

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, December 31st, 2023 –The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, January 3rd: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions
Thursday, January 4th: Parishioners
Sunday, January 7th: Mel & Cathy Bohnenkamp req. by Bonnie Rongen

	January 7 th	January 14 th
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth	Gay Webster
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Reese, Matthew Erickson	Sidney Erickson, Todd Dufault
Collection	Sue Erickson, Emery Erickson	Nancy Vigum, Paul Reese
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Jan Erickson
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson, Harper Hamre, Lucy Hamre	Jack Erickson, Nora Hamre
Gift Bearers	Dan & Faith Kuzma	Aaron & April Swenby family
Breakfast Servers	Marcia Liebl, Dorene Dufault, Luan Larsen	Nicole Straus, April Swenby, Kristen Hamre
Mass Recorder	Dawson Fuglseth	Todd Dufault

Church Cleaning December 25th – January 28th: Jr. & Leanne Sannes 218-926-5246; Aaron & April Swenby 218-280-9362; Rob & Monica Lisburg 21/-556-8184; Kelsey Lisburg 218-314-7735. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	12/24/2023	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	12/24/2023
Adult	\$ 155.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$5,775.00	
Electronic	\$ 130.00		Building Fund Needed Weekly \$903.82	
Youth	\$ 0.00			
Plate	\$ 249.50			
Total	\$ 534.50	\$173.00		

Christmas Collection: \$460.00 **Christmas Flowers:** \$45.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Kristin Hamre (3rd), Dwain Carlson (5th), Peter Vigness (6th)

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. **Please note - No Eucharistic Adoration on Monday January 1st, New Year’s Day.**

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.

Thank you: to St. Joseph's Parish for the fruit basket, we enjoyed it very much. Thank you for thinking of us! ~James and Roberta Duckstad

Thank you, Dorene Dufault, Danielle, and Dana, for sharing your experience on the Camino De Santiago (way of St. James). By your enthusiasm, it was evident you really enjoyed this endeavor. Nicely done!

Thank you to St. Joseph’s Parish for the fruit basket. They were delicious! ~Chloe Leiting and Lilah Wang

Thank you to Corrina Weber and Terri Johnson for the wonderful Christmas party they hosted. It was enjoyed by all!!

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SILENT AUCTION Sunday, January 7th 9:00-1:00 at the Fertile Community Center. This is a fundraising event for the mission trip group traveling to Guatemala in March. Patty Mosher is among the 18 from the area going to work on a roof project, painting, and faith outreach to the Hogar De Vida orphanage and area school. If you are interested in donating an auction item or have any questions, contact Patty 218-280-7264.

Mass Intentions: we are in need of Mass Intentions. If you have a Mass Intention, please contact the office, or place your intention in envelope marked “Mass Intentions” with the information in the offering plate.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Winter Fest (formerly Christmas party) is scheduled for Wed., January 24th at our church. More info coming soon.

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 “...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” (COLOSSIANS 3:13) Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go and the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend, or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Garage keys were made and placed in the lock boxes in front and back doors of the church.

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
- 7. Mass Recorders

Please sign up by emailing Donna Bjerk at stjoesfertile@gvtel.com. 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](tel:2182894694) or suerosha@gmail.com if you have questions.

Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls is inviting you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens, **Sunday, January 14, 2024, 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 112 Edward St NE, Red Lake Falls, MN. All are welcome. For more information: www.crookston.org/revival.

“March for Life” bus trip to St. Paul January 22nd. MCCL (Chapter 45) sponsorship. Bus leaves at 7:30 from Bemidji Cenex Station. Call to reserve your seat. 218-444-1071 Phil Ehkle

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



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 2023

In memory of...

Robert & Gladys Chisholm; Gerald Chisholm; Nathan Chisholm; Jerry Chisholm by Mary Chisholm

Danny Doyea by Mary Doyea

Dean Lundon; Drew Lundon; Kenny & Bunny Bjerk by Greg & Donna Bjerk

Jack & Patricia O'Brien; Julius & Clarice Massmann by Steven & Lorri Massmann

Mark Webster; Howard & Helen Bittner; Keith & Margaret Webster by Greg & Gay Webster

Sylvester & Helen Schmitz; Brian Schmitz by Dennis & Paula Tice

Gary Kiefert; Harold Kiefert; Matthew Kiefert; Ed & Dorothy Kalinowski by Mary Kiefert

Lori Wang Youngdahl by Lilah Wang

Arline Forgit; Joan Flaatt by Jerry & Cathy Forgit

Aaron Betzen by Tim & Holly Betzen

Knute and Adeline Bolstad and Harold Cyr by Joe & Karen Cyr

Marie Blanche and Donald Snyder by Maggie & Rodney Bryn

Bonnie Bohnenkamp; Marlene Fuglseth by Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth

Roger Kurpius; Clarence & Garnet Kappes; Maggie & Maurice Kappes; Joe & Gen Kurpius by

Karen Kurpius

Dennis McCollum by Cindy McCollum

In honor of...

Wayne & Rose Weber by Travis & Terri Johnson

Bill & Lois Lundon by Greg & Donna Bjerk