

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 17th, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

This week’s Mass schedule: Monday, May 18th: No Mass
Tuesday, May 19th: +Maurice Kappes req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Wednesday, May 20th: +Richard Delaney req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Thursday, May 21st: +Donna Solie req. by Lois Plante
Friday, May 22nd: Ed Pavek & his intentions req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Sunday, May 24th: 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.

Offertory Actual	5/10/20	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 5/10/20
Adult	\$625.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$ 1,525.00
Electronic	340.00		
Youth	.00	\$11.55	Building Fund Needed Weekly \$903.82
Plate	.00	\$173.00	
Total	\$965.00	\$1,372.55	

Birthday Greetings: Monica Lisburg (17th), Gracie Rongen (18th), Lindsey Pokrzywinski (19th), Cathy Forgit (21st)

Wedding Anniversaries: Brian & Elizabeth Massmann

Food for thought: “For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” (1 Peter 3:17) the old line says, “If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

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: Toby Magsum, Crookston, from Aaron & Liz Rongen. 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.

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. Masses will be on Tuesday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Rosary.

An update on the Mass being televised on GVTV.

Starting this Sunday, May 17th, our Mass will be televised at 8:30 a.m. on channel 32. It will no longer be on at 11:15 a.m. You will also be able to watch it on the Garden Valley web page at 8:30 a.m. - follow these four steps

- 1) Go to: www.gvtel.com
- 2) Click on the **GVTV** tab at the top of the page
- 3) On the drop down menu click on **Live Stream Community Content**
- 4) Click on **Channel 32** - the Fertile/Beltrami channel

This weekend you will still be able to watch Mass on St. Joseph's Facebook page at **8:30 a.m.** Please note time change.

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.