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Victim Assistance Statement of the Diocese of Crookston: 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, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim’s Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Mass: Sunday – 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday through Friday – 7:00 a.m. (see schedule below); Reconciliation: Sunday – 7:45 a.m. or by appt.

Sunday, February 17th 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Tuesday, February 19th: Shelby Richards req. by Michelle Geraghty
Wednesday, February 20th: +Bill and Elizabeth Knox
Thursday February 21st: No Mass
Friday, February 22nd: No Mass
Sunday, February 24th: +Leah Vigum req. by Gail & Dwain Carlson

Ministry	February 24 th	March 3 rd
Lectors	Elaine Ricard, Sue Erickson	Ervin Vigness, Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Aaron Rongen, Jerry Erickson	Carter Mosher, Paul Reese
Servers	Catie Erickson, Sidney Erickson	Zach Dufault, Kasy Lisburg
Ushers	Mark Erickson, Paul Reese	Aaron Rongen, Rose Weber
Greeters	Ruth Cameron, Larry Ricard	Patty Mosher, Lexi Swenby
Gift bearers	Ken & Leanne Sannes Family	Diane Mulcahy, Karen Kurpius
Sacristan	Terri Johnson	Terri Johnson
Collection	Patty Mosher, Sue Erickson	Ervin Vigness, Mark Berhow
Breakfast	Shelly Rust, Nicole Straus, Corrie Doyea	Leanne Sannes, Pam Reese, Alicia Kieckbusch

Please remember to find a substitute if you are going to be gone. Thank you!

Church cleaning February 4th – March 3rd: Jerry & Cathy Forgit, Scott & Lu Larsen, Jesse & Jami Doyea. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Eucharistic Adoration: is held every Monday from 4-8 PM; come and spend time in prayer and adoration.

The Rosary is prayed every Sunday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come early for Mass and join us.

Offertory	2/10/19	
Adult	870 .00	Funds collected & deposited into Building Fund: \$275.00
Electronic	125.00	
Youth	4 .00	
Plate	107 .00	
Total	\$1,106.00	
		<i><u>Thank you for being stewards of God's gifts!</u></i>

Birthday Greetings: Father Joe Richards (17th), Joe Cyr (17th), Britton Fuglseth (20th), Adele Theis (21st), LaVerne Pribula (23rd)

Wedding Anniversaries: Dwain and Gail Carlson

Food for thought: “Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” (Luke 6:22) All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Answers to last week’s puzzles: FAST, EMBER, SEND, SAID. Answer: Jesus said, “Do not BE AFRAID.”

Prayer Blankets were given to: *Eric Ellegaard*, Fertile, from Gail & Dwain Carlson; *Dwight Kiefert*, Valley City, from Gary & Mary Kiefert; *Donald Morvig*, Fertile, from Gary & Mary Kiefert. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers.

Adult Bible Study TODAY!!! We have started a bible study called “The Turning Point”, a study of the Gospel of John. We meet after mass on Sundays 10am-11:15am. We encourage you to ATTEND EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY MAKE ONE SESSION. A great opportunity to fellowship and grow closer in our walk with the Lord. Please contact Aaron & Liz Rongen with any questions.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Calling all St. Joe’s youth (grades 8-12). We are doing a bible study from Mark Hart, “Revelation – The Lion & The Lamb”. February date is Monday Feb. 25th from 7-9pm. A great way to grow in a fun group setting. Please feel free to come to any or all of the sessions. Contact Aaron & Liz Rongen with any questions.

Are you looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Is the busyness of life suffocating you? Consider stepping away from life for a weekend and spending it in the peaceful presence of Jesus and other likeminded Catholics. A Cursillo weekend has the power to redefine your life. Pray about attending a weekend, it is an investment of time that is well spent. There are two Cursillo weekends coming up this spring. Both of them will be held at Sand Hill Bible Camp in Fosston, MN. The Women's weekend is March 21-24.

Real Presence Radio will host Johnnette Benkovic-Williams as keynote speaker at their annual fundraising banquet on Monday, Feb 18th in Fargo. We invite you to join us! Johnnette is host of EWTN’s “Women of Grace” and founder and president of the organization by the same name. After years as a non-practicing Catholic, Johnnette experienced a deep conversion back to her Catholic faith. Through this conversion, she found a vocation to share the Gospel message through media. Johnnette has thirty years of experience in Catholic media, including radio, television, public speaking and writing. For more information about the event, or to become a sponsor, or register to attend as a guest, please call (877) 795-0122 or email jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com

TEC Retreats While we do not *require* our Confirmation students to attend a TEC, it is *highly recommended*. What is TEC? Tec is a 3-day retreat experience that focuses on the Pascal Mystery of Christ (his dying and rising). It is a time to personally explore what a life lived in Christ is all about. Each retreat is led by a team of adults and young adults who have encounter Christ through TEC already. TEC is open to all students at least 16 years of age or older. For more information regarding TEC Retreats contact Terry Steen at sjchurchlady@yahoo.com or 218-784-4131 with any questions. **Upcoming TEC Retreat:** March 16-18th, 2019 at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp, Fosston. The parish will pay \$60.00 towards the registration fee for each youth who attends a TEC.

Hospitals are not able to call the parish office to inform us of a parishioner who is in the hospital unless you ask them to do it for you. This is due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) laws. If you are hospitalized for any reason please have give me a call or ask the hospital to do it for you so that your spiritual needs may be taken care of during your hospital stay. Thank you! ~Fr. Joe

Chris Stefanick, world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, is returning to St. Bernard’s in Thief River Falls on March 21st. He will talk about his new book “I AM _____ REWRITE YOUR NAME”. To purchase tickets before they sell out go to ReallifeCatholic.com/events or contact St. Bernard’s at 218-681-3571. Tickets are \$25.00, which includes admission and other resources.

Landscape Committee: We are currently organizing a Landscape Committee to help us come up with a plan for the landscaping of the church. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please join us on Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Thank you!

Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat: Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy) is a weekend retreat with follow-up for couples whose marriages need to be rebuilt into loving relationships. The local Retrouvaille weekends coming up over the next few months are: Sioux Falls SD: March 1-3; Minneapolis: March 29-31; Fargo: April 26 – 28.

2019 DAA: We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2019 DAA. Our goal for this year is \$6,883.00, up \$662.00 from last year. Your gift helps support the various ministries of the Diocese of Crookston that reach every parish of the diocese. Your gifts assist the offices of Vocations, Youth Ministry, Evangelization, Safe Environment, and the Tribunal, just to name a few. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a commitment to the good works of the Diocese, please do so soon. You can bring your envelop to the church and put it in the Sunday offertory or mail it directly to the Diocese of Crookston. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

OUR NORTHLAND DIOCESE (OND) 2019 READER SURVEY: During the months of February and March, every person who receives Our Northland Diocese in their mailbox or reads OND news online is invited to offer comments – positive and negative – in a reader survey! The feedback will be used to aid the continuing evolution of the publication. OND Staff and Board of Directors want to know your level of satisfaction with the print design, commentary columns and how the publication is living out its mission to publish Good News for furthering and strengthening the reign of God in the Diocese of Crookston! The survey is 20 questions long and should only take a few minutes of your time. Visit www.crookston.org/ondsurvey to learn more and participate!

*****Rescheduled*** Mark your calendar!** We are excited to have Deacon Mark Krejci coming to our sister parish of St. Joseph's on Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m., for a presentation on Becoming Missionary Disciples. Deacon Krejci is an excellent speaker and will be coming to St. Joseph's in response to Jesus' call to live our lives as faithful and faith-filled disciples. You won't want to miss it! Please come and join us!

Shepherding Them Home: The ***Shepherding Them Home*** program is designed to help people prepare to reach out to a family member or other loved one who has left the Church and/or no longer believes in God. The program is designed to help all participants learn some basic approaches for connecting with and accompanying others who have left the Church while at the same time provide participants with an opportunity to consider the unique issues they will need to address with their family member. Participants receive practical approaches, knowledge about the challenges, resources to take home with them, and support for the work they will be doing. On Saturday, March 2nd we are excited to welcome Deacon Mark Krejci to St. Lawrence for this one day workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and join us as we learn how to help Shepherd them Home. Lunch will be served.

Carlos Diaz Benefit: Friday March 8th at St. Andrew's, Hawley, a benefit for Carlos Diaz, age 42, who has been diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease. Prayer service 4:00-5:00 pm; Spaghetti Dinner, free will offering, Bake sale, Silent Auction and Raffle 5:00-8:00pm

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley, will hold their March Dinner on Sunday, March 17th, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Menu: Turkey and all the trimmings, assorted salads and desserts. Adults \$12.00, Ages 6-12 \$5.00 and preschool free.

Fr. Joe will be away February 21 – 28. In the event of a death or emergency please contact Jan Erickson: 218-289-1801 or 218-945-6118.