

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 27th, 2023 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, August 29th: Mass 7 AM Brent & Jenny Hamre req. by Brent & Jenny Hamre
Thursday, August 30th: Mass 7 AM +Drew Holler req. by Mary Kiefert
Sunday, September 3rd: Ricard Family req. by Mike & Nancy Vigum

Ministers	September 3 rd	September 10 th
Lector	Elaine Ricard	Sue Erickson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Matthew & Patricia Erickson	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson
Collection	Sue Erickson, Paul Reese	Kirsten Fuglseth, Pam Reese
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson
Mass Server	Jack Erickson	Sidney Erickson
Gift Bearers	Matthew & Patrica Erickson family	Travis & Terri Johnson

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.

Offertory Actual	8/20/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	8/20/2023
Adult	\$ 589.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00			
Youth	\$ 0.00			
Plate	\$ 72.25	\$173.00		
Total	\$ 791.25			
			Building Fund Needed Weekly	\$903.82

Assumption Collection: \$34.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Carter Mosher (27th), Duane Miller (29th), Avery McCollum (30th), Jaysen Nephew (30th), Kallie Hand (30th), Drew Larsen (31st), Greg Bjerk (1st), Dan Wilkens (2nd)

Wedding Anniversaries: Travis & Terri Johnson (27th), Richard & Jean Rock (30th), Daniel & Faith Kuzma (1st)

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: *Jamie Bozyk*, Crookston, MN, from Nancy Vigum. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

We will be making prayer blankets on Monday, August 28th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We welcome all those who wish to be a part of this ministry. You do not need to know how to sew. We need cutters, ironers, folders, and prayer warriors.

There will be a joint meeting of the Finance Council and the Parish Council on Wednesday, September 6th, at 7 PM.

Mass will be celebrated in Spanish on Saturday, September 2 at 7:00 P.M. at St. William's Catholic Church in Twin Valley. For now, it will be the first Saturday of each month. As things change, we will post it in our bulletin.

A NOTE FROM MONSIGNOR TIM: Father Larry Wieseler, a retired priest of the Diocese of Crookston will be in residence at the Parish House in Fertile. For the immediate future, Father Larry will be offering daily Mass as follows: Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's in Fertile and Friday at 10:00 A.M. at St. Lawrence in Mentor. As previously indicated in the bulletin you are always able to reach me at 218-791-0377. Thank you for your patience in this time of transition.

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. Items in most need, better in small sizes:

Tampons	Size 3 Diapers	Apple Juice
Kleenex	Size 6 Diapers	Orange Juice
Paper Towels	Oil	Grape Juice
Dish Soap	Sugar	Refried Beans
Pork & Beans	Grape Jelly or Jam	Band-Aids
Tylenol (small bottle)	Advil (small bottle)	

Food for thought *“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”* (ROMANS 11:35) St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything – He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

“The Sound Of Freedom “ A free movie showing at the Fosston Theater on Monday September 11th at 6 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to watch, this film is based on the true-life story of one of the rescues made to free slaves from human trafficking. This movie is rated pg-13, there is no profanity or nudity and was made to expose to the world the fastest growing crime next to the drug trade. Please consider making time to view this film. Angel studios (The makers of The Chosen) is the platform for this movie. This movie is appropriate for teen aged youth as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. 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 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 if you have questions.

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/>.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 302 Park Avenue, Fisher, MN, will be holding their Annual Fall Luncheon & Bazar on Saturday, September 9th, from 11:00 am – 1 pm. We will be serving Turkey A’la King on a Homemade Baking Powder Biscuit, Cranberry Relish, Tomato Relish, Dessert, and Beverage. The cost is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome!

St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Hawley, will be holding their September Dinner on Sunday, September 17th, from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Turkey and all the Trimmings, Assorted Salads, and Desserts. Adults \$15.00, Ages 6-12 \$5.00, Pre-school free.

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Beaulieu, MN, will be holding their Fall Dinner and Bazar, on Sunday, September 17th, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Roast Beef Dinner – Buffet Style Serving – Take-out available. Adult & Take-out \$12.00, 12 & under \$6.00. Pre-school free. Raffle, Cakewalk, Fishpond, Games, Country Store, Bakesale, and Crafts.

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