

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: Saturday – 5:30 p.m., Sunday – 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday – 7:00 a.m.; Reconciliation: Sunday – 7:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 26th, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, July 29th: +Bob Leonard req. by Joan Combee
Thursday, July 30th: +Bill & Elizabeth Knox
Saturday, August 1st: +Dory Pavek req. by Ed & Darlys Miller
Sunday, August 2nd: Parishioners

Church Cleaning July 27th – August 30th: Jerry & Jan Erickson, Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth, Andrea Gunufson, Greg & Donna Bjerk. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>7/19/20</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 7/19/20</u>
Adult	\$540.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$1,430.00
Electronic	\$810.00		
Youth	\$.00	\$11.55	
Plate	\$ 65.00	\$173.00	
Total	\$1,415.00	\$1,372.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u> \$903.82

Birthday Greetings: Pat Chisholm (28th), Brady Bjerk (28th)

Food for thought: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust God, His plan is always better.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday from 4-6 PM during the summer months. Everyone is invited to come and spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; as you feel comfortable doing so. Social distancing and disinfecting guidelines will apply. In September we hope to return to our regular rotation schedule.

Sunday Mass will be televised at 8:30 a.m. on channel 32, and on the Garden Valley web page at 8:30 a.m. Or go to: <https://www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/> and scroll down to Channel 32. It will be re-aired at 10:30 on the St. Joseph's Facebook page.

Ministry Schedule: Volunteers are needed each week: Sacristan, Lectors (1 or 2), Money Counters (at least 2). If you are willing to help out, please arrive early and check in with Fr. Joe. Thank you.

Rosary is prayed on Sunday morning at 8:00 at St. Joseph's.

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.

We invite everyone to come celebrate with us as we honor Emery on his high school graduation. We want to thank everyone for supporting and praying for Emery during his high school and elementary days!! Emery is planning attending NDSCS-Wahpeton for Ranch management. Please join us on Sunday, July 26 from 2- 5 pm at St. Joseph's. ~ Thank you, Matt, Patricia and Emery

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

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER! STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

Congratulations to Sammi Olson and Robby Davy! Sammi and Robby were married at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 25th. May God bless them as they begin their life journey together.

Our prayers and sympathies to Diane Mulcahy and family on the death of Bill Mulcahy. Bill died on Tuesday, July 21st. May he rest in peace! Amen!

Our prayers and sympathies to Mary Kiefert and family on the death of Gary Kiefert. Gary died on Friday, July 24th. May he rest in peace! Amen!

Holy Hog had a very successful weekend. Sunday's total was \$707.00 and Monday's total was \$ 1,521.00, with a total of \$2,228.00! Holy Hog would like to thank all those that helped in any way. Holy Hog will also be serving right here in Fertile, Thursday July 30th, at the Farmer's Market by JD Mason Park and the Splash Pad from 11:00am – 7:00 pm. We will need help with prep, set-up, serving, and clean-up/take-down. Any help in any way, is greatly appreciated. Please contact Pam Reese at peese2012@gmail.com or Pam's cell 218-289-0574. Thank you for your continued support! All proceeds go toward the Building Fund.

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.

Face-masks: Gov. Walz is now requiring the use of face masks at all indoor gatherings. Please make sure that you bring a face mask to all Masses and other events being held at the church. The mask will need to be worn throughout the duration of the Mass, except for the reception of Holy Communion. At communion time I will ask that you wear the mask until you receive the host and then take two steps to the side to lower your mask so that you can reverently consume the host. We need to make sure that we are continuing to practice social distancing as well - please keep 6 feet between you and the person in front of you, unless they are a member of the same household.

On July 22, 2020, Gov. Tim Walz issued executive order 20-81, which mandates the use of face coverings in all indoor spaces, including churches, but with some exceptions. It takes effect on Saturday, July 25. Though decisions regarding safety protocols within Catholic churches are ultimately within the authority of the diocesan bishop, the Church can and should collaborate with public officials in the service of public health and the common good unless public health directives are terribly unreasonable, impractical, or discriminatory. The Diocese of Crookston does not view the request to wear face coverings indoors as unreasonable. We recognize that parishes have already instituted strict social distancing and cleanliness protocols, and this mask requirement is an additional burden. We appreciate your flexibility in order to promote community health. Please note: liturgical ministers such as priest celebrants, cantors, and lectors are exempt from Gov. Walz's order and are not required to have face coverings when lecturing, singing, or celebrating Mass.