

# 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, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

**This week's Mass schedule:** Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Rosie Starkson-Conati req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson  
Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: +Larry Ranum req. by Bonnie Rongen  
Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: +Larry Ranum req. by Bonnie Rongen

Ministers	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Elaine Ricard, Gay Webster	Dan Kuzma
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese	Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Emery Erickson, Todd Dufault	Greg & Gay Webster
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Sue Erickson	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Jack Erickson, Sidney Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	Steven & Lorri Massmann family	Dan & Faith Kuzma
Breakfast Servers	Nancy Vigum, Betty Solie, Paula Tice	No Breakfast - Easter

**Church Cleaning March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Eric & Joan Ellegaard (218) 945-6102, Karen Kurpius (218) 356-8280, Mary Doyea (218) 926-5683, Jesse & Jami Doyea (218) 926-5725. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>3/19/2023</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 3/19/2023</u>
Adult	\$ 1,315.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 8.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u> \$903.82
Plate	\$ 90.00		
Total	\$ 1,543.00		
		\$1,612.00	

**Hymnal Donations:** \$775.00

**Catholic Relief Services:** \$234.00

***Thank you for your financial support!***

**Birthday Greetings:** Harmon Liebl (30<sup>th</sup>)

**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.

**Lenten Reconciliation Times** Instead of a reconciliation service, I will be offering an extended time to hear confessions at both parishes. Here are the times:

Fertile: Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mentor: Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Chrism Mass** - The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral is Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. We need representatives from the parish to pick up the holy oils during the Mass so if you are planning to attend, let Fr. Larry know so he can submit the names of our parish representatives.

**Chrism Mass, Monday April 3, 6:30 p.m.** Participating choir members will need to RSVP to Msgr. David Baumgartner ([dbaumgartner@crookston.org](mailto:dbaumgartner@crookston.org)) by March 22 so a music menu can be sent, and folders prepared. Choir rehearsal will begin in the Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. on April 3. Please spread the word!

**Triduum Services Televised.** All three services of the Triduum will be on the Fertile channel #32 on Garden Valley Cable. The Holy Thursday service will be taped delayed and will air at 8:30 p.m., April 6<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will be live. Good Friday at 4 p.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m. on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministries** - As in years past, people from both parishes participate in the various ministries. A sign-up sheet is in the sheet in the entrance of the church. If you are going to be at any of the services, please consider participating in one of the various ministries.

**Joint Choir** - Singers from both parishes are encouraged to join the choir. Practice times at St. Joseph are: Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph's of Fertile Bishop Cozzens** and the Office of Stewardship and Development would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph's in Fertile for making their 2023 goal so early in the Annual Appeal year. Your faith and stewardship of diocesan ministries is a heartening sign of the Holy Spirit working throughout the Diocese of Crookston. God bless you.

**DAA Update** St. Joseph's has reached its goal, in fact 125% of our goal. Thank you! About 20% of the parishioners participated. I encourage anyone who hasn't donated yet to make some contribution so that the diocesan wide goal can be met.

**Mass Intentions:** There are open days/dates for your Mass Intentions. Please send the information to the parish office.

**Prayer blankets were given to:** Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**Pastoral Council Members** We have four open spots for pastoral council members. Kirsten Fuglseth and Brian Massmann have agreed to run for a second term ending in 2026. We also need to fill two positions that would end in 2025, so a two-year term. If you are interested in being a candidate, let me know. If we have more candidates than positions, we will have an election in late April.

**New Gather Hymnals** We will be purchasing new hymnals this summer. You have an opportunity to purchase a hymnal in memory of a loved one. The forms are available at the entrance of the church.

**Jail Ministry** will be starting up again after a time off due to Covid. We are seeking volunteers to spend a couple of hours two Saturday afternoons a month to pray the Rosary with the Catholic men and women who are in jail. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Brent Evenson 218-275-1001.

**Food for thought** *"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"* (JOHN 11:40) Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

**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](mailto: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!

**Fertile Food Shelf new hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](tel:2182894694) or [suerosha@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.co.polk.mn.us/275/foster-care).

**St. Joseph - St. William – Holy Family Parish Mission:** YOU are invited to our Parish Mission that will be held at St. Joseph's in Ada beginning today, Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> and go each night through Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Each night will begin with a meal at 6:00 PM, with the presentation beginning at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker is Fr. Bryan Kujawa. To help with food preparation or if someone needs childcare, please contact Terry Steen at (218) 784-8566 or [sichurchlady@yahoo.com](mailto:sichurchlady@yahoo.com). All are welcome to attend!

#### **Adult Education on the Catechism – Second Pillar**

I will continue the adult education sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In 2022, we went through the first pillar which was on the Creed. This year (Lent and next fall) we will do the second pillar which is on the Sacraments. The same session will be offered at both parishes each week. St. Joseph's: Sundays at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 26, St. Lawrence: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. following Stations of the Cross, beginning March 1. There are 5 sessions so they will end March 26 and March 29 respectively. Hope to see you there!

### **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION**

#### **Eucharistic Missionaries Training**

Eucharistic Missionaries and any pastoral council members are encouraged to attend a workshop on Saturday, April 22 at Thief River Falls from 10:00 – 3:30. Julianne Stanz, from the national office on the Eucharistic Revival, will be the presenter. See Fr. Larry about attending.

#### **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.