

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, March 15th 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

This week’s Mass schedule: Tuesday, March 17th: +Dory Pavek req. by Ed & Darlys Miller at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18th: +Bill & Elizabeth Knox at 7:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 19th: +Maury Kappes req. by Kurpius & Kappes families at 5:30 p.m.
Friday, March 20th: +Sr. Mary Jean Gust at 7:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 22nd: +David Holzer req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson

Ministry	March 22 nd	March 29 th
Lectors	Ervin Vigness, Gay Webster	Joan Ellegaard, Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Pam Reese	Rob lisburg, Monica Lisburg
Servers	Zach Dufault, Jack Erickson	Catie Erickson, John Douglas Rongen
Ushers	Todd Dufault, Aaron Rongen	Korey Lisburg, Kyle Lisburg
Greeters	Lexi Swenby, Paul Reese	Wayne Weber, Patty Mosher
Gift bearers	Todd & Dorene Dufault family	Ben & Ashley Hand family
Sacristan	Rob Lisburg	Rob Lisburg
Collection	Lexi Swenby, Paul Reese	Sue Erickson, Mark Berhow
Breakfast	Pat Taylor, Rose Weber, Sue Erickson	Gay Webster, April Swenby, Jami Doyea
Adoration Schedule	March 23 rd 4-5 PM Rose Weber, Pat Taylor 5-6 PM Gary & Mary Kiefert 6-7 PM Steve & Lorri Massmann	March 30 th 4-5 PM Elaine & Larry Ricard 5-6 PM Jerry & Jan Erickson 6-7 PM Aaron & Liz Rongen

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

Church cleaning: March 2nd – March 29: Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth, Paul & Pam Reese, David & Connie Motteburg, Mark & Sue Erickson. 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. This week’s schedule: 4-5 pm Elaine & Larry Ricard; 5-6 pm Paula Tice; 6-7 pm Kirsten Fuglseth.

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

Offertory Actual	3/8/20	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 2/23/20
Adult	\$915.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$870.00
Electronic	175.00		
Youth	7.00	\$11.55	
Plate	165.00	\$173.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly
Total	\$1,262.00	\$1,372.55	\$903.82

Easter Flowers: \$170.00

Birthday Greetings: Alyssa Ellegaard (16th), Kyle Lisburg (17th), Madison Tate (19th), Howard Haugen (19th), Myah Doyea (21st)

Wedding Anniversaries: Joe & Karen Cyr

Food for thought: “everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” (John 4:13) Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

Fertile Food Shelf: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Fertile Community Center. For emergencies please call 218-945-3136.

Answers to last week's puzzles: CURSE, DESIGN, SAVIOR, REPLY. Answer: The Beginning: GENESIS

Prayer blankets were given to: *Carolyn Lundquist*, Fargo, from Ann Nephew; *Steve Boldt*, Fredericksburg, VA, from Dufault family. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Day of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, March 17th from 6 – 8 p.m.; it will be held on Wednesday, March 18th from 6 – 8 p.m. at St. Lawrence.

Catholic Relief Services collection will be next Sunday, March 22nd. See attached brochure for information about CRS.

Pastoral Council Elections: The Pastoral Council is 2/3 elected and 1/3 appointed. Having held our elections last Sunday I want to welcome Sue Erickson (2nd term), Kirsten Fuglseth (1st term) and Brian Massmann (1st term) to the council. I want to thank Donna Bjerk and Terri Johnson for their willingness to serve our parish in this capacity; I also want to thank Rose Weber and Todd Dufault for serving over the past 6 years.

No Youth Group Wednesday, March 18th, but the youth is encouraged to help with the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.

Lenten Fish Fry: Our Annual Fish Fry (prepared by the Crookston KC's) will be this Wednesday, March 18th, from 5 – 7 p.m. Cost: \$13.00 for ages 13 and up, \$8.00 for ages 12 and under, \$14.00 for takeout orders, and an additional \$6.00 for an extra filet of fish. Please invite a friend and come and join us for a wonderful fish supper! Volunteers to help with the meal are needed – sign-up on the table in the gathering area.

Cathedral Parish Lenten Fish Fry: The KC's fry up their delicious fish every Friday during Lent at the Cathedral in Crookston. Cost is \$13.00 for ages 13 and up, \$8.00 for ages 12 and under, \$14.00 for takeout orders.

St. Lawrence Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 27th, from 5-7 pm. All proceeds will go to youth activities. Let's support our sister parish of St. Lawrence.

Registration for the St. John Paul II Middle School Camp began on February 7th. You can go on line to register at www.Crookston.org. Any questions please contact Bob Noel at bnoel@crookston.org. Saint John Paul II Camp is for youth entering grades 7-9 who have a desire to deepen their faith, live in that faith and share their faith with others. The 2020 Camps will once again be held at **Northern Pines Camp**, Park Rapids. **Dates:** Sunday, July 5 to Thursday, July 9 AND Sunday, July 12 to Thursday, July 16 **Cost:** \$325.00 per camper OR \$300.00 per camper for two or more members of the same family. If financial assistance is needed, talk to Fr. Joe.

St. Joseph's Table: Our next St. Joseph's Table will be on Wednesday, March 25th, serving from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Do you know anyone in the community that could use a ride? Think about offering them one. Bring a friend, spread the word, all are welcome! Free of charge. Upcoming meals will be: April 22, and May 27. Mark your calendars.

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley Turkey Dinner has been ***canceled***.

Information about the choir for the Diocesan Chrism Mass: Chrism Mass Liturgy begins **promptly at 6:30** p.m., anyone interested in singing in the Choir can contact Mary Dahl at mdahl@crookston.org. Regional Rehearsals: Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph – Bagley; Monday, March 30th, 6:30 pm, Cathedral – Crookston: Thursday April 2nd, 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart---EGF. All music ministers need to be in their assigned sections and ready to warm up at 5:00 pm sharp.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. The CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic Social Teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. The internship is paid at an hourly rate of \$14/hour and requires 30 - 40 hours a week, beginning with a **mandatory training, May 27-29**, and ending mid-August, with the possibility of extending the internship into the Fall of 2020. Those with good communication skills and a strong interest in Catholic Social Teaching are encouraged to apply. Please visit www.crookston.org/employment to download the application and information regarding the submission of resumes. Contact Formator of Discipleship, Bob Noel, with any questions: bnoel@crookston.org or (218) 281-4533 ext. 439 **Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 27th.** Interviews will be conducted the first week of April.

Are you considering the Diaconate OR do you know of a man in our parish who should? The Permanent Diaconate is a ministry of Word, Sacrament and Service. As a minister of the Word, Deacons proclaim the Gospel during Mass and through their lives. As a minister of Sacrament, Deacons assist at Mass and preside at baptisms, weddings, funerals and wake services depending on the needs of the parish. And as a minister of Service, deacons carry out all manner of works of charity from visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and participating in prison ministry among many other Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The next group of men will gather for the first year of formation (called the aspirancy year) in 2021-2022. While this may seem well into the future, if you are considering the Diaconate (or think someone else should) you are encouraged to talk with your priest and to contact Deacon Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Formation (mkrejci@crookston.org), so that they can both pray for you and provide you with further information.

The Toboggan raffle was won by Arthur Rongen. We raised \$500.00; and we thank Northern Toboggan for their donation and Dwain and Gail Carlson for lining everything up for us. Proceeds go towards our landscaping in the spring.