

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule: Fertile:

Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Wed. and Thurs. 7:00 a.m.
Mentor: Sunday- 10:30 a.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.,

Diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
(24-hour confidential number)

Reconciliation:

Anytime by appointment
Fertile: Sunday - 7:45 a.m.
Mentor – before Mass

Facilities Use: Anyone wanting to use the St. Lawrence facilities please contact Kelsey at the parish office: 218-637-8178

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

Mass this week: Friday, September 10th, 9:00 a.m. +Ron and +Rick Sebenaler
Sunday, September 12th, 10:30 a.m. Family of Carolyn Berg

	September 12	September 19
Sacristan	Con and Clara Dietz	Con and Clara Dietz
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike and Candy VonRueden	Jerry Thibert, Terrill Bradford
Ushers	Kyle and Jodi Schafer	Kathy Giannonatti, Sue Giannonatti
Lector	Volunteer Needed	Con Dietz
Collection	Shafer, VonRueden	Bonnie Brost, Koppelman

Prayer Requests: Please keep in your prayers Arnie Schmitz (brother of Teresa Klinkhammer), Scott Revier, Emalyn Sullivan (Mother of Jack Sullivan), Marilyn Wieland (Mother of Deb Sullivan).

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>08/22/21</u>
Adult	\$ 730.00
Plate	\$ 544.30
Electronic	\$ 480.00
Total	\$1,754.30

<u>Offertory needed each week to make budget</u>	
Adult/Electronic	\$2,353.00
Plate	\$ 466.00
Total Needed Weekly	\$2,819.00

Thank you for sharing your financial gifts!

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 and Adoration is held each Monday from 4-6 p.m. at St. Joseph’s in Fertile. Come and spend some time in adoration of our Lord.

Mass at Pioneer Memorial in Erskine: 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00 am.

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.

Sunday Mass is televised at 8:30 a.m. on channel 32, and on the Garden Valley web page at 8:30 a.m. Or www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/ and scroll down to Channel 32.

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, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

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

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.

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 16th Annual Awaken Fall Live Drive for the Real Presence Radio Network is almost here! Tune in on Wednesday, September 15 through Friday September 17 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT to hear inspiring stories of faith and hope from across the RPR Network. RPR is 100% listener supported and your generosity has helped us reach 5 states, 10 diocese and a listening area of 2.5 million people! Call in or donate online to help us reach our \$560,000 goal and to continue to bring you great Catholic content! Donate and you will also be registered to win one of our great daily prize drawings!

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!

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

Altar Server Training: We are in need of more altar servers! Any youth who have received their First Communion (third grade or older) can do this ministry for the parish. It would be nice to be able to have two altar servers at each Mass especially as the new servers get use to this ministry. Parents, please encourage your children to consider becoming an altar server. I did it for ten years when I was growing up and it was fun to do. We will have a sign up for training distributed during RE classes or email me (Idelaney@gvtel.com) and then a training session(s) will be scheduled (along with some good snacks!).

Last Day of Saturday Night Mass: was this weekend on September 4th.