

# 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, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>: Rosary 7 AM  
Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>: Rosary 7 AM  
Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners

Ministers	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	August 20 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Terri Johnson	Gay Webster
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Steven Massmann	Patricia Erickson, Jean Rock
Greeters/Ushers	Greg & Gay Webster	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson
Collection	Sue Erickson, Mary Kiefert	Nancy Vigum, Pam Reese
Sacristan	Elaine Ricard	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Zach Dufault	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Rob & Monica Lisburg family	Duane & Nicole Straus family

**Church Cleaning July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>:** 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 7/30/2023</u>			<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>		<u>Building Fund Actual 7/30/2023</u>	
Adult	\$	500.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)		No Report	
Electronic	\$	130.00			<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>	
Youth	\$	0.00			\$903.82	
Plate	\$	164.00	<u>\$173.00</u>			
Total	\$	794.00				

**Thank you for your financial support!**

**Birthday Greetings:** Jeff McCollum (8<sup>th</sup>), Gail Carlson (8<sup>th</sup>), Hunter Bjerk (9<sup>th</sup>), Maggie Coauette (9<sup>th</sup>), Joan Ellegaard (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Peter & Marcia Liebl (6<sup>th</sup>), Scott & Luan Larson (9<sup>th</sup>), Matthew & Haley Massmann (10<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.

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

**Prayer blankets were given to:** *Nancy Cornia*, Crookston, MN, from Richard & Jean Rock. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**As of the end of Mass Sunday**, no one had signed up for the August 13th breakfast. You can go to Opdahl’s and buy donuts and cookies, and turn the bill into Ann. Please consider doing this since parishioners like to get together, even in summer.

**Fertile Food Shelf 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.

**Food for thought** *"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'"* (MATTHEW 17:5) When Peter, James, and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1. Altar society meeting, August 9th at 7 PM.
2. Parish breakfast.
3. By the end of Sept. we will gather and clean the kitchen, pantry, and whatever else needs cleaning for the fall dinner.

#### **Early Reminders:**

1. Adult tickets will be \$15. this year, ages 6-12 \$10., and ages 5 and younger eat free.
2. To offset expenses, each family is asked to contribute \$10. which can be put into an envelope, mark fall dinner, drop in collection plate, and it will be given to Ann.
3. There will be a country store for homemade treats, garden vegetables, pickles, etc. You are asked to have them priced.

MORE TO COME LATER

#### **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!

**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.

**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.

**Would you like to deepen** your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 21-24 and a Men's Cursillo on the weekend of October 26-29, 2023, at Mount St. Benedict in Crookston. Applications are available at <https://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com/>.

### **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 Msgr. Timothy McGee