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, August 14th, 2022 – Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, August 17th: No Mass
Thursday, August 18th: No Mass
Monday, August 15th: Parishioners Mass at 5:30 P.M.
Sunday, August 21st: +Larry Ricard req. by Todd & Dorene Dufault

Ministers	**August 21st**	**August 28th**
Lector	Jan Erickson	Kirsten Fuglseth
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson	Paul Reese, Jerry Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese	Rodney & Maggie Bryn
Collection	Paul Reese, Sue Erickson	Sue Erickson, Nancy Vigum
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Zach Dufault	Sidney Erickson
Gift Bearers	Steven & Lorri Massmann	Richard & Jean Rock

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

Offertory Actual		**8/7/22**
Adult	$	920.00
Electronic	$	130.00
Youth	$	0.00
Plate	$	330.00
Total	$	1,380.00

Offertory Needed Weekly
$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)
$10.00
$173.00
$1,612.00

Building Fund Actual 8/7/22
No Report

Building Fund Needed Weekly
$903.82

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Patty Mosher (16th), Bob Thorson (16th), Lilah Wang (17th), Bonnie Rongen (17th), Dave Motteberg (18th), Roberta Duckstad (20th)

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. **NO** Adoration tomorrow, Monday, August 15. (Due to 5:30 Mass)

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

No Mass Wednesday (17th) or Thursday (18th) morning this week.

Prayer blankets were given to*: Bernetta Donarski,* Crookston, MN, from Lorena Nohre and Elaine Ricard. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Monday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Since it falls on a Monday, it is not a day of obligation this year, however Mass will be celebrated in both parishes. St. Joseph's at 5:30 p.m. and St. Lawrence at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Tim Bushy will be celebrating these Masses.

Emmaus Group Gathering
Each summer my Emmaus group (priest support group) gathers for a few days together. That will happen this week from Sunday afternoon through Thursday afternoon. Again, I can be reached through my cell phone and can either return or call another priest for any pastoral emergencies.

Food for thought *"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather, division." (LUKE 12:51)* Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We do not want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

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.

All are welcome to a potluck with the Continuum group on Monday night August 22nd at 6 p.m. prior to our regular meeting time. Please bring a dish to pass and join us in the gathering space just outside the classrooms at St. Joseph church. ~Pam Reese

UPCOMING EVENTS:
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.

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!

The Minnesota State Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the shrines of Germany and to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau from September 9-17, 2022. We still have some openings and would love to have anyone join us. For more information and a copy of the brochure and application, please contact Shirley Seyfried at 218-862-3493 or 218-205-6454 or by email at shirley.seyfried@gmail.com

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.

As a volunteer at Essentia Health-Fosston Hospice, you will enrich the lives of our patients and their families through a critical moment of life's journey. Learn how you can become a volunteer by calling 218-435-7670.

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 or suerosha@gmail.com if you have questions.

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.

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.

Safe Environment: Those who are employees or volunteers, Safe Environment is due soon already! Please go to https://www.crookston.org/secertification I also put instructions on the credenza. There are changes this year:

- Do not make a new account if they have completed safe environment in the last 5 years. If they are unable to sign in have them use the support tab in the bottom right corner. This is important because if they already have an account that will have their last background check date and if they create a new account this information will not show and they will complete a new background check which may not be needed.
- Check the background check date which will show up when they log in. If they complete the background check portion and they are not technically due to have one ran it will still run it. There is no way to stop the process once they complete the background check portion.
- It is taking a little over an hour to complete.

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 Cindy Gjerswold at cgjerswold@crookston.org or mailed to Diocese of Crookston, PO Box 610, Crookston MN 56716.