

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, December 19th, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, December 22nd: +Ardis Chisholm req. by Chisholm family
 Thursday, December 23rd: +Mark Ellegaard req. by Altar & Rosary Society
 Friday, December 24th: Parishioners **6:00 PM Mass**
 Saturday, December 25th: Parishioners **9:00 AM Mass**
 Sunday, December 26th: +Roger Kurpius req. by Paul & Pam Reese

Ministers	December 26 th	January 2 nd
Lector	Gay Webster	Kirsten Fuglseth
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese
Greeters/Ushers	Catie Erickson, Ruth Cameron	Rodney & Maggie Bryn
Collection	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson	Pam Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth
Sacristan	Ruth Cameron	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Greg & Gay Webster	Rodney & Maggie Bryn
Breakfast Servers	No Breakfast – Christmas Break	No Breakfast – New Year’s Break

Church Cleaning November 29th – December 26th: Pat & Penny Chisholm, Kory & Betty Solie, Steve & Lorrie Massmann, Brian & Elizabeth Massmann. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	12/12/21	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	12/12/21
Adult	\$ 2,020.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00			
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly	
Plate	\$ 182.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82	
Total	\$ 2,332.00	\$1,612.00		

Immaculate Conception: \$160.00

Christmas Flowers: \$185.00

Food Shelf: \$105.00

Retired Religious: \$420.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Harry Nohre (23rd), Jesus (25th)

- Additional confession times: 3:00-7:00 on Tuesday, Dec. 21 (Wednesday, Dec 15 at the same time at St. Lawrence)
- Christmas Mass schedule: Dec. 24 - 4 p.m. St. Lawrence, 6 p.m. St. Joseph
Dec. 25 – 9 a.m. St. Joseph, 11 a.m. Erskine Nursing Home
- New Year’s Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Saturday Jan. 1. This year it is **not** a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at regular Sunday Mass times: 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph’s, 10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence

Christmas Week – Vacation Cancelled

I was planning to be gone from Dec. 27-31 for a family vacation in Florida. However, this past week my mother had some heart health issues so we are cancelling those travel plans.

Therefore, I will be having the regular Mass schedule during the week: Wed. & Thurs. at 7 a.m. in Fertile, Fri. at 9 a.m. in Mentor.

Raffle Tickets

We are once again selling 250 tickets at \$100 each for a grand prize drawing on December 31st of \$10,000! This goes to the building fund and in part substitutes for the Hoe Down that we have not been able to hold the past couple of years. See Paul Reese to get tickets to see. We have just 12 days left to see all the tickets!

Advent Open House at the Rectory

I will host an open house at the rectory (42494 105th Ave. SW) on Wednesday, Dec. 22 from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Snack, punch, & eggnog will be served. Stop by any time and feel free to park on the lawn. I know that many have not seen the inside of the rectory, so this is your chance! I do, however, intend to make this an annual event. Please stop by and enjoy some refreshment and fellowship.

On behalf of myself and family I would like to thank the St. Joseph church for all their love, support, cards, phone calls, and lovely plant, from the choir. Also, for having Mass said for Roger. Many thanks and God Bless ~ *Karen Kurpius and family*

SAVE THE DATE! St. Joseph's Annual Adult Christmas party on January 16 at Erickson Smokehouse. Social hour at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Event is Dutch treat.

Food for thought *“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44)* When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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: *Titan and Maverik Swartz*, Brainard, MN, from Dwain & Gail Carlson. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Your Help is Needed: Ministry Schedule. Each week we need:

1. Two ushers/greeters (please arrive by 8:10)
2. One reader
3. Two Eucharistic ministers of Holy Communion
4. Two collection reporters
5. One Sacristan
6. Altar Servers

Please sign up by emailing Donna Bjerk at stjoesfertile@gvtel.com or by taking a ministry form found on the credenza. Thank you for serving your community and don’t forget to invite your friends and loved ones to Mass!

If you know of any shut-ins, those not attending Mass, anyone who would like a home visit, or someone who may appreciate a visit please contact Father Larry at the office (218) 945-6649 or Fr. Larry’s cell at (218) 779-3550.

Fair Meadow Nursing Home is in need of volunteers to help with Devotions on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. Each volunteer is needed 4-6 times a year. If you are interested, please call or text Heidi Larson at (218) 280-5428.

St. Joseph's Table. Contact **Sue Erickson** if you are interested in helping. (218) 289-4694 or suerosha@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Table will be the third Wednesday of the month, in alignment with the Fertile Food Shelf schedule. As we plan St. Joseph's Table events going forward, we would like parish input on meal ideas and proactive volunteering. Get together with your friends, or have your family choose their favorite meal and sign up for a month that works for you. There will be a sign-up list in the back of church. If you are uncertain, Sue and Mark Erickson are willing to help you and your crew figure out the logistics of cooking for a crowd and with using the church kitchen equipment. Again, contact Sue Erickson if you have questions.