

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, January 21st –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, January 24th: Parishioners
Thursday, January 25th: Parishioners
Sunday, January 28th: Parishioners

	January 28 th	February 4 th
Lector	Sue Erickson	JoAnn Ranum
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese	Steven Massmann, Jerry Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Greg & Gay Webster	Matthew & Patricia Erickson
Collection	Kirsten Fugsleth, Mary Kiefert	Nancy Vigum, Sue Erickson
Sacristan	Jan Erickson	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Jack Erickson, Adrian London	Sidney Erickson, Hadley Lisburg
Gift Bearers	Greg & Gay Webster	Mel & Cathy Bohnenkamp
Breakfast Servers	Pam Wilkens, Faith Kuzma, Cathy Meadows	Elaine Ricard, Joan Ellegaard, Tammy Fuglseth
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 218-556-8184; Kelsey Lisburg 218-314-7735. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual		1/14/2024	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	1/14/2024
Adult	\$	715.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	No Report	
Electronic	\$	130.00			
Youth	\$	0.00			
Plate	\$	311.00			
Total	\$	1,156.00	\$173.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly	
				\$903.82	

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Rylee Hanson (21st), Paul Reese (22nd), John Roche (22nd), Jami Doyea (24th), Korey Lisburg (26th), Ashley Hand (26th), Eric Ellegaard (27th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Wayne & Rose Weber (27th)

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: Mila Ollrich, Mancato, MN, from St. Joseph Parish. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

Our prayers and sympathy to Joan and Eric Ellegaard and the Pavek family on the death of Ed; Ed died this past Tuesday. His funeral will be held here at St. Joseph’s on Monday January 21st at 11:00 a.m.; there will be visitation on Sunday, January 21st, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with the Rosary being prayed at 4:30. May Ed rest in peace and may the family know of our love and God’s compassion during this time of mourning.

We will be making prayer blankets on Monday, January **29th**, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We invite all to join the group. We need sewers, pressers, folders, cutters, and especially prayer warriors. **Please note the new date.**

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.

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Winter Fest (formerly Christmas party) will be held at our church beginning at 6PM. With the informal food poll, item #1 received the most votes. That was the 3-meat buffet consisting of pork tenderloin, baked fish, chicken breast, etc. This meal was the \$17.95 priced one.

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 *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."* (Mark 1:17) Jesus' call to *"follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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 a. 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.

"March for Life". RESERVE YOUR SEAT!! Call 218-444-1071 Phil Ehkle (Q107 FM Radio) to save your place on the bus leaving the Cenex Staton 71 South, Bemidji at 7:30 a.m. on January 22, 2024, for the MCCL March for Life in St. Paul that starts at noon. Price: Free will offering in any amount to MCCL Chapter 25. The bus will return the same evening after a stop for supper. Bring a sack lunch for the trip there. Go to www.mccl.org/march for more information and to register to place a life-size baby model on the Capitol steps at the March. Please consider sacrificing this day for the babies.

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