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, January 15th, 2023 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, January 18th: +Lee Wall req. by Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth
Thursday, January 19th: +Bonnie Bohnenkamp req. by Karen Kurpius
Sunday, January 22nd: +Roger Kurpius req. by Altar & Rosary Society

Ministers	**January 22nd**	**January 29th**
Lector	Terri Johnson	Kirsten Fuglseth
Eucharist	Paul Reese, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Todd Dufault, Emery Erickson	Matthew & Patricia Erickson
Collection	Kirsten Fuglseth, Mary Kiefert	Pam Reese, Emery Erickson
Sacristan	Jan Erickson/Elaine Ricard	Jan Erickson/Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Scott & Luan Larsen	Matthew & Patricia Erickson family
Breakfast Servers	Nancy Vigum, Betty Solie, Paula Tice	Leanne Sannes, Pam Reese, Monica Lisburg

Church Cleaning December 26th – January 29th: Jr. & LeAnn Sannes (218) 926-5246, Aaron & April Swenby (218) 945-3411, Rob & Monica Lisburg (218) 356-8692, Kelsey Lisburg (219) 314-7735. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual		**1/8/23**
Adult	$	1,810.00
Electronic	$	130.00
Youth	$	0.00
Plate	$	78.00
Total	$	2,018.00

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

$173.00
$1,612.00

Building Fund Actual 1/8/23
$38,046.40

Building Fund Needed Weekly
$903.82

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Peter Forgit (17th), Bridger Vigness (20th), Rylee Hanson (21st)

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.

Knee Injury
Last Sunday after I returned from St. Joseph's to the rectory, there was ice on the garage floor, and I slipped and fell hard. I have been laid up all week with a knee injury and am not able to be very mobile. This coming week I may find out more about the extent of the injury and if it will necessitate any surgery. I may not be able to attend some events but hope to be able to hold the regular Mass schedule.

Prayer blankets were given to: *Jill Schlepper,* Richmond, MN, from Patty Mosher. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

We will be making Prayer Blankets on Monday, January 23, from 1-4 PM. This ministry brings hope, healing, and comfort to so many. Please join us if you can.

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.

Congratulations to our raffle winners: $10,000 – Cindy McCollum, $1,000 Aaron Rongen, $500 Josh Pippin, $500 Fr. Larry Delaney, $500 John Revier.

ST. JOSEPH'S WINTER BLAST has been set for Wednesday, February 1st, starting with social time at 5:30. A buffet meal will be served. Please plan to join us that night!

St. Joseph Parish, I want to thank the parish for the gift that was given to me during the holidays. It was a practical gift, which I can really use, and I do use a lot. Thanks again and may all of you be blessed. Take care and stay safe. Happy New Year to all of you. May the year of 2023 be a better year in good health. ~*With my love to all Lois Plante*~

Food for thought *"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb…"* (Isaiah 49:5*)* God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

We thank Pam for the years she set up meals for St. Joseph's Meal Ministry. But now, with her busy commitment to the local food shelf, she needs to hand off the meal ministry. Anyone interested in coordinating this? I have a job description of what she has done. More info: contact Gay

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.

St. Joseph's of Fertile has a DAA goal of $9,534. Twenty-three donors have offered $7,015 leaving a DAA deficit of $2,519. We are at 73.58% of our parish goal. If you are able, please contribute to the 2022 DAA by going to www.crookston.org/DAA or dropping a check for the DAA in the parish offertory basket. We will make sure your gift gets to the Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Center. Thank you to all the faithful who have made early gifts to the DAA!

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.

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.

Thank you to all who donated food items and money to the Fertile- Beltrami Food Shelf. Your gifts help many in our community. ~ *FB Food Shelf volunteers* ~

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

The Chosen – Season 3

Watching The Chosen in community is a wonderful experience. Some of the episodes for the new season have dropped so we will continue to offer a time to watch them together. Starting Sunday, January 8, we will gather each Sunday at 7 p.m. (except for Super Bowl Sunday) until Lent starts. We will finish the final episodes after Easter. Come and join us!

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.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION

National Eucharist Congress: July 17-21, 2024, Reserve tickets now!

As part of the three-year Eucharistic Revival, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be holding a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, on July 17-21, 2024. This event, primarily held at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis, will feature times of adoration, speakers, prayer, and the celebration of Mass. The Diocese of Crookston was able to secure 250 tickets and the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Committee is asking pastors to indicate how many tickets they wish to reserve for their parishioners by January 31st. If you wish to attend, please let your pastor know. The cost of each ticket is $200, and participants will have additional costs for accommodations (we have not been given hotel rates), meals and transportation. A link to the National Eucharistic Website information about the Congress is here: https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/

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.

The diocese is asking that these teams in each parish be formed by the end of January.

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