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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, February 7th, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, February 10th: +Leo Wald req. by David and Kathleen Wolter
 Thursday, February 11th: +Vern Combee req. by Joan Combee
 Sunday, February 14th: Parishioners

Ministers	February 14 th	February 21 st
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth, Gay Webster	Ervin Vigness, Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Ruth Cameron	Karen Kurpius
Greeters/Ushers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Greg & Gay Webster
Collection		
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson

Church Cleaning February 1st- February 28th: Jerry & Cathy Forgit, Scott & Luan Larsen, Jessie & Jami Doyea, Cody & Maggie Coauette. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	1/31/21	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 1/31/21
Adult	\$ 590 .00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$ 225.00
Electronic	\$ 85 .00		
Youth	\$ 23.00	\$11.55	Building Fund Needed Weekly
Plate	\$ 65.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$ 763.00	\$1,372.55	

Food Shelf: \$20.00

Birthday Greetings: Ed Pavek (9th), Marcia Liebl (9th), Paige Tice (13th)

Food for thought: *“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”* (Mark 1:35, 38) In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with 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.

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.

Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph’s. Please come and join us.

Prayer blankets: *Sonja Meline*, Perley, MN, from Bonnie Rongen; *Karin Ferraro*, Minneapolis, MN, from Chris Ricard. 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.

Ministry Schedule: As we gradually return to Mass, we would like to reestablish the practice of having personal commitments to service ministries. Each week we need:

1. Two ushers/greeters (please arrive by 8:10)
2. One reader for the first reading
3. One reader for the second reading
4. One Eucharistic minister of Holy Communion
5. Two collection reporters
6. One Sacristan

Please sign up by emailing Donna Bjerk at stjoesfertile@gvtel.com and let her know when you are available. Thank you for serving your community and don't forget to invite your friends and loved ones to Mass!

Religious Education Classes: Confirmation class will be **in-person** next Wednesday, February 10th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Together in Spirit for Middle School will meet this week via a zoom class, watch for an email with the link. This week's session is "Ask me Anything" (with DOC priests). 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.

Catie and Sidney Erickson, along with other Polk County 4-H Ambassadors are helping to collect winter gear for Polk County Youth. They will be collecting hats, gloves, and socks until February 15th to help keep our youth warm. Gently used and new items welcomed. There will be a box in the commons area at St. Joseph's. Collection boxes will also be available at Northside, Red River State Bank, Aaron's Grocery, Opdahl's Donuts and Encore.

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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 next Sunday, 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 can be purchased on Amazon.

Today we are happy to announce the commencement of the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our overall goal this year is \$900,000 (as it has been over the past three years) and our parish's individual goal is \$9,556. Pledges are for 10 months beginning March 1 and ending December 31, 2021. Please pick up an envelope today and make a pledge or a gift, no matter how great or how modest, so that we can continue to support diocesan ministries that touch all of us. Where there is faith, there is hope! Donate online at www.crookston.org/DAA.

Wake up America: We are all appalled by the gun violence, opioid epidemic, school shootings and massacres in our country – as well as we should be! But what about the millions of babies that have been killed by our own country's law of abortion? Since abortion was made legal, all life has been devastated. We live in the United States of America – the greatest country on Earth! How could we have allowed this to ever become a law of our land? It is evil! It is murder of little, helpless, innocent babies! Absolutely no one person or one of our fifty States has the right to kill a baby! Wake up America! ~ Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa

"Take my hand, not my life." ~Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

Catholics at the Capitol, April 15 – On Mission for Life and Dignity! There's no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. So join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year's Catholics at the Capital, a special day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul. Be formed in the faith, beginning the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Be informed on the issues, as we hear from inspiring speakers like international pro-life advocate Obianuju Ekeocha and Archbishop Jose Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the archbishops of Los Angeles. And be sent on a mission, joining Eucharistic procession from the cathedral to the capital before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials. The big day is April 15, but registration is already open. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and secure your spot. Together, we can protect life and dignity.

Registration for Saint John Paul II Camp *Into the Deep* is now open. This camp is for youth entering grades 7 – 8 in the fall of 2021. Dates: July 18-22. Camp will be held at Oak Hills College in Bemidji. Cost is \$275.00 – family rates available. For more information visit: www.crookston.org/jp2camp. Financial assistance is available for those who need it – contact Fr. Joe.

Registration for Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp *EXTRAordinary* is now open. This camp is for youth entering grades 9 - 10 in the fall of 2021. Dates: June 20 - 24. Camp will be held at Oak Hills College in Bemidji. Cost is \$275.00 – family rates available. For more information visit: www.crookston.org/toccamp. Financial assistance is available for those who need it – contact Fr. Joe.