

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, September 19th, 2021 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, September 22nd: +Derrick Duckstad req. by Altar & Rosary Society
Thursday, September 23rd: +Lois LeBlanc req. by Larry & Elaine Ricard
Sunday, September 26th: +Julius Massmann req. by Altar & Rosary Society

Ministers	September 26 th	October 3 rd
Lector	Karen Kurpius, Steven Massmann	Elaine Ricard
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Steven Massmann	Paul Reese, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Rodney & Maggie Bryn	Jerry & Jan Erickson
Collection	Sue Erickson, Pam Reese	Catie Erickson, Kirsten Fuglseth
Sacristan	Ruth Cameron	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Catie Erickson	Sidney Erickson
Gift Bearers	Rob & Monica Lisburg family	Paul & Pam Reese
Breakfast Servers	Jean Rock, Ruth Cameron, Gay Webster	Nancy Vigum, Betty Solie, Paula Tice

Church Cleaning August 30th – September 26th: Duane & Nicole Straus, Bonnie Rongen, Ben & Ashley Hand, Richard & Jean Rock. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>9/12/21</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 9/12/21</u>
Adult	\$ 805.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$5,162.50
Electronic	\$ 180.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 109.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	
Total	\$ 1,094.00	\$1,612.00	\$903.82

Collection for Latin America: \$78.00.

Food Shelf Donation: \$20.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Tanner Solie (19th), Pam Wilkens (20th), Cullen Massmann (23rd), Jerry Erickson (24th), Olivia Forgit (24th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Steven & Lorri Massmann (20th), Michael & Madison Tate (21st)

Food for thought *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* (Mark 9:35) Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Weekly Eucharistic Exposition with 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.

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

Prayer blankets were given to: Randy Brag, Kindred, ND, from Pat Erickson; Avalon Carlson, Woodland, CA, from Dwain & Gail Carlson; Kim & Chuck Goering, Mentor, MN, from Jaysen & Ann Nephew. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Religious Education classes will start today, Sunday, September 19th. Please pick up a registration form and fill out for your family. Please fill one out even if your child is not school age. The information will help us to prepare for them in the coming years!

Please keep Lois Plante in your prayers. She fell last weekend and has been hospitalized for a few days. On Friday she was moved to a rehab center where she will stay for a few weeks. If you wish to send her a card, her address is:

Lois Plante
Moorhead Rehab & Health Care Center
2810 2nd Ave N.
Moorhead, MN 56560

Parish lists for church cleaning, breakfast serving, and funeral organizing have been updated. Individual family envelopes are laid out alphabetically on the table in the Gathering Space. Please pick up your family's envelope on your way out of church this morning. These lists are also posted on the parish website.

Upcoming MAJOR EVENT: As you know we are still scheduled to host a turkey and all the works meal, on Sunday, October 10th. This will be a busy week, so we ask that you help do a part, to bring this event to fruition. Sign-up sheets will come to the back table soon. Also, there will be a country store. Please join our effort to host another amazing parish dinner!

Perfect Fit Campaign The Diocese of Crookston is in the process of purchasing the Mount St. Benedict buildings. These facilities will be used for diocesan offices, retreat programs, conferences, and many other events. The sisters will continue to live in part of the building. The diocese is running a capital campaign to raise \$15 million to purchase and endow the running of the facility. The next two weekends at Mass, you will hear more information about the Perfect Fit campaign. More information can be viewed now via posters and information pamphlet in the entry of the church and by going to www.crookston.org/perfectfit on the diocesan website.

Looking Ahead: Parish Mission

A parish mission will be hosted at St. Joseph's, Fertile on Sunday, Nov. 28 – Tuesday, Nov. 30. Deacon Ralph Poyo will be leading the mission and begin by preaching at those Sunday morning Masses. Deacon Ralph is excellent. We had him at St. Joe's Moorhead several years ago and enjoyed him so much that we brought him back for another mission. Please reserve these evenings on your calendar now. More information will be forthcoming.

Fr. Larry's Weekly Schedule A part of my continuing care for my alcohol addiction is that I will be participating in an intensive outpatient program (IOP) in Crookston every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. for about 3 months. This may inhibit some of my participation in some parish events but if I need to skip a night, I would just make it up later.

Help Needed. Positions in Food Service at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery. For details contact Sr. Myra Schmieg at (218) 521-0754

The Perfect Fit Campaign As you may have read in the OND or other media sources, the Diocese is planning to buy Mount St. Benedict using the main building for diocesan offices and being able to host retreats, conferences and other larger events. The sisters will remain in part of the facility. A diocesan wide capital campaign is in progress and towards the end of September we all will receive further information and be encouraged to make a pledge to enable this process to go forward.

Covid Precautions

Pope Francis has released a statement (along with six archbishops from the Western Hemisphere) encouraging people to get the Covid vaccinations if appropriated and in consultation with your physician. The statement from Pope Francis can be found on the diocesan website at www.crookston.org

Bishop Pates has also asked each parish to take precautions as deemed appropriate in our individual parishes. We have had several parishioners who have been infected recently. Here is what I recommend for St. Joseph and St. Lawrence:

- Continue to have the precious blood available but feel free to not partake or not be the minister of communion if you feel it is unsafe for you.
- Feel free to wear masks if you wish. I will wear a mask just during distribution of communion. I am vaccinated but as we know, even vaccinated people can pass on the virus, so I do this for your protection.
- At the sign of peace, no physical touch outside with people outside of your own household.

Keep praying to a safety of all and an end to his pandemic.

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley, MN, will host their fall dinner September 26th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Turkey, all the trimmings, assorted salads, and desserts. Adults - \$15.00, Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 and preschool – free.