

# 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.; Wednesday and Thursday – 7:00 a.m.; Reconciliation: Sunday – 7:45 a.m.

## Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**This week's Mass schedule:** Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Hoepfner and his intentions  
Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>: All priests of the Diocese  
Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: +Maury & +Maggie Kappes req. by Kurpius & Kappes families

**Church Cleaning September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 25<sup>th</sup>** Richard & Jean Rock, Jaysen & Ann Nephew, Rose & Wayne Weber, Corrie Doyea. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>9/27/20</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 9/27/20</u>
Adult	\$ 525.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$1,625.00
Electronic	\$ 255.00		
Youth	\$ .00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 52.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$ 832.00	\$1,372.55	

**Birthday Greetings:** Pat Erickson (4<sup>th</sup>), Solveig Sirjord (6<sup>th</sup>), Richard Rock (7<sup>th</sup>), Michael Tate (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Food for thought:** "The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." (Matthew 21:42) Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others is sign that God is alive and well!

**Weekly Eucharistic Adoration** is held each Monday from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Social distancing guidelines will apply.

**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. Please come and join us.

**Prayer blankets were given to:** Heidi Lemer, McIntosh, MN, from Steve & Lorri Massmann. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**Drive-Thru Holy Hog Fall Dinner:** **TODAY** Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM we will be having our Holy Hog Fall Dinner in the Church parking lot – Drive-Thru style. COVID-19 cancelled our annual Turkey Dinner so we're firing up the grill! Stay in your car and let us bring dinner to you! Serving a Marinated Pork Sandwich Meal \$10.00, or Hot Dog Meal - \$5.00 (includes chips and a beverage). 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.

**Religious Education Classes:** will begin today, Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, for grades K-9 after Mass; Confirmation class will begin on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Monica Lisburg or Kirsten Fuglseth.

**Fatima** is now playing at River Cinema, in East Grand Forks. It is the story of a famous miracle in Fatima, Portugal, where 3 children, ages 7, 9, and 10 claimed to have encountered the Virgin Mary on their way home from tending the sheep. It is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon or evening.

**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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PolkVolunteer).

### **Saving Human Lives**

This Article is in regard to a 1998 comic strip, B.C.

Two little ants sitting on a rock by the ocean see the Statue of Liberty in the distance. One says, "That statue in the harbor-didn't it used to have a light?" The other one says, "Yes." The first one replies, "When did it go out?" Then the second one says, "1973."

The trial of Roe vs. Wade that made abortion legal was 1973. Not only did America's light go out but our heart and our conscience died that day also. We should hang our heads in shame for having allowed this atrocity to happen.

For a country to make legal the killing of our very own children - flesh and blood – is a country without morals, without pride, without conscience – a country headed for its own destruction. We're not talking about saving whales, or eagles, or the spotted owls here. We're trying to save human lives.

We as a nation have conditioned our minds with so-called "reasons" and "excuses" and "choices." They are just smoke screens to hide our sins behind. Let's call abortion what it really is -- murder -- a sin against God's Fifth Commandment.

Our day of reckoning is coming.

*Ruth Weber*

*Davenport Iowa*

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There is no issue more important than LIFE! Take a stand for life today! We must end the terrorism that is called a "choice", a "right", "healthcare" – it is murder!