

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 22nd, 2023 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, October 25th: +Barney Brandon req. by Mike & Nancy Vigum
Thursday, October 26th: +Doris Wang req. by Elaine Ricard
Sunday, October 29th: Parishioners

	October 29 th	November 5 th
Lector	Terri Johnson	JoAnn Ranum
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Jerry Erickson	Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Todd Dufault, Steven Massmann	Greg & Gay Webster
Collection	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson	Nancy Vigum, Sue Erickson
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth/Dan Kuzma	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Richard & Jean Rock	Greg & Gay Webster family
Breakfast Servers	Pat Taylor, Rose Weber, Sue Erickson	Nancy Vigum, Betty Solie, Paula Tice

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		10/15/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	10/15/2023
Adult	\$	715.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$	130.00			
Youth	\$	0.00			
Plate	\$	56.00			
Total	\$	901.00	\$173.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly	
				\$903.82	

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Beau Hanson (22nd), Asher Vigness (22nd), Keelan Straus (23rd), Fr. Larry Delaney (22nd), Kendall Coauette (23rd), Harper Hamre(26th), Terri Johnson (27th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Tim & Holly Betzen (24th)

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.

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.

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.

Food for thought *"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."* (MATTHEW 22:21) Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

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.

Come Celebrate 25 years of service with the LifeCare Pregnancy Center and hear our story! October 24th, at the Legacy Event Center, 16458 160th Ave NE, Thief River Falls. Tickets are \$10.00 and available by calling 218-681-1279, \$15.00 at the door. For more information, please see the flyer hanging above the credenza.

Encounter Night: Praise, worship, adoration with Addy Diaz, October 25th 7-8 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Warren. All are welcome. There will also be a trunk or treating for the food shelf from 6-7. Please call or text Amanda Page 218-791-5964 with the number you plan to bring and for more information.

Cathedral Parish Annual Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 29th 11AM – 2 PM. K Of C Famous Fish Fry or Chicken Kiev, Mashed potatoes and gravy, Vegetables, Coleslaw, and Dessert. \$15.00 for a plate (dine-in or takeout), \$6.00 for extra fish fillet. Festival Booths, Raffles, Silent Auction, Bingo, FREE indoor games for kids in the gymnasium, and more! Please call 218-281-1735 for tickets or information.

Come join the Moorhead 40 Days For Life on November 5th, at 4:30pm for the closing Candlelight Prayer Vigil. Leading the vigil are people of all ages and walks of life. From music, scripture readings, sharing of stories, to prayerful reflections, this hour will be used to offer up prayers as a community to end abortion. Flowers will be placed on the sidewalk in memorial of those lives affected by abortion. You are also encouraged to bring donations for the Women's Care Center, which will be donated to those who have chosen life and need our support. Donations are appreciated but not expected. No sign-up is needed for this event. Please join us for the Candlelight Prayer Vigil at 4:30pm on the public sidewalk outside the Red River Women's Clinic, 302 Hwy 75 N Moorhead. If you'd like more information, please contact: Cassandra Johnson at 40daysforlifemoorhead@gmail.com or online at 40daysforlife.com/moorhead.

Are you looking for a chance to get away for the weekend to spend some one-on-one time with your husband/wife? Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz, the creators of Six Stone Jars, will be offering a Married Couple Retreat at the Diocese of Crookston's Pastoral Retreat Center, December 1-3rd, 2023. This retreat will not only give you the opportunity to spend time with each other, but also grow closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ. This retreat will be centered around "The Virtues: Building Blocks for Great Lives and Joy Filled Marriage." Please visit www.sixstonejars.org for more information and registration.

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