

# 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, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Third Sunday of Lent

This week’s Mass schedule: Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Cozzens and his intentions  
Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: +Ed Pavsek req. by Ginny Sahli  
Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Parishioners

	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Elaine Ricard	Sue Erickson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese
Greeters/Ushers	Greg & Gay Webster	Jerry & Jan Erickson
Collection	Pam Reese, Emery Erickson	Nancy Vigum, Paul Reese
Sacristan	Elaine Ricard	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Jack Erickson, Hadley Lisburg	Sidney Erickson, Adrian Lundon
Gift Bearers	J.J. & Kristin Hamre family	Jerry & Jan Erickson
Breakfast Servers	Jade Ihry, Patricia Erickson, Lorri Massmann	Ann Nephew, Gay Webster, Jane Vigness
Mass Recorder	Dawson Fuglseth	Todd Dufault

Church Cleaning February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>: Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth 218-945-6840, Paul & Pam Reese 218-945-6036, Mark & Sue Erickson 218-289-4694, Richard & Jade Ihry 218-849-1069. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

Offertory Actual	2/25/2024	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 2/25/2024
Adult	\$ 710.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$20.00
Youth	\$ 0.00		Building Fund Needed Weekly
Plate	\$ 1,076.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$ 2,011.00		

Easter Flowers: \$300.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Dayton Mosher (3<sup>rd</sup>), Gracie Gunufson (9<sup>th</sup>), Paula Tice (9<sup>th</sup>), Solomon Liebl (9<sup>th</sup>), Bennett Massmann (9<sup>th</sup>)

Wedding Anniversaries: Jerry & Cathy Forgit (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.

No Adoration on Monday, March 25. We encourage everyone to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Crookston instead. The Chrism Mass begins at 6:30 pm.

Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph’s. Please come and join us.

Stations of the Cross will be at 6PM for the duration of Lent. Soup, bread, and fellowship after.

Prayer blankets were given to: Con & Clara Dietz, Golden Valley, AZ, from 7AM Mass/Breakfast group. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**Help is needed** tomorrow, Monday, March 4th, we will be cleaning the carpets and floors in our church and could use extra hands. Starting at 8:30 a.m. Thank you in advance.

**NINE-MONTH NOVENA ANNOUNCED:** Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke and CatholicVote are calling all Catholics to join in prayer over the next nine months as America faces a historic election. The novena will begin on March 12 and end with a consecration on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

**Rosary and Altar Society** will resume meetings on March 13th at 7PM. Election of officers to be held; we do not meet Dec. through Feb. If you are eager to be involved and want to be an officer, see Gay.

**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.

**FALL DINNER** is October 6th. Please plan ahead to help the team out. The team is Joanne R., Donna B., and Jean R.

**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.

**Food for thought** *"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."* (EXODUS 20:4) How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow our virtue.

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

**St. Andrew's, Hawley** will be holding their March dinner on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Menu includes Turkey & all the fixings, assorted salads, & Desserts. Adults - \$15.00, Ages 6-12 \$5.00. preschool – free.

**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](mailto: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.

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 March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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