

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, February 18th – First Sunday of Lent

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, February 21st: Ethan Puterbaugh req. by Bonnie Rongen
Thursday, February 22nd: +Ed Pavek req. by Megan Fuglseth
Sunday, February 25th: Parishioners

	February 25 th	March 3 rd
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth	Gay Webster
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Paul Reese	Karen Kurpius, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Matthew Erickson, Emery Erickson	Paul Reese, Todd Dufault
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Emery Erickson	Sue Erickson, Mary Kiefert
Sacristan	Kirsten Fuglseth	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Jack Erickson, Nora Hamre	Sidney Erickson, Kaislyn Lisburg
Gift Bearers	Matt & Pat Erickson family	John & Jami Revier family
Breakfast Servers	Leanne Sannes, Pam Reese, Monica Lisburg	JoAnn Ranum, Patty Mosher, Jan Erickson
Mass Recorder	Todd Dufault	Nora Hamre

Church Cleaning January 29th – February 25th: 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		2/11/2024	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual	2/11/2024
Adult	\$	955.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$250.00	Building Fund Needed Weekly \$903.82
Electronic	\$	225.00			
Youth	\$	0.00	\$173.00		
Plate	\$	50.00			
Total	\$	1,230.00			

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Britton McGregor (20th), Adele Theis (21st), LaVerne Pribula (23rd)

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.

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.

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 *"After John had been arrested, Jesua came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." (MARK 1:14)*
Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for 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](tel:2182894694) or suerosha@gmail.com if you have questions.

Tuesday, February 20th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm there will be a discussion at the Fertile Library, with Alicia Berhow, Senior Programs Manager for Tri-Valley Opportunity Council. Alicia will answer questions and discuss various programs they provide to the area. For more information call 218-945-6137 or visit www.larl.org/events.

Have you made a commitment to the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. **You can donate online at www.crookston.org/DAA**. Prayerfully consider increasing your gift by 10% if you haven't increased your gift for several years. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is the most recommended method for supporting the appeal, contact Renee Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call 218-281-4533 ext 432. **Thank you for making Christ's love present in our community!**



Please, prayerfully review the mailing you have received at home. Visit www.crookston.org/DAA or scan the QR code to watch Bishop's video and then make your gift online, or to view additional information about all the good you do when you support the DAA! Thank you for your generosity!

Men's and Women's Cursillo dates for 2024 The dates for the men's and women's Cursillo Weekends are fast approaching. The Cursillo is an opportunity for fellowship, Study and spiritual growth which is offered by the Diocese of Crookston and will be conducted at the beautiful Pastoral Center in Crookston Minnesota. We encourage all women and men 18 years of age and up, to strongly consider attending the Cursillo weekend that works best for your schedule. A Cursillo weekend does not disappoint. Ladies and Gentlemen Jesus is patiently calling you. Please contact Steve Klocke at Sklocke1013@gmail.com or by phone at 701-405-4848 to discuss the Cursillo weekends and to ask any of your questions regarding these very special weekends. Following are the dates for the two men's weekends and the two women's weekends. Let this year of Eucharistic. Space is Limited so please register early.

Men's Spring Cursillo weekend 2024 – February 22-25

Women's Spring Cursillo weekend 2024 – March 14-17

Men's Fall Cursillo weekend 2024 – October 24-27

Women's Fall Cursillo weekend 2024 – September 26-29

Knights of Columbus #1216 Lenten Fish Fry: Cathedral in Crookston, Friday nights 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Drive thru is available and will be marked. Adult walleye meal \$17.00 Extra fillet \$8.00. Deep fried walleye, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, role. Desserts served by service groups for sale. Drive thru will serve a cookie. Dates February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Star or the North Eucharistic Congress NEC; Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, and Bishop Daniel J. Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to the NEC, May 17th and 18th at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN. The Congress is a collaboration between the Diocese of Crookston and the Diocese of Duluth. It precedes the May 19th Pentecost Mass and commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the headwaters of the great Mississippi River in the Itaska State Park. Join Bishops and pilgrims from across Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Wisconsin, as we gather to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist while learning ways to share the many graces of this great Sacrament through powerful talks and witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession. The Star of the North Eucharist Congress is for the entire family. All are welcome! Register today! To learn more about NEC and to register, visit CrookstonEucharist.org.

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