

# 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**This week's Mass schedule:** Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: +Diane Wald req. by Dave & Kathy Wolter  
Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: +Maury & +Maggie Kappes req. by Kurpius & Kappes families  
Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: +Mark Ellegaard req. by Jerry & Jan Erickson

Ministers	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	September 26 <sup>th</sup>
Lector	Jan Erickson	Sue Erickson
Eucharist	Paul Reese, Jerry Erickson	Karen Kurpius, Steven Massmann
Greeters/Ushers	Sidney Erickson, Ruth Cameron	Rodney & Maggie Bryn
Collection	Nancy Vigum, Emery Erickson	Sue Erickson, Pam Reese
Sacristan	Ruth Cameron	Ruth Cameron
Mass Server	Zach Dufault	Catie Erickson
Gift Bearers	Ty & Kirsten Fuglseth family	Rob & Monica Lisburg family
Breakfast Servers	Pat Taylor, Rose Weber, Sue Erickson	Jean Rock, Ruth Cameron, Gay Webster

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

Offertory Actual	9/5/21	Offertory Needed Weekly	Building Fund Actual 9/5/21
Adult	\$ 1,545.00	\$1,429.00 (Adult and Electronic)	\$225.00
Electronic	\$ 130.00		
Youth	\$ 0.00	\$10.00	<b>Building Fund Needed Weekly</b>
Plate	\$ 276.00	\$173.00	\$903.82
Total	\$ 1,951.00	\$1,612.00	

***Thank you for your financial support!***

**Birthday Greetings:** Corrie Doyea (14<sup>th</sup>), Pam Reese (15<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Massmann (16<sup>th</sup>), Steve Holzer (17<sup>th</sup>), Haley Massmann (18<sup>th</sup>)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Corey & Paige Tice (17<sup>th</sup>), Jamy & Tammy Fuglseth (18<sup>th</sup>)

**Food for thought** "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)  
Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

**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.

**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.

**HOLY HOG:** Our last event for the year will be at the Fair Meadow Nursing Home on Friday, Sept. 17 from-- 11-7. We are planning on prepping the meat on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the church. We are in need of help in all areas. Please contact Jean Rock at 218-280-4032 or [jmrock73@yahoo.com](mailto:jmrock73@yahoo.com). Sign-up sheets will be at the church today! Thank you in advance for helping us make this a successful event.

**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 next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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*

**Parish lists** for church cleaning, breakfast serving, and funeral organizing have been updated. Individual family envelopes are laid out alphabetically on the table in the Gathering Space. Please pick up your family's envelope on your way out of church this morning. These lists are also posted on the parish website. Parish breakfasts will resume today, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming MAJOR EVENT:** As you know we are still scheduled to host a turkey and all the works meal, on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

**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](mailto:cryan@crookston.org).

**St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley, MN**, will host their fall dinner September 26<sup>th</sup> 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.