

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, September 17th, 2023 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, September 20th: +Harold Peterson req. by Brent & Jenny Hamre
Thursday, September 21st: +Mark Bittner req. by Pat & Steve Taylor
Sunday, September 24th: Parishioners

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Lector	Dan Kuzma	Kirsten Fuglseth
Eucharist	Paul Reese, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese
Collection	Mary Kiefert, Kirsten Fuglseth	Nancy Vigum, Pam Reese
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Duane & Nicole Straus family
Breakfast Servers	Terri Johnson, Kirsten Fuglseth, Donna Bjerk	Fall Dinner – No Breakfast

Church Cleaning August 28th – September 24th: Duane & Nicole Straus 701-261-7590; Bonnie Rongen 218-269-5844; Richard & Jean Rock 218-280-4032; Ben & Ashley Hand 218-280-6267. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	9/10/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	9/10/2023
Adult	\$ 1,870.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00			
Youth	\$ 0.00		Building Fund Needed Weekly	
Plate	\$ 268.00	\$173.00	\$903.82	
Total	\$ 2,268.00			

Latin America Collection: \$65.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Steve Holzer (17th), Haley Massmann (18th), Tanner Solie (19th), Pam Wilkens (20th), Cullen Massmann (23rd)

Wedding Anniversaries: Corey & Paige Tice (17th), Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth (18th), Steven & Lorri Massmann (20th), Michael & Madison Tate (21st)

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: Clara Haeger, Rugby, ND, from Jodie Strem. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Mass will be celebrated in Spanish 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 *“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s”* (ROMANS 14:8) This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are, is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Diocese of Crookston Youth Conference: Sunday, September 24th 10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. will be held at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Please see Kirsten or Monica or go to crookston.org/dcyc for more information.

Pastor Phil Larsen benefit, Free Will Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction will be held today, Sunday, September 17th at the Fertile Fire Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. See more information on the flyer hanging above the credenza.

ALL ARE WELCOME:

- 1. Thurs., September 21st: 9 AM cleaning in kitchen areas.
- 2. Fri., September 29th: 8 AM Turkey roasting/dressing making.
- 3. Sat., September 30th: Workday: Peel potatoes and carrots, set up dining room etc. The more people that come will lessen the workload.

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.

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. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Hawley, will be holding their September Dinner today, 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, today, 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.

St. William Catholic Church, 500 Lincoln Ave, Twin Valley, will be holding their Fall Dinner & Bazaar, Sunday, September 24 from 11AM – 1PM. The menu includes Ham, Grilled Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, assorted Salads, Desserts, and Beverages. Bake sale, Country Store and Raffle Drawings. Adults \$15.00, Children 10 and younger \$10.00. Take out meals available by calling 218-584-5352.

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