

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 24th, 2023 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, September 27th: +Gerald Mertens req. by Mary Kiefert
Thursday, September 28th: +Bonnie Bohnenkamp req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Sunday, October 1st: +Leah Vigum req. by Mike & Nancy Vigum

	October 1 st	October 8 th
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth	Gay Webster
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson	Jerry Erickson, Jean Rock
Greeters/Ushers	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese	Todd Dufault, Emery Erickson
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Pam Reese	Mary Kiefert, Sue Erickson
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Duane & Nicole Straus family	Confirmation Class
Breakfast Servers	Fall Dinner – No Breakfast	Next Year’s Confirmation class

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	9/17/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	9/17/2023
Adult	\$ 1,430.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00		Building Fund Needed Weekly \$903.82	
Youth	\$ 0.00			
Plate	\$ 96.00			
Total	\$ 1,656.00	\$173.00		

Latin America Collection: \$10.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Jerry Erickson (24th), Kirsten Fuglseth (26th), Donna Bjerk (27th), Ann Nephew (29th), Nick Solie (29th), Aubree Swenby (30th)

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: 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.

Priesthood Sunday – September 24, 2023 Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. Please pray for your priests and let them know how much you love and appreciate them! “Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die (as a result of sin), who will raise it up; who will restore its calm and peace? Again—the priest... After God, the priest is everything! Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is. –St. John Vianney (Patron saint of priests).

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 “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (MATTHEW 20:16) You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

There will be a Blood Drive on September 28th from 10am to 3pm at the Fertile Community Center. Please call Senora Pederson at 945-665 with questions

FALL DINNER ALERT: Down to the wire, because next Sunday we greet people coming to our St. Joseph’s Turkey dinner. Busy week with Friday being Turkey and dressing making day; then Saturday peeling potatoes and carrots. COME JOIN US AND PARTAKE OF THE FUN. WORKLOAD IS LIGHTENED WHEN MANY PEOPLE HELP. Apples for the taking for your apple crisp. Found in gathering space in bags.

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.

There is a rosary pilgrimage taking place at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception September 30th hosted by the Dominican Friars. Learn more at rosarypilgrimage.org. There are prayer card reminders for everyone to take home this Sunday.

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 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. William Catholic Church, 500 Lincoln Ave, Twin Valley, will be holding their Fall Dinner & Bazaar, today, 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