

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, May 10th, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

This week's Mass schedule: Monday, May 11th: +David Holzer req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Tuesday, May 12th: +Kirk Rongen req. by Larry & Elaine Ricard
Wednesday, May 13th: Thanksgiving for God's care for all our family during Covid-19 during this pandemic req. by Stephen & Pat Taylor
Thursday, May 14th: +Hildegard Hatlestad req. by Altar & Rosary Society
Friday, May 15th: +Kathy Brule req. by Gail & Dwain Carlson
Sunday, May 17th: Parishioners

April 26th – May 31st: Larry & Elaine Ricard, Mike & Nancy Vigum, Steve & Lorri Massmann, Brian & Elizabeth Massmann. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>5/3/20</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 5/3/20</u>
Adult	\$1,565.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$ No Report
Electronic	330.00		
Youth	.00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	160.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$2,055.00	\$1,372.55	

Birthday Greetings: Megan Fuglseth (10th), Lois LeBlanc (10th), Kathryn Vigness (12th), Aksel Vigness (12th), Kenny Sannes Jr. (13th), Tyler Kieckbusch (13th), Gary Kiefert (14th), Ervin Vigness (14th)

Food for thought: *"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)* Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

We celebrate Mass each weekday at 6:30 p.m. and we pray the **Rosary** at 7:00 – live streamed on St. Joseph's Facebook page. Please join us.

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: *Altru Cancer Patient*, from Gay Webster 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.

Thank you! I want to thank everyone for all of your prayers and support as we navigate through these waters. I pray that we will soon be back together for the celebration of Mass. Until then, you are all in my daily prayers. ~Fr. Joe

Keep in your prayers our seniors who will be graduating from high school: Hunter Bjerk, Emery Erickson, Kasy Lisburg, Adison McCollum, and Lexi Swenby. May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they make their plans and move on to the next phase of their lives.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Weekday and Sunday Masses: While I am not permitted to open up our weekday and Sunday Masses to the public, I am permitted to have up to 9 additional people at Mass. With this in mind, I have decided to celebrate weekday Mass at 6:30 p.m. and live-stream it on Facebook. After Mass, at 7:00, we will then pray the Rosary as we have been doing for the past several weeks. Sunday Mass will continue to be at 9:00 a.m. For Mass I will contact the family of the person that the Mass is being offered for and invite them to attend; then I will strive to always have a lector at Mass to assist with the readings; and from there I will strive to spread it out among the parishioners of both parishes. This way you will be given an opportunity to attend Mass and receive communion once in a while until we are able to open up completely. At these Masses we will observe social distancing, hand sanitizing and wearing of a face mask. If anyone is sick I ask that you decline from being present at these Masses until you are healthy. Our first 6:30 p.m. weekday Mass will be on Monday, May 4th.

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.