

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, April 19th, 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

Church cleaning: March 30 – April 26: Eric & Joan Ellegaard, Roger & Karen Kurpius, Brian & Shelly Rust, John & Jami Revier. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>4/12/20</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 4/12/20</u>
Adult	\$1,313 .00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$ 11,090.00
Electronic	310.00		
Youth	.00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	50.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$1,673.00	\$1,372.55	

Birthday Greetings: Greg Webster (23rd), Adison McCollum (23rd), Carol Saga (25th)

Food for thought: “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20:19) Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships - with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile go a long way.

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.

Prayer blankets were given to: Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Additional Easter Flowers: In Memory of *Charles and Agnes Malarkey* by Rose & Wayne Weber.

Polk County Public Health is offering to all residents of Polk County, essential services including groceries, medication or other items needed for daily living. If you know of anyone that is in need of essential services, please contact Polk County Health at (218) 281- 3385. They are also gathering a list of volunteers who are willing to help deliver essential services if needed. To volunteer contact Polk County Health or register at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PolkVolunteer.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by the current pandemic. Remember that the church will be open during the day for you to stop in and pray. We will win the fight if we spend time on our knees, seeking God’s divine intervention. It is a time to **have faith, not fear**. Jesus says to us “Be not afraid”. We place our trust in Him!

I want to remind you that we are still called to *Keep Holy the Lord’s Day*. On Sundays please make sure to take time to pray as a family. On our parish website you will find the references to the daily Scriptures. Read them together, pray the Rosary, and/or do some other devotionals.

Financially, I ask that you keep in mind our parish. Even though we are not having Mass we still must meet our financial obligations. You can give online at our parish website through your checking account or you can mail your weekly contribution to the parish at 10480 438 St. SW, Fertile, MN 56540. On our website, under ‘Links’ you will find the button for ‘Donations’. Thank you for keeping our parish in mind during this time.

HAPPY EASTER

