

# **ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Mass Schedule: Sun. – 8:30 a.m. -- Wed. and Thurs. – 7:00 a.m. -- Reconciliation: Sun. – 7:45 a.m.**

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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).

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 ----- Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **This Week**

### Sunday

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### Monday

- Eucharistic Adoration – 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the church

### Tuesday

- No Mass at Fair Meadow

### Wednesday

- Mass – 7:00 AM – No Mass

### Thursday

- Mass – 7:00 AM – No Mass

### Next Sunday (August 10<sup>th</sup>)

- Mass – 8:30 AM – Parishioners

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Mass Servers</b>	<b>Gift Bearers</b>	<b>Mass Recorder</b>
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Bakke	Rob Lisburg, Brian Massmann	Richard & Jean Rock	Pam Reese, Mary Kiefert	Dan Kuzma	Lucy Hamre, Harper Hamre	Steven & Lorri Massmann	Nora Hamre

**Church Cleaning July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>:** Jerry & Jan Erickson 218-945-6118; Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth 218-945-3436; Greg & Donna Bjerk 218-945-3403; JJ & Kristin Hamre 218-289-0077. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

**Birthday Greetings:** Bishop Cozzens (3<sup>rd</sup>), Holly Betzen (4<sup>th</sup>), Kaislyn Lisburg (4<sup>th</sup>), Tyler Duckstad (4<sup>th</sup>), Jeff McCollum (8<sup>th</sup>), Hunter Bjerk (9<sup>th</sup>), Maggie Coauette (9<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Paul & Pam Reese (3<sup>rd</sup>), Pete & Marcia Liebl (6<sup>th</sup>), Scott & Luan Larsen (9<sup>th</sup>)

**Father John** will be gone the week of August 4-8.

**Thank You from Fr. Larry** I have completed my treatment at Hazalden and am now back living at the rectory in Fertile with Fr. John. Thank you for all of your prayers and support! Starting on Thursday I will be participating in IOP (intensive outpatient) therapy in Crookston 3 days a week. Again, thank you for all of your prayers.

**Representatives of Olive Wood Religious Articles** will be here at Mass on August 10<sup>th</sup> with items for sale from the Holy Land. The sale of these items supports artisan families in Bethlehem. See attachment for more information.

**Who are You Going to Ask to Make the Fall Cursillo?** Attention all Cursillista's! Now is the time to be praying about who you are going to ask to make the fall weekend **Sept 25-28 for women** and **Oct 23-26 for men**. Pray that God puts a name on your heart of someone you know who would find making a Cursillo a milestone in their faith life. Is there someone you have noticed that God is working on and seems to be searching for more in their relationship with Jesus? Remember, Christ is counting on you! **Registration forms** are available online at [www.crookstoncursillo.weebly.com](http://www.crookstoncursillo.weebly.com).

**Annual Safe Environment Training** - July begins a new year for Safe Environment. This year's training is Safe Haven – It's Up to You. This is part 1 of a three-part series. We will complete parts 2 & 3 next year. *It's Up to You* is on grooming. Please note we all have a moral and ethical obligation to report. If you suspect any abuse, please contact your local law enforcement and Jim Remer, Bishop's Delegate. Diocese of Crookston Safe Environment Policy requires all diocesan employees to complete the Essential 3 and any volunteer who has the potential to be alone with a minor or vulnerable adult. The Essential 3 includes 1) acknowledgment of the Diocese of Crookston's Code of Conduct for Church Leaders and appendices or Code of Conduct for Youth Employees; 2) Child Protection online Training Module; and 3) a criminal background check or two references in the case of a youth employee. Here is the link <https://crookston.cmgconnect.org/> for the safe environment training. Background checks are completed every 5 years. If you are unsure if you need to renew your background check, please contact Reneé Tate, Safe Environment Coordinator at [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or **218-281-4533 ext. 432**.

### Parish Weekly Offerings

Category	Actual 7/27/2025	Needed Weekly
Offertory Adult	\$995.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)
Offertory Electronic	\$140.10	
Offertory Youth	\$0.00	
Offertory Plate	\$227.00	\$173.00
Building Fund Actual	\$500.00	
Building Fund Electronic	\$225.00	
Building Fund Needed Weekly		\$903.82
Total	\$2,087.10	

### Upcoming Events

- XLT Night on Wed. Aug. 13 at St. Bernard's in TRF.
- Friday, August 15 -- Assumption of Mary - holy day of obligation - **Mass at 5:15 pm**
- Sign-up for hosting the Sunday, Aug. 17 Summer Breakfast – sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area --- please take a turn in hospitality to our parishioners and visitors.
- Altar Society Meeting in August – Rosary and Altar Society did not meet in July, but now are scheduled to meet August 13th at 7PM. Please join us with new insights on how we continue to establish positive outcomes for our parish! See you on the 13th.
- **Weekly Diocesan E-Newsletter** — Friday, August 1 Edition Articles
- Bishop Cozzens letter on the Renaming of Diocesan Retreat Center
- To sign up for the weekly e-newsletter from the diocese -- go to the diocesan website at: **crookston.org** and click on "News and Media" and then on "Northland Catholic". Follow the instructions there.

**Rebuilding: When Your Relationship Ends**, a ten-week seminar, will begin August 26, 2025. Registration and sessions begin 6:30 PM at St. Michael Church basement, 524 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N., Grand Forks ND. Using the above-named book by Dr. Bruce Fisher as a study guide, participants learn to rebuild their lives after the loss of a love relationship. It discusses rebuilding blocks related to the loss and help to provide an understanding of the past relationship and moving forward in a healthy way. There is a onetime fee of \$55 for workbooks and other supplies. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the fee. For information and/or to register, text or call Msgr. Daniel Pilon at 701-361-2051 or email [daniel.pilon@fargodiocese.org](mailto:daniel.pilon@fargodiocese.org)

**Hi all, thank you so much** for praying for me and our family when I had my car accident. I have made a full recovery as of now just have some physical and occupational therapy for a while. I'm back to work and life is basically back to normal. We are so grateful especially cause this could've been a totally different outcome. Thank you for praying for me, and my family. I truly believe that is why I am healed. -Creighton Barrett

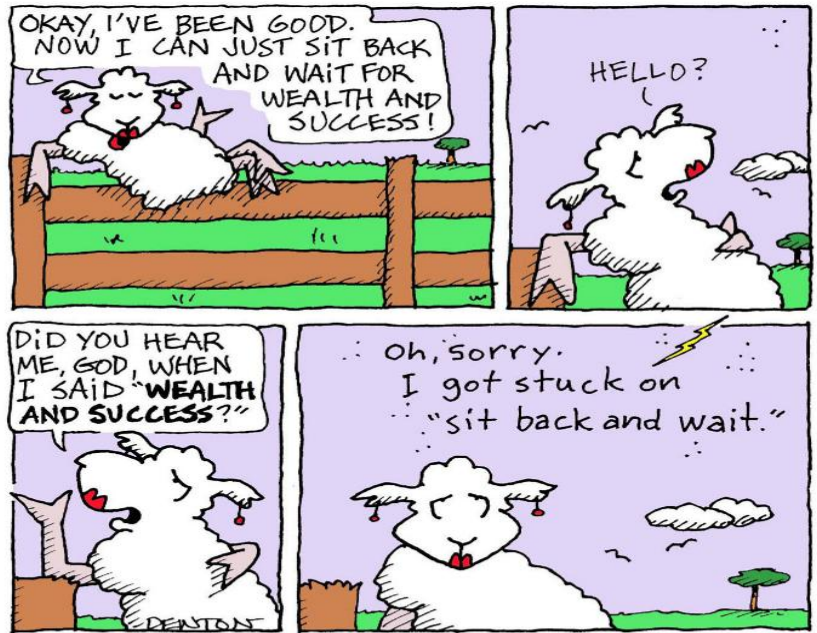
**Pilgrimage to Italy 11 days – Dec. 1-11, 2025**

- \* Visiting Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome
  - \* Hosted by Fr. Andrew Obel – Mahnomen
  - \* \$4,279 per person from Minneapolis (Land/tour price is \$3,749 plus \$530 for government taxes and airline surcharges)
- Contact** Fr. Andrew soon if interested.

**218-850-1783**

**Question for Adults** – When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life?

**Question for Kids** – Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn't make you as happy as you thought it would?



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“Take care to guard against greed,  
for though one may be rich,  
one's life does not consist of possessions.”

**Sheepish Question:**

What action(s) might change my perspective regarding goals in life?