

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, November 26th, 2023 –Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, November 29th: +Bud & Terry Salem req. by John & Sandra Klein
Thursday, November 30th: +Sharon Ricards req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson
Sunday, December 3rd: +Bud & Terry Salem req. by Donavon & Kari Wald

	December 3 rd	December 10 th
Lector	Terri Johnson	Elaine Ricard
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Jerry Erickson	Paul Reese, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Matthew Erickson, Todd Dufault	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese
Collection	Pam Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth	Sue Erickson, Emery Erickson
Sacristan	Dan Kuzma	Dan Kuzma
Mass Server	Jack Erickson, Adrian Lundon	Sidney Erickson, Nora Hamre
Gift Bearers	Cody & Maggie Coauette family	Paul & Pam Reese
Breakfast Servers	Ann Nephew, Gay Webster, Jane Vigness	Maggie Coauette, Mary Kiefert, Elizabeth Massmann
Mass Recorder	Nora Hamre	Todd Dufault

Church Cleaning November 27th – December 24th: Pat & Penny Chisholm 218-356-8706; Kory & Betty Solie 218-289-1706; Matthew & Haley Massmann 218-280-7795; Brian & Elizabeth Massmann 605-881-4707 Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	11/19/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	11/19/2023
Adult	\$ 675.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$ 130.00			
Youth	\$ 0.00			
Plate	\$ 77.00	\$173.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly	
Total	\$ 882.00		\$903.82	

Catholic Campaign: \$50.00 St. Mary’s Mission: \$20.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Dillon Sannes (26th), Keith Chisholm (27th), Cody Coauette (27th), Lucy Hamre (1st), Garrett Dufault (2nd), Andrea Sykes (2nd)

Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Christel Vigness (28th)

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.

We want to welcome our new altar servers: Adrian Lundon, Harper Hamre, Nora Hamre, Lucy Hamre, Kaislyn Lisburg, and Hadley Lisburg. Thank you for saying “YES!”

Prayer blankets were given to: *Paul Bergeson*, Fertile, from Aaron & Liz Rongen; *Anne Pederson*, Fertile, from Aaron & Liz Rongen. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

On Sunday December 3rd, during breakfast, Doreen Dufault will share her experience on the Camino De Santiago (way of St. James).

Volunteers are needed each Sunday to record the 8:30 AM Mass for Garden Valley TV. If you are interested, please contact Todd Dufault at 218-289-3077.

Join us for a Live Nativity on Sunday, December 3rd. Come and experience Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the live animals, the angels, and shepherds, Mary and Joseph at the inn, and more. Following the Live Nativity there will be a free viewing of “The Nativity Story” movie at the Fosston Theater. This event is free to the public and will be enjoyed by all ages. Come and experience the true joy of Christmas. Live Nativity will be held at the Fosston Ultima Bank from 5:00-6:30 pm. (weather permitting) Movie at 7:00 pm.

Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at St. William's Catholic Church in Twin Valley. Spanish Mass at St. William's is not every 1st Saturday of the month. Fr. Raul had to adjust due to his schedule. The next Spanish Mass is Saturday, December 16th.

During November we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food shelf. This is a beautiful opportunity for us to share our many blessings with those less fortunate. Items may be placed in the box in the gathering space. Thank you.

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:

Jelly-Jam	Sugar	Oil
Miracle Whip	Mayo	Cake Mix
Muffin Mixes	Cookie Mixes Pouches	Saltines
Ramen Noodles	Mac & Cheese	Chili Beans
Kidney Beans	Lima Beans	Refired Beans
Powdered Milk	Hot Chocolate Packets	Orange Juice
Apple Juice	Black Tea	Coffee – Reg & Decaf
Deodorant	Panty Liners	Tampons
Baby Wipes	Body Wash	Bar Soap
Shampoo	Conditioner	Dish Soap
Toothpaste	Tylenol	Ibuprofen
Band-aids	Paper Towels	Kleenex

Food for thought “...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.” (MATTHEW 25:40) Most of us are generous when it’s convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one’s time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it’s not convenient to us, when it’s not on our schedule, but on the other person’s timeline.

The Book of Remembrance is in the gathering area of the church. Please record the names of your loved ones who have passed so we can pray for them during the month of November.

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!

2023 CARE AND SHARE CHRISTMAS PROJECT: This is the list of items requested by the Care and Share Center in Crookston:

Men’s underwear and socks	Women’s underwear and socks	Diapers
Mittens and gloves for all ages	Craft kits	Colors
Markers	Color pencils	Coloring books.

There is also an online option for giving. Go on the Care and Share website, click “Get Involved”. Click on the “Wish List” button and it will take you to their Amazon account. There are specific items requested. You can order, pay and it will ship directly to the Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity during this blessed season.

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 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