Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph

OUR PARISH FAMILY
Sunday, December 11, 2022

UP COMING EVENTS + MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE

WEDNESDAY, December 21st
CREED Christmas Party
Mass : 5:00pm not 5:30pm
Supper: 5:30pm Pizza Night
After Supper Hay Ride to LifeCare Manor
All students & parents are invited to attend as well as any parishioners in attendance at Mass!

*"Starting January 1, we have a chance to walk together through the **most thorough summary of the Church's teaching produced in the modern era.** I guarantee if you join me in this journey in 2023... you will experience a deepening in your relationship with Jesus Christ and never regret having spent this time. **Will you join me?**"*

—Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Diocese of Crookston (Minnesota)

See the flyer in this bulletin .....

St. Edward's Church

St Edwards will be having their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec 18th. We will practice for the pageant on Sunday, Dec 11th after the potluck. The performance will be on Dec 18th right after mass with a potluck to follow. There will be 2 potlucks at St Edwards this month, one on Dec 11th, and one on Dec 18th. The pageant is open to all children ages 3 years old - 6th grade. Contact Lynette Cudnik with any questions or to sign up your child. 469.236.3326.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve + Saturday, December 24th
4:00pm + Blessed Sacrament, Greenbush
7:00pm + St. Edward, Karlstad
10:00pm + St. Joseph, Middle River

Christmas Day + Sunday, December 25th
9:00am + Blessed Sacrament, Greenbush

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday at 8:00am

Use of Parish Facility : Call the parish office, 782-2467

BAPTISM: To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

MARRIAGES: "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

RECONCILIATION
Blessed Sacrament
Before Saturday's
5:00pm Mass

Reconciliation
4:00pm-4:45pm
Or
by appointment
Contact

Home Visits

I am happy to do home visits but generally do not invite myself. (I do not presume that I am needed or wanted.) So, if you would like a home visit, please call (and leave a voice message), send email or a note.

Fr. George Phone: 218-289-1735
Email: gnoel8@gmail.com

WEEK OF December 12-18

Tuesday, December 13 — **Live Streamed Mass**
5:30pm — **Blessed Sacrament**
+Advent Blessings Buster & Gerry Nubson
6-7:00pm Adoration

Wednesday, December 14 — **Live Streamed Mass**
NO 5:30pm Mass — **Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, December 15
5:30pm — **St. Edward**
+End to abortion in Minnesota
7:30pm+for the people — **St. Joseph**

Friday, December 16
10:30am — **LifeCare Manor**
+Richard Sovde Sr.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17 — **Live Streamed Mass**
5:00pm + — **Blessed Sacrament**
+Chet & Bernice Kukowski

Sunday, December 18 — **Live Streamed Mass**
8:00am — **Blessed Sacrament**
+ Louise & Leopold Foldesi

9:45am +For the people — **St. Joseph**

11:30am — **St. Edward**
+Blessings for David & Lynette Cudnik's Children's Godparents

Blessed Sacrament will be live streaming the weekday Masses and weekend Masses. Go to our webpage: www.bscgreenbush.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4:00pm Sunday, December 11th there will be an Advent Brothers in Arms Bible study at BSC
- THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
- Note the time change: 6:00pm-7:30pm Wednesday, December 14th CREED at BSC
- 7:45pm Wednesday, December 14th Knights of Columbus will meet at BSC
- Following the 11:30am Mass, Sunday, December 18th St. Edward will have their Christmas Program and pot luck fellowship

CREED

Catholic Religious Education Empowering Discipleship

C.R.E.E.D.

- Wednesday, December 7th CREED Classes begin with Holy Day Mass at BSC 5:30pm; Supper; SE for grades 1-6 & Classes till 7:30pm
- 6:00-7:30pm December 14th CREED Class at BSC NO MASS AT 5:30PM

Blessed Sacrament
St. Edward - St. Joseph
Religious Education (RE) Committee

Rachel Lund	Chairperson
Mary Stauffenecker	Secretary
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Elle Frislie	BSC
Sarah Novacek	BSC
Tina Taus	St. Joseph
Alyssa Aune	St. Joseph
Lynette Cudnik	St. Edward

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, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

Prayer Line Request.....
Ann Novacek at Cell: 218-242-0212
Kathy Schafer at 528-3241
Shelly Kern for email prayer request: 782-2467 office or Email: michellebsc@wiktel.com

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Jina Lund, Melissa Kostrzewski, Vincent Stenberg, James Kukowski, Marilyn Kukowski, Kara Heggedal, Kyle Kjos

Altar Linen Laundry Schedule October—January
Carol Kukowski

BSC FELLOWSHIP.....
Our next fellowship evening is Saturday, January 21st following the 5:00pm Mass.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, December 4
2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget $149,600.00

Budget as of 12-4	Received as of 12-4	Difference
$66,169.00	$66,840.00	671.00

Adult Stewardship:	**$3,339.00**
EFT Donations	**$ 775.00**
Retired Religious	**$ 50.00**
St. Mary's Mission	**$1,090.00**
Christmas Flowers	**$ 620.00**
Immaculate Conception	**$ 50.00**

BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 17 + 5pm
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful
Jess Foss
Altar Server
Will & Amity Foss
Organist
Alice Blawat
Song Leader/ Announcements
Shelly Kern
Greeters/Ushers

Sacristan:
Shelly Kern

Sunday, December 18 + 8am
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful
Tony Gust
Altar Server

Organist
Jeanne Novacek
Song Leader/ Announcements
Darcy Hasson
Greeters/Ushers
Judy Pulczinski & Carol Kukowski
Sacristan:

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

Prayer Line Contact:
Sybil Cwikla Home 222-3375
Cell: 218-689-8233

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
MaryAnn Cwikla Dexter Gonsorowski

ST. EDWARD CORNER

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Caleb Gowen Jared LeMoine
David Cudnik Aiden Mooeny

Potluck Fellowship
We will have potluck fellowship following our Sunday Mass the Second Sunday of the month!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, November 27

2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget $36,000.00

Budget As of 11-27	Received as of 11-27	Difference
15,231.00	$16,517.00	$1.286.00

Stewardship:	**$355.00**
Thanksgiving	**$105.00**
St. Mary's Mission	**$121.00**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, December 4

2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget $44,000.00

Budget As of 12-4	Received as of 12-4	Difference
$19,462.00	$23,229.00	$3,607.00

Stewardship:	**$1,065.00**
Thanksgiving	**$ 50.00**
Christmas Flowers	**$ 122.00**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday + December 18 + 9:45am
Proclaimer
Mindy Bukowski
Commentator
Angie Steinhauer
Altar Servers
Volunteers
Ushers/Greeters
Kelly & Alan Burda
Organist
Cathy Erickson/Rachel Bukowski
Sacristan
Candy & David Gram
Gifts
Usher will find

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 18 + 11:30 am
Advent/Christmas Program & Potluck
Sacristan & Announcements:
Wendy & Anna Mooney
Ushers: Volunteers
Music:
Pat Larson
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful:
Wayne Mooney
Altar Server:
Aiden Mooney
Eucharist Ministers:
Joanie Krantz & Katrina Hapka

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St. Gianna Society Corner

Our St. Gianna Society is looking for volunteers wishing to help out in any manner promoting "Walking with Moms in Need". If you wish to help out please call the parish office 218-782-2467 or email Fr. George at gnoel8@gmail.com

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 / James 5:7–10 / Matthew 11:2–11

Joy: A Sign of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Once, as I was teaching a theology course to college students in their twenties, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. They were shocked. "What's wrong with being happy?" they protested. "Nothing," I said, "it's simply not the purpose of life." "But God wants us to be happy," they insisted. Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that's simply not what life is about.

Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back doors of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow and mourning would flee away (Isaiah 35:10). Joy is God's doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality—peaceful, serene, and nurturing—even when life may be unsettled. ●

Reflect

What brings you joy?

Do something to bring joy to someone this week.

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Dear Padre,

SHUTTERSTOCK

I struggle with depression, and sometimes it gets really bad during the holidays. When is it morally acceptable to use antidepressant medication?

You are not alone. People who struggle with depression often find the holidays especially difficult. To answer your question, it is morally acceptable to use antidepressant medications when a medical professional judges them to be the best response to the condition of the patient. As we learn more about the causes of depression and other disorders that challenge the sense of equilibrium in people, we hope that the most reliable responses may be found and employed to restore a sense of peace to those suffering from these ailments.

Evaluation and treatment of depression must be done within the context of a person's whole life. Depression often involves a chemical imbalance in the brain, and some people respond quite well to antidepressants. For others, the best treatment might be counseling or psychotherapy. Or both medicine and therapy. As each experience of suffering is unique, so, too, must be the response.

Frequently people will be embarrassed to admit to suffering with depression or consider it a sign of weakness or inability to deal with matters in life. Such thinking is of little help in resolving the issue. People who experience depression need the love and support of family and friends to accompany them in the suffering and to assist in their healing. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 *St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr* Zep 3:1–2, 9–13 Mt 21:28–32	December 14 *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church* Is 45:6c–8, 18, 21c–25 Lk 7:18b–23	December 15 *Advent Weekday* Is 54:1–10 Lk 7:24–30	December 16 *Advent Weekday* Is 56:1–3a, 6–8 Jn 5:33–36	December 17 *Advent Weekday* Gn 49:2, 8–10 Mt 1:1–17	December 18 *Fourth Sunday of Advent* Is 7:10–14 Rom 1:1–7 Mt 1:18–24

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every yes to God gives rise to stories of salvation for us and for others. Like Mary with her own yes. In this Advent journey, God wishes to visit us and awaits our yes. Let's think: Today, what yes must I say to God?

ANGELUS, DECEMBER 8, 2016

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ASCENSION

Greetings CREED Families!

This weekend marks the Second Week of Advent, and our preparation for CHRISTMAS!!!! The annual CREED Christmas Cookie, Candy, and Convection Sale is a favorite part of this season and a great fundraiser for our program.

This year's sale will be held on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Blessed Sacrament. We are asking all CREED families to make and donate 6 dozen of your favorite Christmas goodies. If you know anyone else who would like to donate goodies to the sale, that would be great, too!

You do not have to pre-package items or make them fancy- just bring in bulk and our "elves" will set them out on trays for people to choose their own assortments from. Goodies will be sold for $10/pound. Separate items like banana breads, snack mixes, popcorn, etc. can be individually wrapped and we will price accordingly. Also, please mark if your item contains NUTS!

Please drop donations off by Friday, December 16th by 8:00 pm.

Spread the word! This is a fundraiser people look forward to all year, and we're so excited to do it again!

Any questions, reach out to Kim Brichacek or myself.

Thank you!!
Jess Foss

FALL AUCTION RECAP

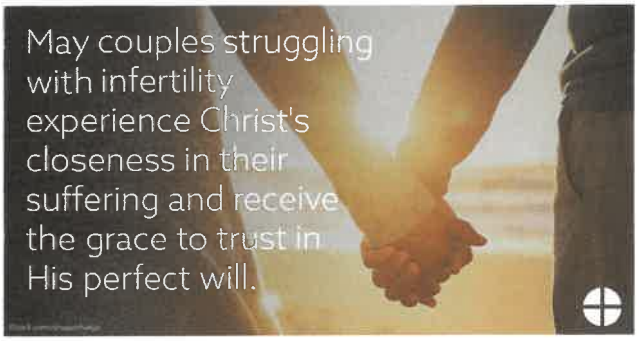
Auction Sales	
Total Sales	$7,553.87
Expenses	($ 101.38)
Net Income	$7,452.49
Lunch	
Total Sales	$ 631.00
Cake Walk	
Total Sales	$ 187.05
Raffle Tickets	
Total Sales	$2,625.00
Less expenses	
Including prizes	($ 705.00)
Net Income	$1,920.00
Fall Auction Grand Total	**$10,190.99**

Raffle winners of $100.00 each: Carrie Taggart, Ann Novacek, Susy Alton, Cindy Graff & Eleanor Koshenina.

Thank you to all it was a very successful event!!!

RESPECT LIFE | Prayer & Action

INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, Glory Be

REFLECT

We can often assume that parenthood comes easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. Infertility can be a profound Cross for couples desiring a child, and their suffering can become overwhelming. Social media posts of pregnancies, baby announcements, or attending baby showers may intensify the sense of being alone in their ache for a child. The pursuit of ethical medical treatments in hopes of conceiving can be physically and emotionally taxing and increase feelings of isolation. However, it is estimated that as many as 1 in 6 couples will struggle with infertility, meaning that you or someone you know is likely bearing this cross, often silently or without support.

We can all find hope in the truth that God does not abandon us in our suffering, even when we don't understand His will. The Church desires to walk with all those who bear the burden of infertility. Pope St. John Paul II clearly affirmed that couples who are unable to have children are "no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." It is important that all couples who experience infertility—and those who desire to offer them support—know that their love is still *fruitful* and their married life remains filled with meaning. We pray that couples struggling with infertility would know Christ's closeness in a special way and be confident in His perfect will for their marriage and family. May we strive to be channels of mercy to all who carry the cross of infertility through our own awareness, sensitivity, and support.

Reflection adapted from "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" (respectlife.org/navigating-infertility).

ACT *(choose one)*

- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet) for all couples who carry the Cross of infertility.
- Choose one day this week to abstain from sweets or your favorite snack as a reminder to draw close to Christ in times of suffering and trust in His plan for our lives.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the struggle of infertility through the experiences of four Catholic couples and how the Church can respond with sensitivity and compassion in this podcast: bit.ly/fruitful-in-infertility.

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Sunday, December 11th Announcements

Funeral Announcement:

The Evening Prayer Service for Rosalie Burda will be Sunday, December 11th, 5:00pm at St. Joseph's. Middle River. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, December 12th, 11:00am at St. Joseph's, Middle River.

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