

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, November 10th, 2019 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Tuesday, November 12th: Priest of the Diocese
Wednesday, November 13th: +Sister Mary Jean Gust
Thursday, November 14th: +Dory Pavsek req. by Ray Bisek
Friday, November 15th: Wendy Richards req. by Michelle Geraghty
Sunday, November 17th: Parishioners

Ministry	November 17 th	November 24 th
Lectors	Ervin Vigness, Joan Ellegaard	Elaine Ricard, Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson	Carter Mosher, Jean Rock
Servers	Emery Erickson, Jack Erickson	Zach Dufault, Sidney Erickson
Ushers	Steven Massmann, Aaron Rongen	Todd Dufault, Pat Chisholm
Greeters	Wayne Weber, Brian Massmann	Aaron & Liz Rongen
Gift bearers	Wayne & Rose Weber	Bruce & Patty Mosher
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Collection	Matt Erickson, Nancy Vigum	Patty Mosher, Liz Rongen
Breakfast	Liz Rongen, Patty Mosher, Jan Erickson	Renee Rongen, Patricia Erickson, Andrea Gunufson

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

Church cleaning: November 4th – December 1st: Matt & Pat Erickson, Dennis & Paula Tice, Travis & Terri Johnson, Corey & Paige Tice. 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.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>11/3/19</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual</u>
Adult	\$840.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$735.00
Electronic	175.00		
Youth	18.00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	45.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$1,078.00	\$1,372.55	

Cookbook Sales: \$55.00

All Saints Day Collection: \$161.00

Nativity Donations: \$1,110.00

Birthday Greetings: Andy Nephew (11th), Christian Coauette (16th)

Food for thought: “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.”(2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17) There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

Prayer blankets were given to: Harlan Gunnufson, Twin Valley, from Penny Chisholm (her brother); Scott Anderson, Austin, TX, from Pam Reese. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students who were confirmed today: Abby Fuglseth, Dawson Fuglseth, Sarah Vigum, Hunter Bjerk, Emery Erickson, Kasy Lisburg, Addison McCollum, and Lexi Swenby.

There will be an open house in honor of Emery Erickson for his Confirmation today, November 10th starting at noon, at **St. Joseph's social hall**. Please come and join in fellowship. All are welcome.

The Altar and Rosary Society meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Today, Sunday November 10th we took a second collection for the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. If you forgot your contribution you may bring it next week and put it in the regular collection in an envelope marked "Military". Thank you.

It is time to order our Red St. Joseph's t-shirts again. There will be a signup sheet set out. I can then get an idea of how many and what sizes we need to get a quote from Kathy Black Embroidery. Thank you! ~Pam Reese

Snow Removal: We are looking for help with snow removal. To operate the snow blower the individual must be at least 18 years of age; to operate the shovel – any age. If you are able and willing to help us out this winter, please see Fr. Joe.

Answers to last week's puzzles: GRAIN, LITTLE, LOVER, SHALL. Answer: Today SALVATION has come.

Retrouvaille is a non-profit, 100% volunteer ministry devoted to saving marriages. It is Catholic rooted, Christian based. ***Retrouvaille Marriage Help:*** Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved worldwide. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage, 100% confidential. When: December 6-8, 2019. Where: Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN Contact: TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org <http://www.tcr-mn.org/>

We are thankful for all our many blessings, but are mindful of those not as fortunate or currently experiencing struggles. Therefore, as a parish project for the month of November, we will be collecting items and monies for the Fertile Food Shelf. There is a list of current needs posted on the table in the gathering space and attached to this week's bulletin. You may bring your donations to the church and place them on the table or in the baskets provided in the gathering space. Monetary donations may be placed in the can there also. We thank you for your generosity.

Sunday "Cup a' Joe": Sunday mornings from 10-10:45 a.m., we will be having a 'Cup a' Joe' - a casual round table fellowship over coffee. Each week will be a different topic starting with a brief teaching video followed by open discussion by the group. Our prayer is that this is an opportunity to grow in our faith & understanding of our church teachings, and more importantly grow in our fellowship with each other! Any questions, please reach out to Aaron or Liz Rongen – we look forward to hanging out with you, please stop in anytime – **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Inter-County Community Council Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 heating season. The EAP helps eligible renters and homeowners living in East Polk, Pennington and Red Lake counties pay a portion of their home heating and electric bills. Homeowners may be eligible for repair or replacement of their nonfunctioning heating systems. For more information there are some brochures available on the credenza in the gathering area, or contact ICCC at 218-796-5144 ext 4, toll free at 888-778-4008, email: eap@intercountyycc.org.

Outdoor Nativity Scene: As was mentioned last weekend, we are inviting family and friends to make donations towards an outdoor Nativity. You may purchase a figure(s) or make a donation towards a figure(s) in memory or honor of one of your loved ones. Join together with family or friends and go together on a figure. Be creative. Checks can be made out to St. Joseph's and are tax deductible.

The Book of the Living has been placed in the sanctuary and will remain there throughout the month of November. You are invited to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) who have died, and you would like to have remembered at Masses throughout this month, in the book.

Some members of the Pastoral Council discussed a new outreach ministry from St. Joseph's. We will be developing this ministry further over the next couple of weeks – if you would like to help in the planning please see Fr. Joe. What we are looking at doing is serving a monthly meal to any members of our community who would like to join us. The meal would be free of charge, no free will offering or anything like that. We see this as an opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ who may simply want a hot meal, fellowship, companionship, and an opportunity to get out of the house. We will attempt to schedule the meals towards the end of the month and on weeks that the food shelf is closed – so that if someone is running short on funds they can come and join us; and at an hour that is convenient for our senior citizens and for families. We know that we will be looking for some help with serving, ministering, and clean-up. Watch the bulletin for further information.