

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 20th, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, December 23rd: +Diane Wald req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Thursday, December 24th: +Leah Vigum req. by Larry & Elaine Ricard 3:30 P.M.
Thursday, December 24th: +Gordon Vaagen req. by Paul & Pam Reese Midnight
Friday, December 25th: +Gary Kiefert req. by Altar & Rosary Society 9:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 27th: 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>12/13/20</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 12/12/20</u>
Adult	\$ 700.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$1,910.00
Electronic	\$ 230.00		
Youth	\$.00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 555.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,485.00	\$1,372.55	

Christmas Flowers: \$65.00

Retirement for Religious: \$65.00

Birthday Greetings: Harry Nohre (23rd), Jesus (25th), Emery Erickson (26th) Roger Kurpius (26th)

Food for thought: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (1 Luke 1:28) After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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: Babs Oistad, Fertile, from Rongens. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

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.

Christmas is the Feast of the Incarnation and Christ takes on a human body precisely so as to offer the sacrifice of that body that saves the world. “A Savior is born for you.” He is a savior precisely because he bears our human nature, and has a human body like we do – a body offered on the cross and in the Eucharist. As we see in readings and the Gospels, the details of His birth are carefully planned by God and foretold by his prophets. His birth is all about hope fulfilled and hope inspired. That hope outlasts his birth, and extends to us today as we work to build a world in harmony with the vision of peace, life, and love that Christmas inspires. Abortion is diametrically opposed to this vision of peace, life and love. May all believers and their clergy, take renewed strength and courage to speak out against abortion, consistent with the vision of Christmas and the proclamation of the Gospel.

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. If possible, please allow the 3:30 and 5:00 Masses be for families with young children. No one will be turned away from any of the Masses at St. Joseph’s or St. Lawrence. Please remember to wear a face mask and social distance.

Christmas Mass on TV: We will live stream Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. on GVTV channel 32; The Midnight Mass will be recorded and available for watching on the St. Joseph’s Facebook page beginning at 7:00 a.m.

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

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 | |

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