

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, August 29th, 2021 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, September 1st: +Leah Vigum req. by Mike & Nancy Vigum
Thursday, September 2nd: Bishop Pates and his intentions
Sunday, September 5th: +Gordon Vaagen req. by Bonnie Rongen

Ministers	September 5 th	September 12 th
Lector	Kirsten Fuglseth	Gay Webster
Eucharist	Ruth Cameron, Paul Reese	Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Greg & Gay Webster	Paul Reese, Catie Erickson
Collection	Pam Reese, Kirsten Fuglseth	Paul Reese, Catie Erickson
Sacristan	Ruth Cameron	Ruth Cameron
Mass Server	Sidney Erickson	Jack Erickson
Gift Bearers	Pete & Marcia Liebl	Rob & Monica Lisburg family

Church Cleaning August 30th – September 26th: Duane & Nicole Straus, Bonnie Rongen, Ben & Ashley Hand. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>8/22/21</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 8/22/21</u>
Adult	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$525.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u>
Plate	\$ 217.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,347.00	\$1,612.00	

Memorial Candle Donation: \$50.00

Food Shelf Donation: \$25.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Birthday Greetings: Duane Miller (29th), Avery McCollum (30th), Jaysen Nephew (30th), Kallie Hand (30th), Drew Larsen (31st), Sam Haugen (31st), Greg Bjerck (1st), Dan Wilkens (2nd), Barb Anvinson (3rd), Kory Solie (4th)

Wedding Anniversaries: Richard & Jean Rock (30th), Larry & Stella Jagol (4th), Aaron & April Swenby (4th)

Food for thought “Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” (James 1:22) It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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, September 6th, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's. Please come and join us.

Prayer blankets were given to: *Lois Plante*, Winger, from Larry & Elaine Ricard; *Duane Nephew*, Fertile, from Jaysen & Ann Nephew; *Chris Thorson*, Carson City, NV, from Yvonne Berhow; *Agnes Reek* Iron, MN, from Yvonne Berhow; *Sheila Graseth*, Harwood, ND, from Pam Reese; *Doug Monson*, Gary, MN, from Lois Plante. Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

A huge thank you to those of you who gave donations or memorials to the Prayer Blanket Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and your gifts of money will enable the Prayer Blanket Ministry to continue in the future. May you be richly blessed in return.

Fr. Larry's Weekly Schedule A part of my continuing care for my alcohol addiction is that I will be participating in an intensive outpatient program (IOP) in Crookston every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. for about 3 months. This may inhibit some of my participation in some parish events but if I need to skip a night, I would just make it up later.

The Perfect Fit Campaign As you may have read in the OND or other media sources, the Diocese is planning to buy Mount St. Benedict using the main building for diocesan offices and also being able to host retreats, conferences and other larger events. The sisters will remain in part of the facility. A diocesan wide capital campaign is in progress and towards the end of September we all will receive further information and be encouraged to make a pledge to enable this process to go forward.

Covid Precautions

Pope Francis has released a statement (along with six archbishops from the Western Hemisphere) encouraging people to get the Covid vaccinations if appropriated and in consultation with your physician. The statement from Pope Francis can be found on the diocesan website at www.crookston.org

Bishop Pates has also asked each parish to take precautions as deemed appropriate in our individual parishes. We have had several parishioners who have been infected recently. Here is what I recommend for St. Joseph and St. Lawrence:

- Continue to have the precious blood available but feel free to not partake or not be the minister of communion if you feel it is unsafe for you.
- Feel free to wear masks if you wish. I will wear a mask just during distribution of communion. I am vaccinated but as we know, even vaccinated people can pass on the virus so I do this for your protection.
- At the sign of peace, no physical touch outside with people outside of your own household.

Keep praying to a safety of all and an end to his pandemic.

Hogar de Vida – Home of Life in San Andres, Sajcabaja, located in north central Guatemala. Tentative dates are November 10th – 20th 2021. A team is being put together of up to 25 members. Mission involves showering orphans with love, supporting staff team, working on a roof over open play area and painting inside buildings. For more information please contact Jean Tollefson (218) 280-0838 or Patty Mosher (218) 280-7264.

2021 is a milestone year for Bishop Emeritus Balke. On Sept. 2 he will celebrate the 45th anniversary of his Episcopal ordination and on Sept. 29 he turns 90 years old. An open house to recognize these milestones will take place at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston, on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All Diocese of Crookston faithful are invited. Please spread the word!

The Diocese of Crookston has an opening for a full-time clerical support specialist. The person who fills this position will provide clerical support to various offices at the diocese; duties include assisting with organizing and planning events, creating online registration forms, tracking registrations and payments, and formatting pamphlets, brochures, and worship aids. We are looking for a motivated team player who is friendly and organized and has lots of initiative. Expertise with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher) is required. The position is 40 hours a week. Compensation includes a competitive benefit plan with health and dental insurance, life insurance and long-term disability, paid leave and pension. To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to Chad Ryan at cryan@crookston.org.

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Dear Members of St. Joseph Church and St. Lawrence Church:

I am pleased that Father Larry Delaney is undertaking the role of administrator of St. Joseph and St. Lawrence Churches. In the interest of full disclosure, I relay the following: Father Delaney has dealt with the disease of alcoholism over some years and had a relapse in June. He resigned his pastorate of St. Joseph's Church in Moorhead. He has undergone inpatient treatment and is engaged in on-going follow-up care. I trust that Father Delaney will enjoy your prayerful support as he ministers among you.

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Crookston