

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, September 5th, 2021 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Mass schedule: Wednesday, September 8th: Safety of all school bound students req. by Greg & Gay Webster
Thursday, September 9th: +Dory Pavek req. by Steven & Linda Pavek
Sunday, September 12th: Parishioners

Ministers	September 12 th	September 19 th
Lector	Gay Webster	Jan Erickson
Eucharist	Steven Massmann, Patricia Erickson	Paul Reese, Jerry Erickson
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Reese, Catie Erickson	Sidney Erickson, Ruth Cameron
Collection	Paul Reese, Catie Erickson	Nancy Vigum, Emery Erickson
Sacristan	Ruth Cameron	Ruth Cameron
Mass Server	Jack Erickson	Zach Dufault
Gift Bearers	Rob & Monica Lisburg family	Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth family

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

<u>Offertory Actual</u>	<u>8/29/21</u>	<u>Offertory Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Building Fund Actual 8/29/21</u>
Adult	\$ 420.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$1,025.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	<u>Building Fund Needed Weekly</u> \$903.82
Plate	\$ 122.00	\$173.00	
Total	\$ 672.00	\$1,612.00	

Collection for Haiti: \$280.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Food for thought "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (James 2:5) What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough, and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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: Please keep everyone covered with a prayer blanket in your prayers. Thank you.

The Altar and Rosary Society will meet Wednesday September 8th at 7:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Pre-Confirmation teacher is needed for grades 7 and 8. Also needing subs for the upcoming school year. Please see Kirsten or Monica if you are interested.

Religious Education classes will start September 19th. Registration will be for the next few weeks. Please pick up a registration form and fill out for your family. Please fill one out even if your child is not school age. The information will help us to prepare for them in the coming years!

I want to thank St. Joseph Parish for the beautiful prayer blanket that I received. It will lift my spirit when I have my two cataract surgeries on my eyes. I know I will be surrounded with a lot of love from all of you and a lot of comfort as well. I'm thinking all the work to put it together, the kindness and thoughtfulness of all of you, and the giving from your hearts is really appreciated. Many thanks to all of you. Take care, stay safe and God Bless you all for thinking of me and you will be in my heart. ~ *Lois Plante*

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.

Upcoming MAJOR EVENT: As you know we are still scheduled to host a turkey and all the works meal, on Sunday, October 10th. This will be a busy week, so we ask that you help do a part, to bring this event to fruition. Sign-up sheets will come to the back table soon. Also, there will be a country store. Please join our effort to host another amazing parish dinner!

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.

Help Needed. Positions in Food Service at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery. For details contact Sr. Myra Schmieg at (218) 521-0754

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 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.

My brothers and sisters, I want to share with you an update on my health. As you may know, last Monday, Aug. 23, I was diagnosed with COVID. I have been quarantined and recovering at home; and have worked with Polk County Public Health regarding any possible contact tracing and notifications that may have needed to be done.

This past Friday and yesterday, Sunday the 29th, I had to make a visit to the ER due to difficulty breathing. I am having a hard time keeping my blood oxygen levels up. Thankfully I have not had to be hospitalized. Yesterday I was diagnosed with pneumonia. I am at home and on a good regimen of meds to help me pull through. In the meantime, it is rest and lots of fluids. I thank you for your prayers, love, support and understanding. Please know of my prayers for you and your family. Special prayers for our youth, teachers and staff as we begin a new year filled with joy and excitement in this school year. Have a blessed and relaxing Labor Day weekend. ~ *Fr. Joe*

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.

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley, MN, will host their fall dinner September 26th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Turkey, all the trimmings, assorted salads and desserts. Adults - \$15.00, Ages 6-12 - \$5.00 and preschool – free.