

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> –Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>: Parishioners  
Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: Parishioners  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: +William Mulcahy req. by Diane Mulcahy

	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	February 11 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	JoAnn Ranum	Terri Johnson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Jerry Erickson	Paul Reese, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Matthew & Patricia Erickson	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Sue Erickson	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Kirsten Fuglseth
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson, Hadley Lisburg	Jack Erickson, Harper Hamre
Gift Bearers	Mel & Cathy Bohnenkamp	Paul & Pam Reese
Breakfast Servers	Elaine Ricard, Joan Ellegaard, Tammy Fuglseth	Pat Taylor, Rose Weber, Sue Erickson
Mass Recorder	Todd Dufault	Nora Hamre

**Church Cleaning January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Jerry & Cathy Forgit 218-945-6331; Scott & Luan Larsen 218-945-6085; John & Jami Revier 218-945-3169; Cody & Maggie Coauette 701-430-8748. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	1/21/2024	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	1/21/2024
Adult	\$ 1,175.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$65.00	
Electronic	\$ 225.00			
Youth	\$ 0.00			
Plate	\$ 99.00	\$173.00		
Total	\$ 1,499.00			
			<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b>	\$903.82

**Church in Africa:** \$30.00

**Thank you for your financial support!**

**Birthday Greetings:** Nicole Straus (1<sup>st</sup>), Arthur Rongen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hunter Doyea (2<sup>nd</sup>). Taylor Gunufson (3<sup>rd</sup>), Rob Lisburg (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**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:** *Sherry Jensrud*, Fertile, MN, from St. Joseph Parish. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**We will be making prayer blankets** tomorrow, Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Father Larry Delaney** will be gone from January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travel and a relaxing vacation. Msgr. Tim McGee will be available if you may need anything while Fr. Larry is gone.

**Next weekend** we will be starting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Be on the lookout for a mailing and check the bulletin for updates.

**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.

**Council meeting**: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**The Winter Fest** was well received in our church dining room. Thanks to those who came early to create an ambiance of creating a more festive scene for eating. Also, the Smokehouse provided an outstanding meal, Msgr. McGee gave a heartfelt blessing, and Dan and Faith chose interactive games where we worked as teams. ENJOYABLE NIGHT! Thanks to all who came and participated.

**Fertile Food Shelf hours**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 3:00-6:00 PM. Please call appointment or for emergency 281-945-3136.

**Thank you** for the very generous number of items donated this past holiday season to the FB Food Shelf, it is greatly appreciated! God bless you all for your support.

**Food for thought** *"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." (1 CORINTHIANS 7:32)* How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

**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](mailto:suerosha@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## **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