

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 –Third Sunday of Easter

**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>4/19/20</u> | <u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>    | <u>Building Fund Actual 4/12/20</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adult                   | \$9,080.31     | \$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic) | \$ No Report                        |
| Electronic              | 880 .00        |                                   |                                     |
| Youth                   | .00            | \$11.55                           | <u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>  |
| Plate                   | 130.00         | <u>\$173.00</u>                   | \$903.82                            |
| Total                   | \$9,960.31     | \$1,372.55                        |                                     |

**Birthday Greetings:** Connie Motteburg (30<sup>th</sup>), Jack Erickson (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Brent & Stephanie Berhow, Duane & Nicole Straus

**Food for thought:** “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” (Luke 24:32) How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

**We continue to pray the Rosary** every evening at 7:00 on Facebook live. Tune in to St. Joseph’s Facebook page and join us.

**Please continue to pray** for those who are struggling the most during this time of COVID-19. They are in great need and we need to hold them up in prayer. Thank you.

**Fertile Food Shelf:** 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.

**Prayer blankets were given to:** Ed Huot, Gilbert AZ from Lorena Nohre and Elaine Ricard. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**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](https://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