

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, July 30th, 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, August 2nd: Rosary 7 AM
Thursday, August 3rd: Rosary 7 AM
Sunday, August 6th: Todd and Dorene Dufault

Ministers	August 6 th	August 13 th
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth	Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Paul Reese, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Steven Massmann
Greeters/Ushers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Greg & Gay Webster
Collection	Paul Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth	Sue Erickson, Mary Kiefert
Sacristan	Elaine Ricard	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	Cody & Maggie Coauette family	Rob & Monica Lisburg family

Church Cleaning July 31st – August 27th: Jerry & Jan Erickson 218-945-6118, Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth 218-945-3436, Greg & Donna Bjerk 218-945-3403. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual 7/23/2023</u>			<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>		<u>Building Fund Actual 7/23/2023</u>	
Adult	\$	1,005.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)		\$3,670.00	
Electronic	\$	130.00				
Youth	\$	1.00			<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>	
Plate	\$	118.00	<u>\$173.00</u>		\$903.82	
Total	\$	1,254.00				

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Stella Jago (2nd), Dennis Tice (2nd), Jami Revier (2nd), Bishop Cozzens (3rd), Holly Betzen (4th), Kaislyn Lisburg (4th), Tyler Duckstad (4th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Paul & Pam Reese (3rd)

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.

On Saturday, August 12th, Solomon Liebl will be taking his perpetual vows in the Society of Jesus. Please keep him in your prayers.

Prayer blankets were given to: *John Kubishta*, Helix OR, from Kirsten Fuglseth; *Daniel Kubishta*, Helix OR, from Kirsten Fuglseth; *Sam Kubishta*, Helix OR, from Kirsten Fuglseth; *Loren & Annette Kubishta*, Helix OR, from Kirsten Fuglseth; *Tom Hanson*, Boise, ID, from Patty Steinmetz. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Summer is here, and we will be having breakfast once a month, preferably outside on the patio area. The next date is August 13th. Hope these interests you, and you will volunteer to serve. A summer breakfast signup sheet is on the credenza for people eager to celebrate coffee during the summer together.

Food for thought *"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."* (ROMANS 8:28) Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust God. His plan is always better.

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 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](tel:2182894694) or suerosha@gmail.com if you have questions.

Representatives from Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us on August 12 & 13, 2023, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourists. So, we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceeds from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide for their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them. PLEASE BROWSE THEIR ITEMS AND HAVE SOMETHING FROM THE Holy Land.

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.