

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 29th, 2023 –Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, November 1st: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions
Thursday, November 2nd: +Bud & +Terry Salem req. by John & Sandra Klein
Sunday, November 5th: +Mark Bittner req. by Mary Kiefert

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| Lector | JoAnn Ranum | Sue Erickson |
| Eucharist | Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson | Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese |
| Greeters/Ushers | Greg & Gay Webster | Jerry & Jan Erickson |
| Collection | Nancy Vigum, Sue Erickson | Paul Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth |
| Sacristan | Elaine Ricard | Elaine Ricard |
| Mass Server | Jack Erickson | Sidney Erickson |
| Gift Bearers | Greg & Gay Webster family | Mark & Sue Erickson family |
| Breakfast Servers | Nancy Vigum, Betty Solie, Paula Tice | Leanne Sannes, Pam Reese, Monica Lisburg |

Church Cleaning October 30th – November: Matt & Patricia Erickson 218-945-3323, Dennis & Paula Tice 218-637-0213, Travis & Terri Johnson 218-280-4888, Corey & Paige Tice 218-280-8551. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

| Offertory Actual | 10/22/2023 | Offertory Needed Weekly | Building Fund Actual | 10/22/2023 |
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| Adult | \$ 900.00 | \$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic) | \$3,950.00 | <u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u> \$903.82 |
| Electronic | \$ 130.00 | | | |
| Youth | \$ 0.00 | | | |
| Plate | \$ 117.00 | | | |
| Total | \$ 1,147.00 | \$173.00 | | |

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Lexi Barrett (30th), Elizabeth Massmann (31st)

Wedding Anniversaries: Pat & Penny Chisholm (29th), Dan & Ann Straus (29th)

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 *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."* (MATTHEW 22:37) Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort, or some personal possessions greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are, is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

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](tel:2182894694) or suerosha@gmail.com) if you have questions.

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