

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, October 8th, 2023 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, October 11th: +Bud & +Terry Salem req. by John & Sandra Klein
Thursday, October 12th: +Theresa Kalinowski Conlon req. by Mary Kiefert
Sunday, October 15th: +Lori Wang Youngdahl req. by Wang family

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Lector	JoAnn Ranum	Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese	Jean Rock, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Matthew & Patricia Erickson	Paul Reese, Todd Dufault
Collection	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson	Nancy Vigum, Pam Reese
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth/Dan Kuzma	Kirsten Fuglseth/Dan Kuzma
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Pete & Marcia Liebl family	Paul & Pam Reese
Breakfast Servers	Pam Wilkens, Faith Kuzma, Cathy Bohnenkamp	Elaine Ricard, Joan Ellegaard, Tammy Fuglseth

Church Cleaning September 25th – October 29th: Jaysen & Ann Nephew 218-280-9583, Rose & Wayne Weber 218-289-2449, Steven & Lorri Massmann 218-289-3684, Dan & Faith Kuzma 574-386-6407. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	10/1/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	10/1/2023
Adult	\$ 1,470.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00			
Youth	\$ 0.00			
Plate	\$ 189 .00	\$173.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,789 .00			

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Michael Tate (8th), Tim Anvinson (13th), Sidney Erickson (13th), Adley Vigness (14th)

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.

We will be making prayer blankets tomorrow, Monday, October 9th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. 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.

Altar society will meet Wednesday, October 11th at 7 PM. We will be dissecting the fall dinner. Join us if you have different ideas on how to make this meal more efficient.

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.

How can you be a voice for life in Minnesota: Extreme state lawmakers have passed abortion-up-to-birth; more than 12,000 unborn babies died from abortion last year alone. Now even newborns, the disabled, and the elderly are threatened. Come learn how to engage, speak up, and make a difference for the vulnerable. Wednesday, October 11th at 7 PM. At the McIntosh Community Center. For more information, please go to mccl.org.

St. Joseph's Fall Turkey dinner was an outstanding success! 692 meals were served: 442 being takeouts. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this a tremendous event! Many positive comments keep coming in.

A special thank you:

- * to the youth who helped wait tables and anything that was asked of them: Sidney, Nora, Harper, Lucy, Adrian, Mary Kate, Kaislyn, and Hadley.
- * Mark and Janelle Berhow for taking leftovers to Care & Share in Crookston.
- * Jean Rock who will come on board to help chair this event next year.

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.

Food for thought *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...."* (MATTHEW 21:42) Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "Rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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.

Are you looking for a way to walk more closely with God? Cursillo may be what you're looking for. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Cursillo on the weekend of October 26-29 at the Pastoral Center in Crookston. Applications are available at your parish office or at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley is inviting you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens, **Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 PM.** Mercy Hours are services of healing for marriages and families. -married, single, divorced, widowed – every person belongs to a family and has a place in this experience. Mercy Hours include exposition/adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by Bishop Cozzens, prayers and intercessions, music and prayer stations all culminating in an intimate moment of a Eucharistic encounter offered for you as an individual, a couple or as a family. Saint Joseph's is located at 16 Red Lake Ave NW, Bagley. All are welcome. For more information: www.crookston.org/revival.

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