

# 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, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Pentecost Sunday

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: No Mass  
Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: No Mass  
Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: No Mass  
Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: Wendy Richards req. by Michelle Geraghty  
Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners

Ministry	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lectors	Aaron Rongen. Joan Ellegaard	Kirsten Fuglseth, Ervin Vigness
Eucharist	Aaron Rongen, Patricia Erickson	Rob Lisburg, Monica Lisburg
Servers	Emery Erickson, Arthur Rongen, John Douglas Rongen	Dawson Fuglseth, Kasy Lisburg
Ushers	Matt Erickson, Greg Webster	Korey Lisburg, Kyle Lisburg
Greeters	Patty Mosher, Brian Massmann	Elaine Ricard, Ruth Cameron
Gift bearers	Greg & Donna Bjerk Family	Jean & Richard Rock
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson
Collection	Sue Erickson, Mark Berhow	Liz Rongen, Matt Erickson

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

**Church cleaning June 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Gary & Mary Kiefert, Greg & Gay Webster, Bruce & Patty Mosher, Tom & Renee Rongen. 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	6/2/19	
Adult	\$700.00	
Electronic	175.00	Funds collected & deposited into Building Fund: \$1,025.00
Youth	8.00	
Plate	186.00	<b><u>Thank you for being stewards of God’s gifts!</u></b>
Total	\$1069.00	

**Birthday Greetings:** Mary Doyea (9<sup>th</sup>), Renee Rongen (15<sup>th</sup>), Cohen Tice (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth, Tom & Renee Rongen, Dave & Connie Motteburg, Rob & Monica Lisburg, Ervin & Jane Vigness

**Food for thought:** *“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of all that I told you.” (John 14:26)* The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

**Answers to last week’s puzzles:** GIFT, ABOVE, LAID, KING. Answer: Receive LIFE-GIVING water.

**Thank You** to those who gave of their time and talent to help paint the rectory. Your work is greatly appreciated!

**There will be a second collection** on June 16<sup>th</sup> for our Retired Priests.

**Prayer blankets were given to:** *Lon Seeger*, Red Lake Falls, from Aaron & Liz Rongen. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**There will be a Rosary & Altar Society Meeting** this coming Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Again this summer**, we will be having breakfast served after mass on one Sunday of the month. Dates chosen for these gathering are June 16, July 21, and August 18. Corrie Doyea has volunteered to coordinate these breakfasts. If you are able to help serve any of these dates, please contact Corrie. The funds generated from the free will offerings at these breakfasts will go towards finishing the kitchen.

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

**BBQ Cookout and FM Red Hawks game** with the seminarians of the Diocese of Crookston, for men entering their sophomore year of high school though young adulthood, Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Parish Moorhead. Please RSVP to Fr. Matt Schmitz at 218-773-0877; or [mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net](mailto:mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net) by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Middle School BBQ cookout and FM Red Hawks game** with the seminarians of the Diocese of Crookston, for young men entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade as well as an adult male chaperone, Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Parish, Moorhead. Please RSVP to Fr. Matt Schmitz Promoter of Vocations 218-773-0977; [mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net](mailto:mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net), by July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Position Opening: Pastoral Associate to the Office of Formation in Discipleship – Diocese of Crookston:** The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a Catholic to serve as a Pastoral Associate in the Office of Formation in Discipleship. This person will serve on a team with the Director of the Office and the Formator for Discipleship. Ministry will involve advancing the mission of the Office by forming disciples to reach others for Christ. This will include working with priests, deacons, diocesan and parish staff, and lay Catholics based on the candidate's gifts and needs of the office. This is a full-time benefit eligible position based at the Chancery in Crookston, Minnesota. Applicants should be a practicing Catholic, motivated to engage in the New Evangelization as articulated in the *Joy of the Gospel*, a bachelor's degree and active participation in the life of the Church. Applications should include a letter of interest, resume, and names of three references. References will only be contacted after applicants are notified that they will be interviewed for the position. Applications or inquires for more information should be e-mailed to Dcn. Mark Krejci, Ph.D., at [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org).

**Ordination to the Priesthood:** Deacon Michael Arey will be ordained to the ministerial priesthood on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Come and join us as we thank God for the gift of Michael's 'YES' to His call to serve.

**Hoedown:** Our next Hoedown meeting is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We are in need of some additional help; please come and join us.

**Thank you all for the prayers**, thoughts, cards and kind words in the loss of Scott's dad, Ken. It is all so very appreciated!  
- *Scott, Lu, Emily & Drew*

**Forgiveness: the Most Exalted Form of Love:** The message given to Mirjana, visionary in Medjugorje, by our Blessed Mother, last Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dear children,

Only a pure and an open heart will make it such that you may truly come to know my Son and that all those who do not know His love may come to know it through you. Only love will make you comprehend that it is stronger than death because true love conquered death and made it so that death not exist.

My children, forgiveness is the most exalted form of love. You, as apostles of my love, must pray that you be strong in spirit and that you could comprehend and forgive. You, apostles of my love, by understanding and forgiveness, are giving an example of love and mercy. To be able to comprehend and forgive is a gift for which it is necessary to pray, and to nurture it.

By forgiveness you are showing that you know how to love. Just look, my children, how the Heavenly Father loves you with a great love, with understanding, forgiveness and justice—how He gives me, the Mother of your hearts, to you. And here I am among you to bless you with a motherly blessing, to call you to prayer, to fasting—to tell you to believe, to hope, to forgive, to pray for your shepherds, and above all to love without limits.

My children, follow me. My way is the way of peace and love, the way of my Son. It is the way that leads to the triumph of my heart.

Thank you.

**Fr. Joe will be on retreat** this week. Please keep the priests of the Diocese of Crookston in your prayers as they gather for this time of prayer, reflection, renewal and fraternity.