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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, November 20th, 2022 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, November 23rd: +Roger Kurpius req. by Karen Kurpius **7 PM Mass**
Sunday, November 27th: Parishioners

Ministers	November 27th	December 4th
Lector	JoAnn Ranum	Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese	Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Greg & Gay Webster
Collection	Emery Erickson, Pam Reese	Mary Kiefert, Paul Reese
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Jack Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Cody & Maggie Coauette family
Breakfast Servers	Ann Nephew, Gay Webster, Jane Vigness	Marcia Liebl, Dorene Dufault, Luan Larsen

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.

Offertory Actual	11/13/22	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 11/13/22
Adult	\$ 1,010.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00		Building Fund Needed Weekly
Plate	\$ 40.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,180.00	\$1,612.00	

Archdiocese Military Services: \$280.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Mark Erickson (21st), Matthew Erickson (21st), Monte Erickson (21st), Jacob Solie (21st), Jean Rock (23rd), Travis Johnson (23rd), Eve Revier (24th), Dillon Sannes (26th)

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: Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

The St. Michael the archangel prayer will be said right at the end of Mass, after the closing song. Please join in saying this powerful prayer. You can find it on the back of the Breaking Bread songbook.

Mass for Thanksgiving

We will have a Mass to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a food item you will be serving at your Thanksgiving table (bread, bottle of wine, etc.) and I will do a blessing over these items during the Mass. Note: The normal 7 a.m. morning Mass is cancelled for this same Wednesday. There will also be **NO Mass 7 AM Thursday**, Thanksgiving morning.

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.

Advent/Christmas Schedule

A calendar for Advent and Christmas will be published next week. In advance of that I wanted to inform you about two things:

- Additional confession times: 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at St. Lawrence and 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21 at St. Joseph
- Christmas Mass Schedule: Dec. 24 - 4 p.m. St. Joseph, 6 p.m. St. Lawrence (opposite of last year)
Dec. 25 - 9 a.m. St. Joseph's, 11 a.m. Pioneer Nursing Home

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 *"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of holy ones in light."* (Colossians 1:12) God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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

November 27th – St. Mary's Mission (Red Lake) Appeal collection. An SMMA video will be played during Mass on November 20th. If you don't see it, please find a few minutes watch it at home. Bishop Cozzens offers a tribute to the late Fr. Jerry Rogers who led St. Mary's parish and school over the past twelve years. See the six-minute video at www.crookston.org/smma. For those of you who have so faithfully supported the Mission, as Fr. Jerry always said, "Thank you and never underestimate the good that you do!" Look for a St. Mary's Mission impact report in your home the week before Thanksgiving.

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!

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.

Luther Halstensgaard Benefit Dinner: Sunday November 20th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. at Concordia Fellowship Hall. Silent Auction and Bake Sale.

Friday, December 16th at 3 PM, we are blessed to be able to serve our Fair Meadow friends with ice cream and toppings. This replaces the caroling we have done in previous years and was well received last season. This was done with 4 people. If this is for you, please contact Gay at 218-926-5787. You will enjoy time spent with those who do not get out much.

Fertile Food Shelf new hours: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 3:00-6:00 PM. Please call appointment or for emergency 281-945-3136.

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.

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.

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