

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, December 13th, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, December 16th: +Leo Wald req. by David & Kathleen Wolter
Thursday, December 17th: +Dory Pavcek req. by Phillip & Donna Rogers
Sunday, December 20th: Parishioners

Church Cleaning November 30th – December 27th: Pat & Penny Chisholm, Kory & Betty Solie, Steve Holzer, Jeff McCollum. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>12/6/20</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 12/6/20</u>
Adult	\$ 10,580.52	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report
Electronic	\$ 230.00		
Youth	\$.00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 20.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$ 10,830.52	\$1,372.55	

Food Shelf: \$30.00

Christmas Flowers: \$265.00

Retirement for Religious: \$50.00

Birthday Greetings: Jamee Johnson (14th), Mark Berhow (15th), Jan Erickson (17th), Emily Larsen (17th)

Food for thought: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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

Sunday Mass is 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: 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: Al & Bev Stigman, Perham, MN, from Lu Larsen. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

We will be making prayer blankets tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 14, from 1-4 pm. Please join us if you can. We are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing.

After Mass next Sunday, December 20th, we will be decorating for Christmas. Please consider lending a hand.

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.

Religious Education Classes: Classes will be held distant learning via zoom meetings until further notice. Please look for email or text from your child’s teacher for instructions and information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Monica Lisburg or Kirsten Fuglseth.

Advent Calendars are available to pick up in the gathering area. Please post one on your fridge so that you don’t miss out on any of the activities taking place during Advent.

I do not believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are just for the strong, the independent, and the healthy. They are for everyone-including unborn children. ~ *George W. Bush*

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve: 3:30 at St. Joseph; 5:00 at St. Lawrence; 7:00 at St. Lawrence; 12:00 Midnight at St. Joseph. Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph, 10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence.

Reconciliation Schedule: Dec. 21st, 4:00 – 6:00 at St. Joseph; Dec. 22nd, 4:00 – 6:00 at St. Lawrence.

\$10,000.00 Cash Raffle: Tickets are now available if you would be willing to help us sell them or for purchase. Cost/ticket is \$100.00 with only 250 tickets being sold. Prizes are: 1st - \$10,000.00; 2nd - \$1,000.00; 3rd, 4th, and 5th – \$500.00 each. Drawing will be held on December 31st, 2020 after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

We are thankful for all our many blessings, but we are mindful of those not as fortunate or currently experiencing struggles. Therefore as a parish project, we will be collecting until Christmas for *Holiday Sharing: Fertile-Beltrami Food Shelf*. Please place your items on the table or in the baskets in the gathering space. The Food Shelf is in need of the following items:

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| - Juice | - Toilet Tissue |
| - Paper Towels | - Laundry Detergent (small to regular size) |
| - Dish Detergent | - Cough Drops |
| - Kleenex | - Diapers Size 4, 5 or 6 |
| - Wet Wipes | - Pain Relievers: Tylenol, Advil, Aleve |
| - Personal Items: Deodorant, Body Wash, Shampoo/Conditioner, Razors/Shaving Cream | |

We are currently looking into the possibility of streaming our Christmas Day Mass. We will keep you posted.

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