

# 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, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Divine Mercy Sunday

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>+Don & +Lorraine Leonard req. by Joan Combee  
Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: +Millie Pokrzywinski req. by Paul & Pam Reese  
Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: +Derrik Duckstad req. by Lilah Wang

Ministers	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Elaine Ricard	Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann	Karen Kurpius
Greeters/Ushers	Larry & Elaine Ricard	Greg & Gay Webster
Collection	Nancy Vigum & Volunteer needed	Elaine Ricard & Volunteer Needed
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth

**Church Cleaning March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Eric & Joan Ellegaard, Roger & Karen Kurpius, Brian & Shelly Rust, John & Jamie Revier. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	4/4/21	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 3/28/21
Adult	\$ 1,475.00	\$1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$225.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$11.55	<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b>
Plate	\$ 352.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,957.00	\$1,372.55	

**Food Shelf:** \$100.00

**Birthday Greetings:** Tom Rongen (11<sup>th</sup>), Cooper Gieseke (12<sup>th</sup>), Tim Betzen (13<sup>th</sup>), Zach Dufault (14<sup>th</sup>), Patrick Forgit (14<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Vigum (15<sup>th</sup>), Paul Hatlestad (16<sup>th</sup>), Todd Dufault (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ben & Ashley hand (14<sup>th</sup>), Harry & Lorena Nohre (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Food for thought:** *“The community of believers was of none heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own....”(ACTS 4:32)* On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing *“Alleluia.”* Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His Salvations plan.

**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.

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

**Prayer blankets:** Scott Revier, Winger, from Sandy Gagner. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is today, Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate we will have Adoration beginning at 2:30 p.m., the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00, Benediction and reposition at 3:30. Please come and join us if you can.

**Director of Catholic Schools: Diocese of Crookston:** The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a part-time Director for the Office of Catholic Schools. In collaboration with pastors and under the guidance of the bishop, this position helps diocesan schools become strong in their Catholic identity. This person is available for consultation with principals, pastors, and advisory councils in the development of philosophy, policy, curriculum and applicable school law. Through the Director of Schools, principals across the diocese stay connected and have ongoing collaboration opportunities. Applicants should have certification and experience in educational leadership. The qualifying candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic who understands the teachings of the Catholic Church with the desire to promote them through Catholic education. Send resume and three references to: Msgr. Michael Foltz, Diocese of Crookston, P.O. Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716 or by email to: [mfoltz@crookston.org](mailto:mfoltz@crookston.org). **Interviews begin May 15.**

**Religious Education Classes:** Grades 6 - 9 will meet tonight, Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to view the Chosen series from 6:30 – 8:00 with the parish family. All other classes will be held distant learning via zoom meetings until further notice. Watch for email or text from teachers for instructions. Any questions, please contact Monica Lisburg or Kirsten Fuglseth.

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**Where there is faith, there is hope!** For those of you who have made a gift to the 2021 DAA – Thank you! For those who are still discerning, it is not too late. We are currently at about 50% of our parish goal. Everything helps.

**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](http://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](http://www.crookston.org/toccamp). Financial assistance is available for those who need it – contact Fr. Joe.

**The Chosen.** You are invited to join fellow parishioners on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8 PM for a watch party and bible study on the first ever crowd funded series on the life of Jesus called ***The Chosen***. **Sessions resume tonight.**

**In his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*,** Pope Francis reminds us that “every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice.” Inspired by the virtuous life of Saint Joseph and the sacrifices he made living out his vocation as Jesus’ foster father, The Office of Formation is offering the **Year of Saint Joseph Spring Parent Series**. The goal of this series of presentations is to support parents as they seek ways to accompany their children through some of the greater challenges of adolescence. Each session will center on relevant topics and provide participants with helpful information, strategies, and resources. Participants can pre-register for these free events [www.crookston.org/stjoseph](http://www.crookston.org/stjoseph)

**Addressing the Elephant in the Room: What Parents Should Know About Pornography:** Brandon Clark – Covenant Eyes Monday, April 12; 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. It is a sinister plot: attacking our children using their own God-given sexuality against them. But that is exactly what the pornography industry and predators do as they enter our homes through often unlocked and unguarded digital doors. The stark reality is that many parents do not know this is happening, or if they do, they have no plan to evict the evil and bolt the doors shut. Participants can pre-register for these free events [www.crookston.org/stjoseph](http://www.crookston.org/stjoseph)

**Your Child and God’s Gift of Sexuality:** Deacon Mark Krejci Thursday, May 6 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This presentation will help parents guide their children to a healthy understanding of the gift of human sexuality. In a world that is constantly bombarding our children with messages that twist and distort the role of sexuality in life, it is as important as ever to counter that message in a way that allows our children to become healthy men and women in society. Deacon Mark Krejci will provide an approach and helpful resources that will prepare and equip parents to have difficult, but crucial conversations with their children about the gift of human sexuality. Participants can pre-register for these free events [www.crookston.org/stjoseph](http://www.crookston.org/stjoseph)

**Esto Vir!** is a vocation camp for young men entering their sophomore year of high school through young adulthood. This camp is an opportunity for those men who may be open to the priesthood to come together and spend some days in community with each other and the seminarians of the diocese. The camp includes games, lakeside recreation, Mass, prayer, food, and fellowship. Camp Dates: **July 7-9, 2021 (Wednesday – Friday)** Registration deadline: **Monday, June 21, 2021** Location: **Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp (Fosston, MN)** Cost: **FREE!** *“The thing I really learned about on this retreat is how to discern a vocation — namely the priesthood and marriage — and how to wrestle with those and how to properly ask God those questions.”* – Aaron L. For more information: [www.crookston.org/estovir](http://www.crookston.org/estovir).

## Confirmation Class of 2021 Patron Saints

Sunday, April 11, 2021

### Austin (St. Joseph) Bjerk



I chose St. Joseph as my saint. St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers, fathers, carpenters and civil engineers to name a few. He is also a saint of hesitation and a saint against doubt. I've prayed to St. Joseph to help me with any doubts with decisions that are hard for me to make. I also look up to St. Joseph because he was a wonderful role model and stepped up unconditionally to fill in the role of "foster" father to Jesus. Since I am looking into a career of either an electrician or plumber, I feel St. Joseph would help guide me in any kind of work I do pursue. St. Joseph's feast day is March 19.

### Zachary (St. Dunstan of Canterbury) Dufault



Saint Dunstan of Canterbury lived from AD 909 or 919 to May 988. He was the patron saint of Blacksmiths, Goldsmiths, Locksmiths, Silversmiths, Musicians, and of bell ringers. In his lifetime he became an English Bishop, he was successively Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey, Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London, and Archbishop of Canterbury. And later was canonized as a Saint. His work had changed the English Church. He began to rebuild the abbey. He also established Benedictine monasticism at Glastonbury. He also reformed the church and had restored monastic life in England. In his life, there have been stories of St. Dunstan outsmarting or making a deal with the Devil to leave an area and to never return again.

### Catie (St. Drogo) Erickson



Saint Drogo (or Dreux, Drugo, Druron) was born on March 14th, 1105, in Epinoy, Flanders and on April 16th, 1186, he died in Sebourg, France. His feast day is April 16th, and he is known as the patron saint of shepherds, coffee, and the ugly. When he was born, his mother died. The reason for her death was revealed to him, and it had an emotional impact on him. He took responsibility for his actions. He went to severe penances later in life, probably to alleviate his remorse. When Drogo was a teenager, he was orphaned. He gave up all of his possessions at the age of eighteen and became a penitential pilgrim. He visited Rome about nine or ten times as a pilgrim. For about six years, he worked as a shepherd in Sebourg, near Valenciennes, where he was employed by Elizabeth de l'Haire. Drogo was said to be able to bi-locate, or be physically present, in two separate locations at the same time. Witnesses claimed to have seen Drogo employed in fields and attending Mass every Sunday.

He was diagnosed with an unsightly bodily ailment while on a pilgrimage. He became so horribly deformed that the townspeople were afraid of him. When he was in his twenties, a cell was built for him to shield the village's inhabitants from his appearance. His cell was constructed next to his church because he was so holy. Except for a small window from which he received the Eucharist and obtained his food, St. Drogo remained in his cell with no human interaction. He remained there for the rest of his life, roughly forty years, subsisting solely on barley, water, and the holy Eucharist.

### Justin (Saint Raphael the Archangel) Solie



I chose the patron saint of healing, the blind, travelers, nurses, and physicians. Saint Raphael the Archangel! I chose this saint because I would like to pursue the medical field when I go to college and become a doctor in some division. Saint Raphael the Archangel was one of the 7 archangels; he was the angel who moved the waters of the healing sheep pool. His feast day is September 29th. Another reason I chose this saint because we are in the middle of a global pandemic and healing is what our world needs right now especially through these stressful times that are occurring right now.