

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, January 24th, 2021 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, January 27th: +Leo Wald req. by David & Kathleen Wolter
Thursday, January 28th: Parishioners
Sunday, January 31st: +Bill Mulcahy req. by family

Church Cleaning December 28th – January 31st: Jr & Leanne Sannes, Aaron & April Swenby, Rob & Monica Lisburg, Kelsey Lisburg. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>1/17/21</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 1/17/21</u>
Adult	\$ 795 .00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$1,045.00
Electronic	\$ 180.00		
Youth	\$.00	\$11.55	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 41.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,016.00	\$1,372.55	

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa: \$30.00

Birthday Greetings: Jamie Doyea (24th), Bitsy Rongen (26th), Korey Lisburg (26th), Ashley Hand (26th), Eric Ellegaard (27th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Wayne & Rose Weber

Food for thought: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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, 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 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's. Please come and join us.

Prayer blankets were given to: 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. Emergencies please call 218-945-3136.

Religious Education Classes: Confirmation class will be **in-person** next Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 PM. All other classes will be held distant learning via zoom meetings until further notice. Watch for email or text from teachers for instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Lisburg or Kirsten Fuglseth.

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Consecration to St. Joseph: Fr. Joe invites you to join him in a Consecration to St. Joseph. We will begin to prepare for the consecration on February 15 and conclude with the consecration on Friday, March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, at an evening Mass. To guide us through the preparation you will need the book Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway. Copies cost of \$16.00 on Amazon. You can also purchase the Kindle version for around \$7.50 on Amazon.

Our prayers and sympathy to Fr. Tom Friedl on the death of his father, Richard Friedl. Richard died Thursday morning at the age of 92 years, in Inver Grove Heights. May he rest in peace and may the Friedl family know of God's love and mercy as they prepare to celebrate the gift of his life.

Do not conform yourself to this age: St. Paul tells us, "Do not conform yourself to this age but...discern...what is good and pleasing..." Since Roe v. Wade, around 63 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live. An entire class of persons, children in the womb, has been relegated to the status of "Chattel", personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they. They have no power to resist. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own. Without doubt, the killing of innocent children in the womb is the pre-eminent moral evil of our age. It is for this reason that we must "not conform" to this grave injustice. As St. Paul tells us, we must instead stand on the side of truth and justice and "what is good and pleasing to God". We must recognize what both medical science and natural justice tell us: children in the womb are human persons with an inalienable right to life. Undoubtedly, the most important human rights issue of our age is to protect our "first neighbors" ---children in the womb. The womb is the "first home" of the whole human race and standing up for them is a matter of solidarity with our neighbor and love for the poor. We should not stand by while thousands of children every day are evicted and killed! Our call (as St. Paul reminds us) is to replace the current culture of death with a new culture of life and civilization of love. ~ Pro-Life Articles

"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born." ~Ronald Reagan