

# 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 10<sup>th</sup>– Fourth Sunday of Lent

**This week’s Mass schedule:** Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: +Ed Pavek req. by Paul & Pam Reese  
Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: +Anthony Sr. & +Mary Ann Nauert req. by Aaron & Liz Rongen  
Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: Elaine Ricard req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson

	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Sue Erickson	JoAnn Ranum
Eucharist	Karen Kurpius, Paul Reese	Patricia Erickson, Jerry Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Paul Reese, Emery Erickson
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Paul Reese	Kirsten Fuglseth, Mary Kiefert
Sacristan	Elaine Ricard	Elaine Ricard
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson, Adrian London	Jack Erickson, Harper Hamre
Gift Bearers	Jerry & Jan Erickson	Matthew & Patricia Erickson family
Breakfast Servers	Ann Nephew, Gay Webster, Jane Vigness	Maggie Coauette, Mary Kiefert, Elizabeth Massmann
Mass Recorder	Todd Dufault	Nora Hamre

**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      3/3/2024			Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual      3/3/2024
Adult	\$	1,465.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$160.00
Electronic	\$	225.00		<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b> \$903.82
Youth	\$	0.00		
Plate	\$	201.00		
Total	\$	1,891.00	\$173.00	

Easter Flowers: \$50.00

*Thank you for your financial support!*

**Birthday Greetings:** Adrian London (10<sup>th</sup>), Karen Kurpius (12<sup>th</sup>), Jane Vigness (12<sup>th</sup>), Benjamin Hand (13<sup>th</sup>), Jerry Forgit (14<sup>th</sup>), Alyssa Ellegaard (16<sup>th</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.

**Holy Week:** The Triduum will be celebrated at St. Lawrence in Mentor this year. Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m., Good Friday, March 29 at 4 p.m., Holy Saturday, March 30, 8:30 p.m. Parishioners from both parishes are invited to sign up for various ministries for these days. Signup sheets are in the entrance of the church.

**Lenten Reconciliation:** On Wednesday, March 20, Msgr. Tim, and I will be available at both parishes from 5 – 7 p.m. to hear confessions.

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

**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.

**Prayer Blankets for Mission Trip:** Join us **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, **after breakfast at 10:30 a.m.** to make prayer blankets to send with Patty Mosher on her mission trip to Hogar De Vida Guatemala scheduled for later this month. These blankets will be given to the children at the orphanage to which the members of the mission trip will be visiting. What a great opportunity to spread Christ's love with an individual prayer blanket for each child! You do not need to know how to sew. If you are a seamstress and can bring your machine to help, we would welcome that. However, we also need cutters, folders, pressers, pinners, and prayer warriors. Come join our parishioners and be a part of this mission to help the orphans.

**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.

**Altar Society** will meet Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. You are welcome to join Stations of the Cross at 6 PM, soup/bread, and then the meeting. Hope to see you.

**LOOKING FOR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS:** There is a table and basket in the hallway for collection of items for the mission trip team going to Guatemala, leaving on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The team of 20 will be taking as many basic supplies as possible to help out the Hogar de Vida (Home of Life). We are in need of school supplies, new or gently used clothing and basic health care items. Please keep this team in your prayers along with the staff that care for the children and keep Hogar de Vida up and running. Please pray for the children that are in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual care. Please stop by for more information or contact Patty Mosher.

**St. Lawrence invites you to their 2024 Loaves and Fishes Lenten Dinner,** Friday March 15, 2024, 4:30-7:00 pm. All are welcome, free of charge. Please email [jsteri7@aol.com](mailto:jsteri7@aol.com) call or text Teri at 703-798-4622 between March 4 and March 10 to reserve your pick-up or dine -in time for your meals. See flyer hanging above credenza for more information.

**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** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."* (JOHN 3:16) Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater 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 [donnabjerk@gmail.com](mailto:donnabjerk@gmail.com). 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.

**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 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 cookies. Dates March 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.

## **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.

If you are interested in being a Eucharist Missionary, please contact Msgr. Timothy McGee