

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —

St. JOSEPH's Catholic Church



Led by the Spirit

August 2025 Newsletter

MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

or by apt

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (SUMMER HOURS)

Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Pastor's Corner



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mrs. LaCosta Potter as Interim Principal of St. Joseph's School for the 2025-2026 academic year.

I am always excited to share a "Holy Spirit" moment. When Laurie Johnson expressed interest in returning to the classroom after four years as our

principal, I could see in her face true joy at the thought of embracing again her call to be a teacher. I contacted the diocese for some counsel and support as we near the beginning of the new school year. After just a few conversations with LaCosta and Bishop Andrew Cozzens, the idea of a shared position between St. Joseph's and the Diocese of Crookston emerged. You may recall that Mr. Andrew Hilliker also had a dual role.

Given the timing of Principal Johnson's decision, appointing an interim principal was determined to be the best path forward to ensure continuity and stability. A full search process for a permanent principal will be conducted during the 2025-2026 academic year. LaCosta will begin her role as Interim Principal on August 1 and Mrs. Johnson will serve as Assistant Principal throughout the school year to aid in the transition.

I am grateful for Laurie's ministry as our principal these past four years and am glad she will remain on the faculty as the Fifth-Grade teacher. Her leadership during recent years has been marked by commitment to the mission of St. Joseph's School and to the best interests of the students, faculty, and families. She previously taught at St. Joseph's and is known for her warmth and impactful classroom presence.

LaCosta brings a steady presence and significant experience as the school moves into preparation for accreditation. Her role as the Director of the Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Crookston and her experience as a classroom teacher make her well-suited to guide St. Joseph's in this interim appointment. The interim appointment has been endorsed by Bishop Cozzens given that LaCosta will continue her part-time work for the Diocese of Crookston.

She shared, "I am honored to be called to serve the St. Joseph's School Community as interim principal for the upcoming school year. It is humbling to follow in the footsteps of so many great leaders who have helped shape this remarkable community of faith and learning."

St. Joseph's has been our family's home parish for the past thirteen years. It has been a gift and a privilege to witness my own children receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Eucharist as part of this parish. All three of my children have been blessed to attend St. Joseph's School, with my youngest now beginning third grade.

For the past four years, I have had the privilege of serving as Director of Catholic Schools for the eight campuses across the Diocese of Crookston. In this role, I have been fortunate to witness—and play a small part in—many beautiful stories of evangelization, academic growth, and community building throughout the diocese. I will continue to serve the Bishop in that capacity while supporting all diocesan schools during this interim year with St. Joseph's School.

I look forward to walking with you in faith and partnership as we continue to nurture the hearts, minds, and souls of our students."

School is right around the corner! Please keep our school community in our prayers during this time of transition and enjoy these precious weeks of summer.

Blessings,
Fr. Vincent

Liturgy

Today we celebrate the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord."

What Really Matters Most

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to stop and think about what really matters. It is easy to focus on money, success, and things we own. But these do not last. The readings point us to something greater.

Ecclesiastes tells us that working hard just to gain wealth is empty. Life is short. We cannot take anything with us. Psalm 90 teaches us to ask God to help us use our time well. We are reminded that each day is a gift.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a man who saves up his riches. He is proud of all he owns. But God calls him a fool. His life ends that night. He is not ready. Jesus teaches us to be rich in what matters to God.

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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to look up, not down. Paul tells us to focus on heaven. When we follow Christ, we become new. We let go of sin. We learn to live in love and truth. (<https://young-catholics.com/3617/18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>)

St. Joseph's Parish family offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of those who have recently passed on to their eternal reward: **Al Brandt** (father of Cherly Terfehr), **Barb Varriano-Hegre**, **Erik Erdmann**, **Shirley Bellmore O'Keefe**, (cousin of Richard Bannerman and Jack Kritzberger), **Gene Bannerman** (brother of Richard Bannerman), and **Patricia Lackmann**. May they and all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We rejoice with the family of **Elijah Abel Valnes** [son of Tanner and Carissa (Barrera) Valnes], recently baptized into the family of God. May the prayers and example of his parents, godparents, and faith community lead them ever closer to Christ.

Congratulations to **Emily Bendickson** and **Noah Stefl**, recently married at St. Joseph's Church. May the joy of their wedding day remain alive because of their commitment to Christ and to each other.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, August 4 *St. John Vianney, Priest*

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21
8:00 a.m. + Dorothy Huck

Tuesday, August 5 *Dedication of the St. Mary Major Basilica*

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
8:00 a.m. + Al & + Jackie Sanofsky

Wednesday, August 6 *Transfiguration of the Lord*

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
8:00 a.m. + Laurie Bjornson

Thursday, August 7 *St. Sixtus II, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest*

Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23
8:00 a.m. + Kathie Wieser

Friday, August 8 *St. St. Dominic, Priest*

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28
8:00 a.m. + Jane Taylor

Saturday, August 9 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20
5:00 p.m. For The People

Sunday, August 10 *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b);
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48
8:00 a.m. + Ralph Schellack
10:00 a.m. + Michelle Altobell Bianco
6:30 p.m. + Yvonne Noel

Now Hiring

Now Hiring: Communications Coordinator St. Joseph's Parish – Moorhead, MN Part-Time (0.5–1.0 FTE)

St. Joseph's Parish is seeking a **Coordinator of Communications** to support parish and community outreach. Key duties include managing our website, social media, and weekly parish updates.

Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic
- Experience or education in communications
- Strong writing and tech skills
- Familiarity with or willingness to learn Canva, Adobe, Flocknote

Now Hiring: Evangelization Associate – Full-Time St. Joseph's & St. Frances de Sales Parishes, Moorhead

We are seeking a full-time Evangelization Associate to support parish faith formation, especially for families, children, and youth. This role is part of a renewed approach inspired by Bishop Cozzens' pastoral letter, focusing on small group encounters with Christ.

Qualifications listed in the next column

Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic, active in parish life
- Able to witness the faith with confidence
- Organized, flexible, and self-motivated
- Ministry experience and related degree preferred but not required

To apply for either of these positions: Send cover letter and resume to Deacon Mark Krejci at mkrejci@stjoeshmd.com. Reviews begin early August

Prayer Corner

Parishioners in Need of Prayers

Susan Baumgart
ShaLane Cunningham
Elaine Jacobs
Pete Keller

Carole Mitchell
MaryAnn Nord
Rachel (Torgerson)
Steckling

Down Home will host its 8th Annual Hoedown on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at The Pines near Davenport, ND. This fun-filled fundraiser supports their mission to help families emerging from homelessness by furnishing homes and building community. Enjoy country cookin', live entertainment, and silent & live auctions. Down Home was founded by St. Joseph's parishioners Jake and Jenessa Fillipi. For tickets and sponsorship info, visit down-home.org/events.



In the Gospel, Jesus tells of a rich man who hoarded his wealth but died before enjoying it. The lesson: life isn't about possessions or false security, but about belonging to God. In the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 35 families 790.00 for utilities, \$1,365 for rent, and \$1,385.00 for miscellaneous. Thank you.



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner on July 27, 2025, was Bob Hoss. Congratulations!

Weekly Donations

Adult Offering	20-Jul-25	21-Jul-24	Variance
Envelopes	\$ 5,235	\$ 5,562	\$ (327)
Online	\$ 9,308	\$ 9,668	\$ (360)
Loose Plate	\$ 700	\$ 690	\$ 10
Total Parish Revenue	\$ 15,243	\$ 15,920	\$ (677)
Building Fund	20-Jul-25	21-Jul-24	Variance
Envelopes	\$ 353	\$ 372	\$ (19)
Online	\$ 1,149	\$ 574	\$ 575
Loose Plate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Parish Revenue	\$ 1,502	\$ 946	\$ 556