

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 28th, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, May 31st: +Ed Kalinowski req. by Mary Kiefert
Thursday, June 1st: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions
Sunday, June 4th: Parishioners

Ministers	June 4 th	June 11 th
Lector	Gay Webster	Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Jerry Erickson	Patricia Erickson, Jean Rock
Greeters/Ushers	Sidney Erickson, Emery Erickson	Matthew & Patricia Erickson
Collection	Pam Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth	Paul Reese, Mary Kiefert
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson
Mass Server	Jack Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth family	Ben & Ashley Hand family

Church Cleaning May 29th – June 25th: Mary Kiefert (218) 945-6502; Greg & Gay Webster (218) 926-5787; Bruce & Patty Mosher (218) 926-5682 Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual 5/21/2023</u>			<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 5/21/2023</u>	
Adult	\$	600.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$	130.00			
Youth	\$	0.00			
Plate	\$	197.00	\$173.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>	
Total	\$	927.00		\$903.82	

Catholic Communications: \$ 148.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Nora Hamre (29th), Emily Dufault (30th), Ally Swenby (2nd)

Wedding Anniversaries: Duane & Mavis Miller (31st)

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.

All are invited to the Memorial Day program on Monday, May 29th, 10:00 AM. at the Fertile-Beltrami school. It is especially important to remember our soldiers.

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.

Annual Retreat for Priests - Priests are required to go on at least a four day retreat each year. I will be attending the retreat organized by the diocese from Sunday afternoon, June 4 to Thursday, June 8. There will be no daily Mass at St. Joseph's on June 7th & 8th but there will be Mass at St. Lawrence on Friday, June 9th.

Flowers at the Cemetery: Just a reminder that all flowers, living or artificial, and all other decorations, will need to be removed from the cemetery one week after Memorial Day weekend. Flowers and other items left at the cemetery make it exceedingly difficult for maintenance and keeping our cemetery looking beautiful. Any flowers or other items left after the designated time will be removed and disposed of. Thank you for helping keep our cemetery looking nice.

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 8th 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.

Summer is soon here, and we will be having breakfast once a month, preferably outside on the patio area. Dates are June 11th, July 16th, and August 13th. 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.

A very big thank you for all the wonderful prayers, cards, and gifts for my First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful day, and I am so blessed with my parish family. ~Adrian Lundon~

Vacation Bible School will be held June 4th – 8th from 5-8pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fosston. All kids ages 4 through completed 5th 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. The first 15 families that register will receive free STELLAR VBS music! Contact Amanda amandawiener@hotmail.com or Valerie 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 in and the hymnals are in the pews.

Food for thought *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* (CORINTHIANS 12:7) To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love, and mercy.

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 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: 1st and 3rd 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 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.

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.