

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, July 31st, 2022 – Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, August 3rd: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions
Thursday, August 4th: No Mass
Sunday, August 7th: Parishioners

Ministers	August 7 th	August 14 th
Lector	Sue Erickson	JoAnn Ranum
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese	Ruth Cameron, Jerry Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Todd Dufault, Ruth Cameron	Jerry & Jan Erickson
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Emery Erickson	Pam Reese, Catie Erickson
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Jack Erickson	Catie Erickson
Gift Bearers	Travis & Terri Johnson	Rob & Monica Lisburg

Church Cleaning August 1st – August 28th: Jerry & Jan Erickson (218) 945-6118, Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth (218) 945-3436, Tim & Andrea Sykes (218) 686-9064, Greg & Donna Bjerck (218) 945-3403. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>7/24/22</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 7/24/22</u>
Adult	\$ 825.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$580.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 335.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,290.00	\$1,612.00	

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Stella Jagol (2nd), Dennis Tice (2nd), Jami Revier (2nd), Holly Betzen (4th), Kaislyn Lisburg (4th), Tyler Duckstad (4th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Paul & Pam Reese (3rd), Peter & Marcia Liebl (6th)

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: *Branden Plante*, Brooks, MN, from Paula & Dennis Tice; *Finnly Vaagen*, Dickinson, ND, from Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Food for thought "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (LUKE 12:15) The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Discussion/Support Group Starting - You are invited to join others in the parish for a series of facilitated discussions of concerns and issues brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic. The meetings continue Mondays from 7-8:30 PM. Please see the poster in the gathering space for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 10th: Altar Society Meeting

August 17th: St. Joseph's Table

August 21st: Monthly Breakfast

October 2nd: Fall Dinner: please think about how the takeouts can be effectively done, so as not to interfere with our guests who choose to dine in.

Mass Stipend Increase

Recently Bishop instituted a raised in the Mass stipend cost. Since I have been ordained and I think for at least 50 years, the standard amount has been \$5 per Mass. That has been increased to \$10 starting July 1. This level is also consistent with what the diocese in the region has as their policy. Any Mass intentions that we received after July 1 before today will be honored at the \$5 level.

Mass Intentions

When offering a Mass intention, if a requested day/date is desired, please make a note of that when you send in the intention.

Matching Building Fund Gift

A parishioner has come forward with a matching donation of \$25,000 towards the building fund. Donations to the building fund (above your regular building fund contributions) from now until the end of 2022, will count toward meeting this generous matching donation. Please consider donating towards this cause as you make your own fiscal plans for the remainder of the year.

In the past year, we have made significant progress on retiring our building debt. When I arrived last August, we had \$400,000 remaining on the original building fund loan of \$600,000. Now we are well below \$300,000 and about 3 years ahead of the payment schedule on the debt. Because of this, the total interest we will pay is going to be significantly reduced. Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

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!

I as so grateful for all the cards, well-wishes, and gifts for my recent high school graduation. What I appreciate most were the prayers and you thinking of me. I will be attending M State Community and Technical College, Moorhead, where I will study to become an electrician. ~Austin Bjerk

Flowers at the Cemetery A clarification is needed concerning flowers in the cemetery. For Memorial Day, people are invited to place flowers on the graves and the headstones. One week after Memorial Day, those flowers need to be removed **unless** those flowers are in a permanent holder that does not interfere with the mowing. We ask that those flowers placed in permanent holders, either real or artificial, be cared for so they look nice. With our windy days, make sure the flowers stay in the holders.

AID TO UKRAINE

The Diocese of Crookston Catholic Community Foundation continues to accept gifts for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Gifts can be sent to Ukrainian Aid, C/O CCF, PO Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716, where they will be forwarded to The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's.) Gifts become part of the collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

The USCCB is uniquely positioned to provide aid to the region, having built strong relationships with bishops in Central and Eastern Europe over the past 30 years. Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to bring a swift end to the violence.

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 ([\(218\) 289-4694](tel:2182894694) or suerosha@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Short Vacations

I'm taking a few short vacations this summer. This week will be going to NYC for the first time ever visiting a friend I met in treatment last year. Will be gone from Thursday, August 4th to Tuesday, August 9th. Fr. Tim Bushy will have the weekend Masses. Friday Mass on August 5th will be cancelled. The following week my priest support group (Emmaus Group) will be in Walker for 4 days (August 14-18) Again, Fr. Tim will have the Masses for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Monday August 15th. 5:30 p.m. at Fertile and 7:00 p.m. at Mentor.

Quilts needed for the new Diocese of Crookston Retreat Center: As the Diocese prepares to open the new diocesan retreat center, when we considered the need to purchase bedding, the idea was suggested that we cover each bed in its own unique quilt made by people from across the Diocese. Some parishes have quilting groups while most have individuals who make quilts for a hobby. If you or your group are willing to make a quilt for the Diocesan retreat center, please contact Dcn., Mark Krejci (mkrejci@crookston.org) who will send you information about the size needed for the beds. It would be wonderful if every parish would submit a quilt as a support to people who are on retreat.

St. Joseph's parish family likes to gather after Mass for fellowship and food. Those opportunities are going to happen the 3rd Sunday of the month. The next date will be August 21st. Three people are being asked to serve those weeks. Servers are needed for the August gathering. If you could, please let Jan E or Gay know.

Mission Trip to Hogar DeVida in Guatemala: Meeting Thursday July 28th at 7 PM at Jean Tollefson's home to narrow down dates, start preliminary planning and build a team. All are welcome. Come to the meeting if you are interested in joining the team, supporting the mission trip, or looking for information. Pray for open hearts to consider being a part of this mission trip. For more information or questions contact Patty Mosher (218) 280-7264.

Cursillos at the Mount!!!

Come be one of the first to experience a retreat at the Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Crookston. The Cursillo retreats will be held there starting this fall! The Women's weekend will be held September 22 – 25, 2022 and the Men's retreat is October 27 – 30, 2022. Experiencing Cursillo surrounded by the beautiful, Catholic setting of the Mount will surely provide an opportunity for you to grow deeper in your Catholic faith and your relationship with Christ. If you are interested in attending the retreat, please contact your parish office. If you have any questions, please let us know or contact Brandy Pelzel at pelzel40@hotmail.com, Len Vonasek at lvonasek@sacredheartegf.net, or Fr. Bill DeCrans in Bemidji. Thank you.

The Diocese of Crookston has two positions available for its new Pastoral Center. The following positions are available:

- **Maintenance Person:** This person will perform maintenance work in the Pastoral and Retreat Center. The person who is hired for this position must have or be willing to get a Special or Second-Class C boiler license, as well as the ability to operate light machinery. This position is a full-time position and includes a full benefit package with health and dental insurance, pension, and paid time off.
- **Food Service Worker:** This person will be serving prepared meals to the Sisters of Mount Saint Benedict who are living at the Center as well as to people who are involved in weekend retreats. The employee will work an 8-hour shift 3-4 days per week, including alternating weekends.

Additional information on these positions can be found at www.crookston.org/employment.

Applications should include a resume and cover letter. Applications or inquires for more information should be e-mailed to Chad Ryan at cryan@crookston.org or mailed to Diocese of Crookston, PO Box 610, Crookston MN 56716.

AND THERE WAS LIGHT! Our generous and sacrificial gifts to the 2022 Summer Appeal bring the light of Christ to so many throughout our diocese and provide essential support for vital ministries. For those of you who have contributed to the 2022 DAA, thank you and God bless you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your commitment this year or would like to make a second gift to the appeal to help us reach our goal, please visit www.crookston.org/DAA.