

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, October 30th, 2022 – Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Tuesday, November 1st: +Bonnie Bohnenkamp req. by Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth **7 PM Mass**
Wednesday, November 2nd: +Leah Vigum req. by Mike & Nancy Vigum
Thursday, November 3rd: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions
Sunday, November 6th: Parishioners

Ministers	November 6 th	November 13 th
Lector	Elaine Ricard	Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Jerry Erickson	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese
Greeters/Ushers	Sidney Erickson, Paul Reese	Todd Dufault, Matthew Erickson
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Emery Erickson	Pam Reese, Mary Kiefert
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson
Mass Server	Jack Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	Duane & Nicole Straus family	Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth family
Breakfast Servers	JoAnn Ranum, Patty Mosher, Jan Erickson	Faith Kuzma, Patricia Erickson, Lorri Massmann

Church Cleaning October 31st – November 27th: Matt & Pat Erickson (218) 945-3323, Dennis & Paula Tice (218) 637-0213, Travis & Terri Johnson (218) 280-4888, Corey & Paige Tice (218) 945-3085. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual 10/23/22</u>			<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>		<u>Building Fund Actual 10/23/22</u>	
Adult	\$	695.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)		No Report	
Electronic	\$	130.00				
Youth	\$	0.00				
Plate	\$	136.00	\$173.00		<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>	
Total	\$	961.00	\$1,612.00		\$903.82	

World Mission: \$83.00 **Hurricane Relief:** \$162.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Lexi Swenby (30th), Elizabeth Massmann (31st), Diane Mulcahy (5th), Kasy Lisburg (5th), Steve Taylor (5th)

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: JoAnn Ranum, Crookston, from St. Joseph Parish. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:

- 5:30 p.m. – St. Lawrence, Mentor
- 7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph, Fertile

Hunter's Mass

On Saturday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence a Mass for hunters will be offered on this first weekend of deer hunting season. Feel free to attend in your hunting garb.

The St. Michael the archangel prayer will be said right at the end of Mass just before the procession music begins. Please join in saying this powerful prayer. You can find it on the back of the Breaking Bread songbook.

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 here at St. Joseph's, in the confirmation classroom, Monday evenings at 7PM. All are welcome to come. **Please note:** There will be **NO** meeting on Monday, October 31st.

We thank newcomers to our parish, JJ and Kristen Hamre, their daughters Nora, Harper, and Lucy for their donation of a tub of books for youngsters. This had been a tradition at St. Lawrence, so they collected books and brought them to our parish. They are found in the music area.

We need your current cell/home phone numbers. Please update them on the list on the table in the Gather Space. Thank you!

St. Joseph's will sponsor a food/disposable product drive for our local food shelf. Food items needed are: Ramen noodles, peanut butter, sugar, pork and beans, graham crackers, coffee, hot chocolate packages, and chicken noodle soup. Nonfood items include: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, Tylenol, Advil, and tooth paste. Bins will be in the gathering space to hold these items. Thank you for wanting to help others in need.

Food for thought *"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.'"* (Luke 19:8) We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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.

Special Collection

A special collection for the **Military Archdiocese** will be on November 13th. This collection is taken up every three years near Veteran's Day. Since the Military Archdiocese does not have a land territory or regular parishioners, they need our support to meet the spiritual needs of our sons and daughters who serve their country in the armed forces.

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.

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!

Cathedral Church invites you to their annual Parish Harvest Festival on October 30th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Serving the Knights of Columbus fish fry, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert, and beverage for \$15.00 (dine in or take out), extra fillets are \$6.00. Bingo, Virtual Silent Auction, Raffles, Children's games, and baked goods. Silent Auction begins October 23rd at Noon & ends October 30th at 5:00 PM. Please visit www.crookstoncathedral.com for link to and for more information.

Adult Education on the Catechism

I will continue the adult education sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Last Lent, we did the first half of the section on the Profession of Faith. This fall we will do the second half of this section. The topics will include: The Public Life of Jesus, The Paschal Mystery, The Holy Spirit and the Church, One Church with Diverse Roles, Mary: Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, and We Believe in Everlasting Life. Sessions at St. Joseph's will be Sunday nights at 7:00 p.m. from October 16 to November 20. Sessions at St. Lawrence will be Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. from Oct. 19 to November 23 (or 30, depending on if they want to meet the night before Thanksgiving). Each week will be the same topic at both locations so you can attend either, according to your schedule.

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.

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.

YOU are needed to provide care, stability, and nurture to children who need temporary homes. Polk County Social Service is seeking foster homes for children of all ages. Qualifications is to be 21 years old, have a steady income, and have a stable home. For further information, please contact Polk County Social Services at (218) 281-3127 or by website at www.co.polk.mn.us/275/foster-care

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 one position available for its new Pastoral Center. The following position is available:

· **Food Service Worker:** Food service workers will serve prepared meals to the Sisters of Saint Benedict who are living at the Center as well as people who are involved in weekend retreats. Additional information on this position 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.

An invitation from the Young Adult Ministry at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: Gratia Plena (Full of Grace) is a monthly Mass for young adults and families who want to grow in their faith and in Catholic fellowship. Join us at Saint Peter's in Gentilly the 3rd Saturday of the month. Adoration and Confessions start at 9:00am, with Mass at 10:00am. Pack your own lunch for fellowship following in the church basement. The dates for our events are November 19th and December 17th.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION

The National Eucharistic Revival: Updates and call for Eucharistic Missionaries Do you want to be a part of something life-changing? Jesus needs each one of you to be his hands and feet throughout the Eucharistic Revival. The Church needs you - your gifts and talents, and especially your prayers, as we, in our parishes, accompany each other through this grass-roots renewal our world so desperately needs. God needs each of us, however ordinary or imperfect, to bring about this Revival. As a part of the revival, every parish will be invited to identify Eucharistic Missionaries of all ages; Catholics who will work with their pastor to facilitate encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist during year two of the Eucharistic Revival. This September, the USCCB Eucharistic Revival committee, under the leadership of Bishop Cozzens, will present on-line preparation explaining the role of the Eucharistic Missionaries. Further, some of the members of the diocesan Eucharistic Revival task force will also be able to work with your parish's Eucharistic Missionaries as they move forward with their pastor to develop the second year of the Eucharistic Revival.

Eucharistic Missionaries

Each parish in the diocese is asked to form a team of Eucharistic Missionaries. For our size of parish, this will be about four people.

We are asking missionaries to do three things:

1. To be formed, by taking a course on the Eucharist from our **Eucharistic Revival website** and participating in any parish formation.
2. To commit to growing in prayer through Eucharistic adoration on a weekly basis or by attending daily Mass at least once during the week.
3. To look for ways to reach out to others to share with them the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Eucharist.

Other training will be provided. One opportunity is an "Art of Accompaniment" workshop on November 5, 10-4, in Thief River Falls or November 6, 12:30 – 6 in Detroit Lakes.

If you are interested in being a Eucharist Missionary, please contact Fr. Larry.