

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 26th, 2021 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, September 29th: +Dory Pavek req. by Roger & Lillian Lofgren
Thursday, September 30th: +Patricia Roche req. by John Roche
Sunday, October 3rd: Parishioners

Ministers	October 3 rd	October 10 th
Lector	Elaine Ricard	Jack Erickson
Eucharist	Paul Reese, Patricia Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Ruth Cameron
Greeters/Ushers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Steven Massmann, Emery Erickson
Collection	Catie Erickson, Kirsten Fuglseth	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Catie Erickson
Gift Bearers	Paul & Pam Reese	Richard & Jean Rock
Breakfast Servers	Nancy Vigum, Betty Solie, Paula Tice	Fall Dinner – No Breakfast

Church Cleaning September 27th – October 31st: Wes & Ruth Cameron, Jaysen & Ann Nephew, Rose & Wayne Weber, Matthew & Haley Massmann. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>9/19/21</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 9/19/21</u>
Adult	\$ 1,155.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$525.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u> \$903.82
Plate	\$ 332.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	
Total	\$ 1,617.00	\$1,612.00	

Collection for Latin America: \$5.00.

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Kirsten Fuglseth (26th), Donna Bjerk (27th), Bonnie Bohnenkamp (28th), Ann Nephew (29th), Nick Solie (29th), Aubree Swenby (30th),

Food for thought “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41) We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

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: Jean & John Thomforde, Crookston, from Lilah Wang; Luke Carlson, Woodland, CA, from Dwain & Gail Carlson. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

The Finance Council will meet this Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.

The Pastoral Council will meet this Saturday, Oct. 2 at 8 a.m.

Please keep Lois Plante in your prayers. 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

A huge thank you to Richard and Jean Rock for chairing the Holy hog events this past summer. Your time, talents, hard work, and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Also thank you to all who helped in any way with the events. It takes a lot of hands with these events, and you are all so appreciated.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR OUR PARISH DINNER: OCTOBER 10, 2021

* SIGN UP SHEETS for help with our dinner are available now on the table in the gathering space.

* DONATIONS: Your \$10. donation to help with the expenses of the dinner, can be put in the collection basket in an envelope marked Fall Dinner. We will forward them to Ann.

* MORE FOOD DONATIONS: If anyone would like to donate pickles, cucumbers, tomatoes, or fresh peppers, please bring them for the Country Store. Baked goods, treats, and crafts will also be welcome. The Country Store will be out in the gathering space

* SET UP AND PREP WORK will start at 8:00 on Saturday, October 9th. Please mark your calendar as there is a lot of work to do that morning. Your help will make the preparation go smoothly and quickly.

* SUNDAY MORN: Please park away from the church to leave room for our guests

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.

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

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.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wish I could write a personal note to all of you who honored me on the occasion of my 45 years as Bishop and my 90 years of life in Christ. But because of my poor vision, I am unable to do this without it taking a long, long time — even more time than I have left?!

The open house at the Cathedral on Sept. 12 was a very delightful and heart-warming event for me, and I want to thank all of you who remembered me with cards, notes and gifts. I most sincerely appreciate your loving kindness and prayerful support over all these years.

God bless you as we all continue our pilgrimage of faith, hope and love toward God's eternal kingdom.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Bishop Balke

The PERFECT FIT Campaign

Over the past weekend your Pastor has shared the details of the PERFECT FIT Capital Campaign, a combined effort between the sisters of the Mount Saint Benedict Monastery and the Diocese of Crookston. This week during Mass we reviewed the project and goal of the campaign. You will be receiving additional information in the mail about the campaign this week if you have not already received it.

This is a pivotal moment in the life of the Diocese, **arguably the most important thing we have done together as a diocesan family since 1951** when the current Chancery was constructed. Each of us can be a part of this important moment! Please reflect on the information and consider how you can support the PERFECT FIT campaign.

Next weekend, as an entire parish, we will spend a few minutes making our pledge. Our hope is to have every family make a pledge to the campaign. Together we can create a center for faith and prayer that will serve Catholics across northwestern Minnesota for decades to come.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million; \$12 million of which is to go towards the purchase of the Mount Saint Benedict campus, and \$3 million towards the endowment fund. Our hope is to raise these funds over the next 3 years. With support from each family in our parish and diocese, we will reach our goal.

As your family prays and reflects on the level of your gift, please know that no one can tell another what to give but many families do ask for a guideline. Therefore, a Suggested Pledge Table is located on the pledge card that you will receive in the mail in the coming week. Please also remember that your capital campaign pledge is over and above whatever you contribute weekly or monthly now the offertory collection. Please bring your pledge card back to next weekend's Mass.

A video summary about the campaign was shown at Mass. If you missed it, please visit www.crookston.org/perfectfit and check it out!