

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>: Father Joe Richards req. by Lilah Wang  
Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: +Vern Combee req. by Joan Combee **Mass at 7:00 p.m.**  
Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: Mass at St. Lawrence at 9:00 a.m.  
Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>: +Fr. Don Braukmann  
Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>: Parishioners

Ministry	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 8 <sup>th</sup>
Lectors	Aaron Rongen, Gay Webster	Matthew Massmann, Kirsten Fuglseth
Eucharist	Rob Lisburg, Monica Lisburg	Steven Massmann, Lorri Massmann
Servers	Kasy Lisburg, Arthur Rongen, John Douglas Rongen	Zach Dufault, Jack Erickson
Ushers	Korey Lisburg, Kyle Lisburg	Aaron Rongen, Greg Webster
Greeters	Patty Mosher, Jan Erickson	Jerry Erickson, Lexi Swenby
Gift bearers	Peter & Christel Vigness family	Jesse & Jami Doyea family
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson
Collection	Adison McCollum, Paul Reese	Lexi Swenby, Liz Rongen
Breakfast	Monica Lisburg, Mary Kiefert, Corrie Doyea	Ann Nephew, Christel Vigness, Jane Vigness

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

**Church cleaning:** **November 4<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Matt & Pat Erickson, Dennis & Paula Tice, Travis & Terri Johnson, Corey & Paige Tice. **Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 5<sup>th</sup>:** Pat & Penny Chisholm, Kory & Betty Solie, Steve Holzer, Jeff McCollum. 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 Actual	11/17/19	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual
Adult	\$1,505.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$1,820.00
Electronic	175.00		
Youth	5.00	\$11.55	<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b>
Plate	85.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$1,770.00	\$1,372.55	

**Nativity Set:** \$1,015.00

**Thanksgiving Food Shelf:** \$20.00

**Rooted Program:** \$82.00

**Birthday Greetings:** Eve Revier (24<sup>th</sup>), Dillon Sannes (26<sup>th</sup>), Keith Chisholm (27<sup>th</sup>) , Cody Coauette (27<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Roger & Karen Kurpius, Peter & Christel Vigness

**Food for thought:** “...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”(Colossians 1:12)God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things.” Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

**Prayer blankets were given to:** *Pat Gustafson*, Beltrami, from Larry & Elaine Ricard; *Lee Hagen*, Crookston, from Gail Carlson; *Terry Salem and Lea Ann Salem*, Crookston, from Gail & Dwain Carlson. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**We will be making Prayer Blankets** on Monday, December 9, from 1-4 PM. All are invited to come and help with this ministry that brings healing and comfort to so many.

**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.

**It is time to order your Red St. Joseph's t-shirts again.** There are forms available on the credenza in the gathering area. The shirts are the same as the last time we ordered them. If you are in need of one or need a new one please fill out the form and turn it in to the parish office or put it in the Sunday offertory basket. Cost will be \$10.00/shirt. Order deadline is December 15. A free shirt will be given to any of the youth of our parish, up through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Answers to last week's puzzles:** RIVER, HATED, MODEL, CLAP. Answer: Do not be DECEIVED.

**THANKS-GIVING BAKE SALE!** Emily Dufault will be hosting as a Thanksgiving Bake Sale fundraiser for Guatemala Orphanage, Luz de Maria, **today**, Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – following Mass in the gathering space. Please join me in supporting our brothers & sisters in Guatemala at the Luz de Maria orphanage. My recent mission trip there brought my greater awareness of how we can impact God's world from right here in Fertile. ~ *Emily*

**Fertile Food shelf hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Fertile Community Center. For emergencies please call 218-945-3136.

**Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team** for BEST ADVENT EVER with a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays. Take the first step toward discovering your amazing future at BestAdventEver.com

**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](mailto: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. 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.

**Advent Project:** During the season of Advent, our parish will be collecting items for the Care and Share Center in Crookston. We will be collecting personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, personal razors, shampoos, etc, and also winter hats and gloves especially those for children. Please place your donated items in the basket in the church gathering space, and they will be delivered to the Care and Share before Christmas.

**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@intercountycc.org](mailto:eap@intercountycc.org).

**St. Joseph's Table:** We hosted our first St. Joseph's Table supper on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We served approximately 150 meals. Those who came to eat and those who cooked, served, and cleaned enjoyed an evening of fellowship and wonderful food. Please watch for more information regarding our next meal, which is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SMMA** Next weekend there will be a second collection for St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, MN. The work of Fr. Jerry Rogers and a dedicated team of teachers and lay ministers at the Mission offer 131 Ojibwa children a quality Catholic education. Your support is critical to the success of the Mission. You can watch the video and donate online at [www.crookston.org/smma](http://www.crookston.org/smma) or you can support the Mission by responding to the SMMA mailing that arrived in your home. No gift is too small. Please be generous!

**Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's and on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence'.