diocese of Crookston's Pastoral Retreat Center, February 2-4, 2024. This retreat will not only give you the opportunity to spend time with each other, but also grow closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Please visit [www.sixstonejars.org](http://www.sixstonejars.org) for more information and registration.

### Scholarships Available

Catholic Daughters of the Americas is again sponsoring 2 - \$250 scholarships for confirmed high school seniors who are members of St. Joseph, St. Francis, St. Elizabeth, St. John, or St. Cecilia parish. Pick up an application in the parish office. The deadline to apply is February 29, 2024. Call (701) 367-9716 with questions.

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert: make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. **Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who don't food or gifts can share in the blessings of Christmas.**

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

### Calendar Raffle Winner

The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner for this week is Sandra Zehrer - December 10, 2023. Congratulations!

# THE REASON FOR HOPE

1 Peter 3:15

## High School Formation Retreats

<b>The Armor of God</b> Equipping Retreat November 4-5th, 2023 Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center 2 PM - 2 PM	<b>Cause of Our Joy</b> Marian Retreat December 9-10th, 2023 Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center 2 PM - 2 PM	<b>Lion and the Lamb</b> Lenten Retreat February 10-11th, 2024 Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center 2 PM - 2 PM
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[www.crookston.org/reasonforhope](http://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope)

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May 17 & 18, 2024

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Bemidji, MN



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Bishop Daniel J. Felton



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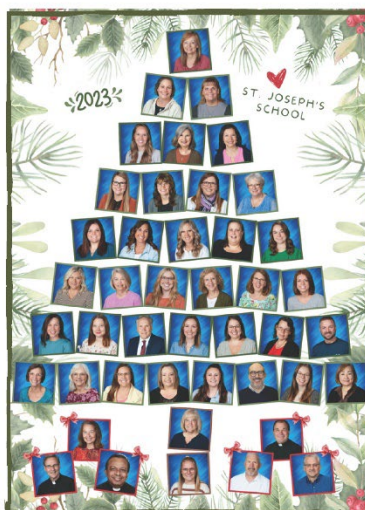



Tanner Kalina

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9 - 12 Grade

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July 14-22, 2024

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Days 1 & 2  
Pastoral Center  
Crookston

Days 3 & 4  
Travel to Indianapolis  
(Stops along the way!)

Days 5 - 8  
National Eucharistic Congress  
Indianapolis

## Poinsettia Memorials \$25

Donations for any amount can be placed in an envelope marked "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS" and put in the collection or brought to the Parish Office.

If you are donating in memory of a loved one, please include their name on this slip or on the envelope.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_





*Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Celebration  
December 12,  
2023*  
*(for more photos visit our website)*





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Ciclo B

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

17 de Diciembre del 2023

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## HORARIO DE MISAS

Lunes a Viernes: 8:30 am

Sabado: 5 pm en Ingles

Domingo: 10 am en Ingles

Domingo: Misa en Español a las 12 pm

CONFESIONES, Sabados a las 4 pm

Nota: Si quiere hablar con el P. Maschio, por favor haga una cita

## HORA SANTA

Domingos de 11 am-12 pm

## PARROCO DE ST. FRANCIS

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## Anuncio Importante

Requisitos para los Sacramentos como Bautizos, Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Matrimonio y celebraciones de Quinceañeras;

1. La familia debe estar registrada y ser miembros de esta parroquia de San Francisco de Sales, Moorhead MN
2. La familia debe estar constantemente activa en las Misas Dominicales.
3. Además, deben completar el proceso del período de preparación debidamente.

## Platicas Bautismal 2024

Revisa el Horario con

Irma Santos

Febrero 18

Mayo 19

Agosto 18

Noviembre 17

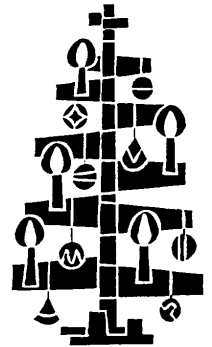


## OREMOS por los ENFERMOS de la COMUNIDAD

Adelfa Gonzalez,  
Armando Amaya,  
Felipe Montano,  
Nuris Montero,  
Kevin Gonzalez

## Árbol de Adviento

Tome una etiqueta del Giving Tree y compre un regalo para alguien que lo necesite. Como el año pasado, los artículos de este año hacen hincapié en la higiene básica y el cuidado del hogar. No se deben donar alimentos debido a la disponibilidad de muchas despensas de alimentos.



## Marcha por la vida en Minnesota

Únase a miles de habitantes de Minnesota en la Marcha por la Vida de MCCL al mediodía del 22 de enero de 2024 en el Capitolio estatal en St. Paul. A medida que aumentan los abortos y los legisladores promulgan leyes extremas a favor del aborto, ayudemos a mostrar a los funcionarios electos y al público el precioso valor de cada vida humana. Esta Marcha por la Vida también contará con una poderosa exhibición pública de 12,000 modelos de tamaño natural de bebés no nacidos para representar la cantidad de vidas perdidas en Minnesota a causa del aborto solo en el último año. ¡Ven a marchar por los 12.000! Para participar y registrarse para llevar un modelo de bebé, visite [mccl.org/march](http://mccl.org/march).

## Pasteles para la Venta



Voy a estar vendiendo 3 leches y volteado de piña para las Navidades.  
Llama a Cely Valenzuela con tu orden (701) 306-1445.

## Administración del Tesoro del Ministerio Guadalupano:

### 10 de Diciembre (Semana #24)

Sobres	\$ 485.00	Total por Diciembre	\$ 1,391.20
Billetes/Monedas	\$ 420.40	Objetivo Mensual	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 905.40	% de Objetivo Mensual	55.6 %
Fiesta de Nuestra Sra		Año Fiscal Total YTD	\$ 19,449.74
de Guadalupe	\$ 773.23	Objetivo de Año Fiscal YTD	\$ 13,846.13
		% de Objetivo de Año	140.5%



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