

# 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions  
Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners **Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM**  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners

Ministers	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Dan Kuzma	Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson	Paul Reese, Steven Massmann
Greeters/Ushers	Greg & Gay Webster	Paul Reese, Todd Dufault
Collection	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson	Pam Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Zach Dufault	Sidney Erickson
Gift Bearers	Dan & Faith Kuzma	Todd & Dorene Dufault family
Breakfast Servers	No Breakfast - Easter	Leanne Sannes, Pam Reese, Monica Lisburg

**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      3/26/2023</u>			<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 3/26/2023</u>
Adult	\$	710.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$2,645.00
Electronic	\$	130.00		
Youth	\$	0.00		
Plate	\$	153.00		
Total	\$	993.00	\$173.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
			\$1,612.00	\$903.82

**Thank you for your financial support!**

**Birthday Greetings:** Dana Dufault (2<sup>nd</sup>), Danielle Dufault (2<sup>nd</sup>), April Swenby (3<sup>rd</sup>), Yvonne Berhow (4<sup>th</sup>), Annika Sannes (7<sup>th</sup>), Jesse Doyea (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Bruce & Patty Mosher (5<sup>th</sup>), Dan & Pam Wilkens (6<sup>th</sup>)

**No Adoration tomorrow, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** You are encouraged to participate in the Chrism Mass at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

### Holy Week Schedule

**Chrism Mass:** 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

**Confessions:** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph’s,  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Mass of Our Lord’s Supper at St. Joseph’s

**Good Friday:** Passion of Our Lord at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s

**Easter Vigil:** 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s

**Easter Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph’s, 10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence

**Chrism Mass** - The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral is tomorrow, 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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup>. 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 time at St. Joseph: Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

**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:** *Kathy Skipper*, Minneapolis, from Patty Steinmetz; *Mollie Guddie*, Minneapolis, from Patty Steinmetz; *Dan Conway*, Erskine, from Carolyn Berg. 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** *"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."* (MATTHEW 27:32) The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

**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).

**STRATEGIC VISIONING 1-QUESTION FEEDBACK SURVEY LIVE UNTIL APRIL 10**

The Diocese of Crookston is engaged in a process of Strategic Visioning that hopes to bring new insights, generate enthusiasm, and create a sense of shared vision about our future. Bishop Cozzens and his Strategic Visioning Team seek your insights, perspective, and wisdom to help prioritize what should be addressed in the Strategic Vision. You may participate in this 1-question survey by visiting **[www.crookston.org/vision](http://www.crookston.org/vision)**, use this QR code, or by asking your parish for a hard copy of the survey. Thanks for sharing your insights. Your responses will be kept anonymous.



**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.