

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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## Pastor:

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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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass this week:** Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. Jess Celeste Armstrong  
Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Parishioners

	October 3	October 10
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sandy Gagner	Sandy Gagner
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary and Troy Olson	Pat Proulx Jack Sullivan
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob and Bunny Dondelinger	Con and Clara Dietz
<b>Lector</b>	Robby Davy	Jack Sullivan
<b>Collection</b>	Bunny Dondelinger	Pat Proulx, Jack Sullivan

**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), and Clark McGlynn.

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>09/19/21</b>
Adult	\$ 960.00
Plate	\$ 274.00
Electronic	\$ 520.00
Total	\$1,754.00

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

**Thank you for sharing your financial gifts!**

**Food for thought:** "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41) We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 am.

**Fertile Food Shelf:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://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).

**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.

**Collection Counters:** If you are willing/interested in counting money after Mass, please let me know! Thank you!

**Hogar de Vida – Home of Life** in San Andres, Sajcabaja, located in north central Guatemala. Tentative dates are November 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!).

**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.

**Looking Ahead: Parish Mission:** A parish mission will be hosted at St. Joseph's, Fertile on Sunday, Nov. 28 – Tuesday, Nov. 30. Deacon Ralph Poyo will be leading the mission and begin by preaching at those Sunday morning Masses. Deacon Ralph is excellent. We had him at St. Joe's Moorhead several years ago and enjoyed him so much that we brought him back for another mission. Please reserve these evenings on your calendar now. More information will be forthcoming.

#### **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

I wish I could write a personal note to all of you who honored me on the occasion of my 45 years as Bishop and my 90 years of life in Christ. But because of my poor vision, I am unable to do this without it taking a long, long time — even more time than I have left?!

The open house at the Cathedral on Sept. 12 was a very delightful and heart-warming event for me, and I want to thank all of you who remembered me with cards, notes and gifts. I most sincerely appreciate your loving kindness and prayerful support over all these years.

God bless you as we all continue our pilgrimage of faith, hope and love toward God's eternal kingdom.

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
Bishop Balke

#### **The PERFECT FIT Campaign**

Over the past weekend your Pastor has shared the details of the PERFECT FIT Capital Campaign, a combined effort between the sisters of the Mount Saint Benedict Monastery and the Diocese of Crookston. This week during Mass we reviewed the project and goal of the campaign. You will be receiving additional information in the mail about the campaign this week if you have not already received it.

This is a pivotal moment in the life of the Diocese, **arguably the most important thing we have done together as a diocesan family since 1951** when the current Chancery was constructed. Each of us can be a part of this important moment! Please reflect on the information and consider how you can support the PERFECT FIT campaign.

Next weekend, as an entire parish, we will spend a few minutes making our pledge. Our hope is to have every family make a pledge to the campaign. Together we can create a center for faith and prayer that will serve Catholics across northwestern Minnesota for decades to come.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million; \$12 million of which is to go towards the purchase of the Mount Saint Benedict campus, and \$3 million towards the endowment fund. Our hope is to raise these funds over the next 3 years. With support from each family in our parish and diocese, we will reach our goal.

As your family prays and reflects on the level of your gift, please know that no one can tell another what to give but many families do ask for a guideline. Therefore, a Suggested Pledge Table is located on the pledge card that you will receive in the mail in the coming week. Please also remember that your capital campaign pledge is over and above whatever you contribute weekly or monthly now the offertory collection. Please bring your pledge card back to next weekend's Mass. A video summary about the campaign was shown at Mass. If you missed it, please visit [www.crookston.org/perfectfit](http://www.crookston.org/perfectfit) and check it out!