

# 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions  
Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: +Larry Ricard req. by Mike & Nancy Vigum  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners

Ministers	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth	Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Patricia Erickson, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Steven Massmann
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson	Sidney Erickson, Todd Dufault
Collection	Paul Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth	Sue Erickson, Pam Reese
Sacristan	Elaine Ricard	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	1 <sup>st</sup> Communicants	Rob & Monica Lisburg family
Breakfast Servers	Maggie Coauette, Mary Kiefert, Elizabeth Massmann	Ann Nephew, Gay Webster, Jane Vigness

**Church Cleaning May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Elaine Ricard (218) 926-5641, Mike & Nancy Vigum (218) 584-5214, Jeff McCollum (218) 945-3099, JoAnn Ranum (218) 281-6953. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	4/23/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 4/23/2023
Adult	\$ 1,375.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$2,950.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 10.00		
Plate	\$ 51.00	\$173.00	<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b>
Total	\$ 1,566.00		\$903.82

**Hymnals:** \$150.00  
***Thank you for your financial support!***

**Birthday Greetings:** Connie Motteburg (30<sup>th</sup>), Jack Erickson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mavis Miller (4<sup>th</sup>), Ann Straus (6<sup>th</sup>), Lisa Hatlestad (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Duane & Nicole Straus (30<sup>th</sup>), Matt & Pat Erickson (6<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.

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

**Congratulations** to *Lucy Hamre, Hadley Lisburg, Evelyn Ihre, Landon Doyea, Kaislyn Lisburg, and Adrian Lundon*, who will be having their First Communion retreat on Saturday morning, May 6<sup>th</sup> in preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>!

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

**Senior Sunday** We will be celebrating Senior Sunday on May 21<sup>st</sup>! There are two graduates, Zach Dufault and Kallie Hand. Celebrate with them on this day!

**Summer is soon here**, and we will be having breakfast once a month, preferably outside on the patio area. Dates are June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and August 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope these interests you, and you will volunteer to serve.

**DAA Update** Congratulations! We have reached our DAA goal, in fact over 125% of our goal. This week the diocese is sending out the “bump” letter to those who have not contributed to the DAA. Due to several weather closures at the diocesan center and a staff person being gone on vacation, some of their records of contributions may not be up to date. Thus, if you receive a “bump” letter and have already contributed, just ignore the letter. Again, thank you for your generosity.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Fosston. All kids ages 4 through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! This event is free, and supper will be served. To register your child or volunteer, please register here: [vbspro.events/p/7b7d2c](https://vbspro.events/p/7b7d2c). The first 15 families that register will receive free STELLAR VBS music! Contact Amanda [amandawiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawiener@hotmail.com) or Valerie [toothbtold@gmail.com](mailto:toothbtold@gmail.com) to be part of this great adventure. Blessings!

**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.

**Food for thought** *“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’”* (ACTS 2:38) The word “repent” means to turn from sin – to change our thoughts, words, and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of the heart. This requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news – we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

**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 at the back of the 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 using the church kitchen equipment. Again, contact Sue Erickson (218) 289-4694 or [suerosha@gmail.com](mailto:suerosha@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**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.

**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 are 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).

## **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL INFORMATION**

### **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.