

# ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Special Intentions req. by Judy Berhow  
Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: +Janice Brendemuhl req. by Chloe Leiting  
Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: +Robert Berhow and his family req. by Judy Berhow  
Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: +Vern Combee req. by Joan Combee  
Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: +Ardis Chisholm req. by Rob & Monica Lisburg

Ministry	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Lectors	Gay Webster, Aaron Rongen	Elaine Ricard, Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Lorri Massmann	Karen Kurpius, Jerry Erickson
Servers	Emery Erickson, John Douglas Rongen, Arthur Rongen	Emily Dufault, Jack Erickson
Ushers	Rose Weber, Greg Webster	Mark Erickson, Aaron Rongen
Greeters	Paul Reese, Patty Mosher	Greg & Gay Webster
Gift bearers	Terri & Travis Johnson	Corrina Doyea Family
Sacristan	Ruth Cameron	Jan Erickson
Collection	Matt Erickson, Ervin Vigness	Liz Rongen, Nancy Vigum

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

**Church cleaning May 6<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Larry & Elaine Ricard, Mike & Nancy Vigum. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** is held every Monday from 4-7 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	5/12/19	
Adult	\$1,020.00	Funds collected & deposited into Building Fund: \$840.00
Electronic	175.00	Food Shelf: \$30.00
Youth	14.00	DAA Matching Funds Challenge: \$536.00
Plate	196.00	
Total	\$1,405.00	<b><i>Thank you for being stewards of God’s gifts!</i></b>

**Birthday Greetings:** Lindsey Pokrzywinski (19<sup>th</sup>), Cathy Forgit (21<sup>st</sup>), Kelsey Lisburg (24<sup>th</sup>), John Douglas Rongen (24<sup>th</sup>), Chloe Leiting (25<sup>th</sup>), Kyle Vigum (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Food for thought:** “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34) It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage to “love my neighbor” when he may be someone I don’t like, someone I don’t know or someone that doesn’t look like me.

**Answers to last week’s puzzles:** ENDS, PALM, THEY, HAND. Answer: MY SHEEP hear my voice.

**Prayer blankets were given to:** *Sierra Schmidt*, Kindred, ND, from Catie Erickson; *Mark Skau*, Medina, ND, from Kaitlyn Fuglseth; *Cheryl Vraa*, Crookston, from Corrina Doyea. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**We will be making prayer blankets** on Monday, June 3, from 1-4 PM. All are welcome to come and join in this special ministry of prayer, healing and hope.

**Thank You:** St. Joseph's Parish, thank you for your love and support last Sunday at the Mother's Day breakfast/fundraiser, it was a great turn out! I am so excited for all that I will be participating in this summer and cannot wait to come back and share my experiences with you all. ~*Abby Fuglseth*

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**On behalf of my family and the Kappes families,** I would like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, phone calls, acts of kindness, beautiful cards that were sent, and the Masses that are being offered following the sudden death of my brother, Maurice Kappes. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. *Karen and Roger Kurpius*

**You are invited** to Beau Hanson's graduation reception, held on May 26<sup>th</sup> after the ceremony at the nature center. *Shelly & Brian Rust*

**You are invited:** We extend a special invitation to our St. Joseph parish family as we celebrate Britton's graduation from high school with an Open House reception on Saturday, May 25th from 1 to 5 PM at St. Joseph's church. *Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth*

**We are in need of a Sacristan.** If you are interested in this ministry, please see Father Joe or Donna. Thank you!

**Flowers at the Cemetery:** Just a reminder that all flowers, living or artificial, and all other decorations, will need to be removed from the cemetery one week after Memorial Day weekend. Flowers and other items left at the cemetery make it very difficult for maintenance and keeping our cemetery looking beautiful. Any flowers or other items left after the designated time will be removed and disposed of. Thank you for helping us keep our cemetery looking nice.

**Dear St. Joseph's Parish:** Thank you for the package you sent to me. I appreciated the time you all put into putting that together! It was quite the surprise! I am finishing up my junior year as an education major and plan on graduating next spring with a major in Chemistry Education. Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers, as well as sending this gift to me! ~*Garrett Dufault*

**Help Needed:** Would you enjoy spending time with other parishioners? Next Monday, May 20th, we will be painting at the new rectory. The ceilings have been painted, the walls have been primed. Now it is time to put on the final coats of paint. Bring your favorite paint brush or roller and join us. Maybe you don't want to roll on the paint but would be willing to tape off the woodwork. Anything you are willing to do will be appreciated. We plan to start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning. Come for an hour or two, or come for the day. The more hands the quicker and more enjoyable the job will be for all.