

# 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, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – The Ascension of the Lord

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners  
Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>: J.J. & Kristin Hamre req. by Brent & Jenny Hamre  
Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: +Pat Peterson req. by Brent & Jenny Hamre

Ministers	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	JoAnn Ranum	Gay Webster
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese	Karen Kurpius, Jerry Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Greg & Gay Webster	Sidney Erickson, Emery Erickson
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Emery Erickson	Pam Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth
Sacristan	Elaine Ricard	Jan Erickson
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Matthew & Haley Massmann family	Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth family

**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	5/14/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	5/14/2023
Adult	\$ 750.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00			
Youth	\$ 6.00		<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b>	
Plate	\$ 300.00	<u>\$173.00</u>	\$903.82	
Total	\$ \$1,186.00			

**Hymnals:** \$ 50.00

**Thank you for your financial support!**

**Birthday Greetings:** Cathy Forgit (21<sup>st</sup>), Kelsey Lisburg (24<sup>th</sup>), Chloe Leiting (25<sup>th</sup>), Kyle Vigum (25<sup>th</sup>), Corey Tice (27<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** J.J. & Kristin Hamre (23<sup>rd</sup>), John & Jami Revier (26<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.

**No Adoration on Monday, May 29**, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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

**Prayer blankets were given to:** *Tony Scepaniak*, Cold Spring, MN, from Patty Mosher; *Elizabeth Tanabe*, Grand Forks, ND, from Diana & Larry Hayes; *Joel Schmitz*, Red Lake Falls, MN, from Paula & Dennis Tice. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

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

**Steubenville North – Rochester** St. Lawrence, in conjunction with Sts. Peter & Paul in Warren, are taking a group of students to Steubenville North in Rochester from Friday, July 14 – Sunday, July 16. They have room for about 3 or 4 more students in the vehicles they are taking. If there are any St. Joseph's students (current 8<sup>th</sup> grade though Seniors) who would like to join this group, let me know and I can get you information about costs and registration. The parish would help with part of the costs.

**Cemetery Altar** Fr. Joe Richards procured a wonderful gift for us. Near Nevis, there use to be a Catholic Center (for retreats, counseling) that had a great granite altar. It has not been in use for the last 50 years. The current owners wanted the altar to go to a place where it could be put to good use. This week, Fr. Joe brought up the altar. Thanks to Aaron Swenby, we got it unloaded. We will place it in front of the statue in the cemetery. A concrete pad will need to be poured first and then assemble the altar. A summer project. Once completed, we will have Bishop Cozzen's re-consecrate the altar and then we can have Masses in the cemetery on special occasions (e.g., Memorial Day). If you want to look at the altar pieces, it is on the sidewalk on the northeast corner of the church.

**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. A summer breakfast signup sheet is on the back credenza for people eager to celebrate coffee during the summer together. June is already taken care of.

**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 have received enough donations for all our new hymnals. Thank you! Labels are being prepared and we should be using the new hymnals by early summer.

**Food for thought** *"I am praying for them...."* (JOHN 17:9) Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation – not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

**Corpus Christi Sunday** We are amid the Eucharistic Revival in the United States. One of the activities encouraged is to have a Eucharistic procession on Corpus Christi Sunday which is June 11 this year. Usually, a procession goes through the streets of a town. Since we are outside of town, on that day we will do our procession around the perimeter of the cemetery weather permitting. That is one of our breakfast Sundays so hopefully we can be out on the patio after the procession.

**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.