**ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Fertile, Minnesota

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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, October 25th, 2020 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This week’s Mass schedule:  
Wednesday, October 28th: +Bonnie King req. by Larry & Elaine Ricard  
Thursday, October 29th: Dory Pavek req. by Phillip & Donna Rogers  
Sunday, November 1st: Parishioners

**Church Cleaning October 26th – November 29th:** Matt & Pat Erickson, Dennis & Paula Tice, Travis & Terri Johnson, Corey & Paige Tice. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

**Offertory Actual** 10/18/20 | **Offertory Needed Weekly** | **Building Fund Actual** 10/18/20
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Adult | $ No Report | No Report
Electronic | $ 0.00 | $1,188.00 (Adult and Electronic)
Youth | $ 0.00 | $11.55
Plate | $ 0.00 | $173.00
Total | $ No Report | $1,372.55

**Landscaping Memorials given in memory of Lois LeBlanc:** $25.00

**Fall Dinner Donation:** $40.00

**Birthday Greetings:** Terri Johnson (27th), Lexi Swenby (30th), Ralph LeBlanc (31st), Elizabeth Massmann (31st)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Pat & Penny Chisholm (29th), Dan & Ann Straus (29th)

**Food for thought:** “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all you heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37) Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort, or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

**Weekly Eucharistic Adoration** is held each Monday from 4-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Social distancing guidelines will apply.

**Sunday Mass** will be televised at 8:30 a.m. on channel 32, and on the Garden Valley web page at 8:30 a.m. Or go to: [https://www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/](https://www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/) and scroll down to Channel 32. It will be re-aired at 10:30 on the St. Joseph’s Facebook page.

**Ministry Schedule:** Volunteers are needed each week: Lectors (1 or 2), Money Counters (at least 2). If you are willing to help out, please arrive early and check in with Fr. Joe. Thank you.

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

**Prayer blankets were given to:** Laddie Kolness, Hendrum, from Bonnie Rongen; Brady Bjerk, Fertile, from Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth family. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

**Fertile Food Shelf:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Fertile Community Center. For emergencies please call 218-945-3136.

**Religious Education Classes:** Religious Education, today, Sunday, October 25th, for grades K-9; Confirmation class will be Wednesday 28th 6:30-8:00. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Monica Lisburg or Kirsten Fuglseth.
Cathedral Church Drive-Thru To-Go Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 25th, 2020 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This year, we are doing a takeout meal that is delivered to each vehicle for people to take home and eat. We hope to have a bit of fun in our parking lot as vehicles are waiting in line for their meal, such as “Seek and find” bingo, vehicle trivia, free kids’ activity bags, prizes, lively music, and inflatable characters walking around the parking lot. We are also having our usual raffles and a virtual silent auction Please call 218-281-1735 for tickets or for more information visit www.crookstoncathedral.com. Please see flyer on bulletin board in Gathering space.

The Diocese of Crookston Office of Communications is seeking a Multimedia Journalist for its multiplatform news source: Our Northland Diocese. The position serves as the primary writer, print designer, and manager of online content, archives and records. Candidates must have education in journalism or communications and be able to produce content for print and digital channels, in addition to a solid understanding and practice of the Catholic Faith. This is a full-time position with benefits. The successful candidate will also assist the Director of Communications/Editor with day-to-day operations of the Communications Office. Education: Bachelor’s degree in Journalism or related field required. Preferred Knowledge/Background: Background in print and digital media preferred. Photography and basic videography skills preferred. Candidates should have competent working knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite CC, especially InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop. Knowledge of website content management systems, such as Joomla preferred. Candidates should have proven competency with the social media platforms of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Skills and Abilities: Ability to write and edit content for publishing, which necessitates a strong proofreading competency; Skilled storytelling with understanding of journalistic ethics and libel and copyright issues; Creativity for the design of diocesan publications and social media postings; Active listening for interviews, working with submitters of materials, and concerns received in the office about publications; Ability to manage multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment. This includes effective long-range planning, dexterity to accommodate breaking news moments, prioritizing tasks, discernment of relevant information, and creating and meeting deadlines in a self-directed way; Advanced computer skills including Microsoft Office. Benefits: Single and family health insurance available with HSA and FSA options; Single or family dental options; Vacation, sick, holiday, holy day, bereavement and retreat days; Employer-paid life and long-term disability insurance; Employer-paid retirement and optional 403(b) plan. Diocese of Crookston: The Diocese of Crookston is a non-profit religious organization that serves 30,000 Catholics in 66 parishes and 8 Catholic schools in the 14 northwest counties of Minnesota. Known as a mission diocese of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Crookston territory is rural in nature; farming, logging and tourism are main industries. How to Apply / Contact / Deadline: Submit resume including references, cover letter, and any combination of four writing or other media samples to Janelle Gergen at Diocese of Crookston, PO Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716 or jgergen@crookston.org. Applicants will be reviewed until November 30. Interviews to take place in December with an employment start date of February 1, 2021.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: “Faith cannot be reduced to a private sentiment or indeed, be hidden when it is inconvenient; it also implies consistency and a witness even in the public arena for the sake of human beings, justice and truth.” Let us pray that God’s people exercise their right and responsibility to vote with an informed conscience. Let us also pray for civility and peace among all.

October is Respect Life Month, which helps Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. October is also the month of the Rosary. Spend time this month praying for an end to abortion and praying the Rosary with your spouse and family.

No Common Ground On Abortion Question
We all have laws we must follow - even minors have specific laws. Minors need parental consent to have their ears pierced. Minors need parental consent before care givers can give them an aspirin or their prescribed medicine. Minors need parental consent to go into the military. Minors need parental consent to marry. Why then, is Planned Parenthood so against parental consent before they perform abortions on minor girls? I will tell you why – they will lose money! Planned Parenthood is big business. Good parents would never allow their daughter to have an abortion if they were aware of her situation! There is one law some people seem to have forgotten. It is one of God’s Ten Commandments: ‘Thou shall not kill.’ His laws were given to us all for all time. His laws remain unchanged, not subject to our whims or convenience. They supersede all earthly laws. God is our ultimate judge. There is no common ground here. You are either pro-life or pro-death. A baby is a gift from God to be loved and cherished - not to be thrown back in His Face. A baby has a right to life and a right to expect that we, our judges and our laws, will protect them.

Ruth Weber
Davenport Iowa

“Children and unborn children should be protected by law and welcomed into life.” President George W. Bush

DAA: We have almost reached our DAA goal. This year’s goal for our parish is $7,056; to date 31 donors have committed a total of $6,098, leaving us with $958.00 to reach our goal. Will you help me reach our goal? I will match the first $400.00 given over the next week. You can place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked DAA Challenge. “Fr. Joe