

The Catholic communities of

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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).



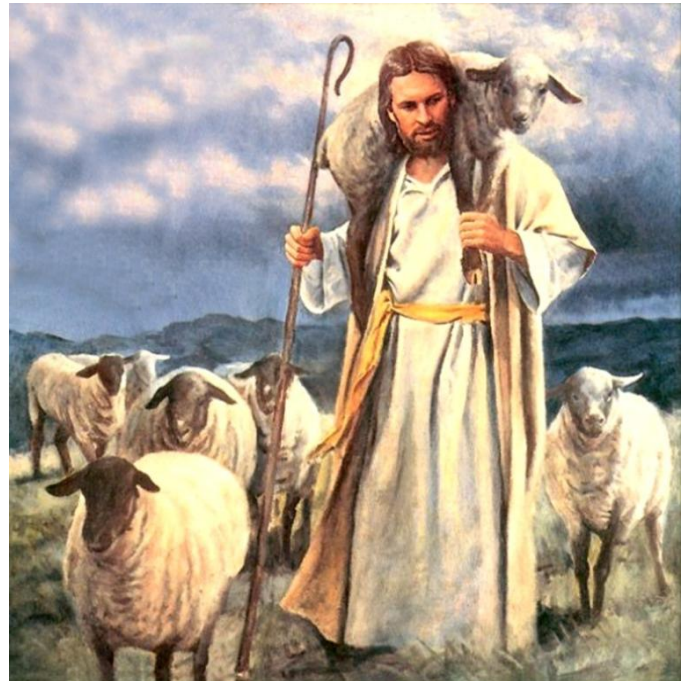
Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

Baptisms: Baptisms are scheduled as we have candidates. Please call the parish office to register yourself or your child.

Reconciliation: Before Mass or anytime by appointment with a priest.

Prayer Chain: To be a member or place an intention, contact Rose Mary Simon, 218-473-2147

Fourth Sunday of Easter *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* April 20-21, 2024



World Day of Prayer is observed this Sunday, April 21st, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,

You made each of us

to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people
whom You call

to the priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and
Your people are strengthened
by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ Mass Intentions this Week ✠

Apr. 20	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	Richard & Genny Kersting Family✠ Mary Paulson✠
Apr. 21	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Catarina Gordon✠ People of the Parishes
Apr. 22	Mon	No Mass	
Apr. 23	Tue	8 AM (W)	Henry & Bernice Horack✠
Apr. 24	Wed	8 AM (W)	First Communion & Confirmation Candidates
Apr. 25	Thu	8 AM (W)	Missionary Oblates✠
Apr. 26	Fri	8 AM (W)	Richard & Genny Kersting Family ✠
Apr. 27	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	People of the Parishes DelRose Karels✠
Apr. 28	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Francis Gleason✠ Madeline Benson✠

Larson, Lois Bement, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Darlene Reichenbach, Mike Fosness, Vaun Borgrud, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Laurie Dodd, Jacques Rolland, Therese Meyer, Yvonne Bregel, David Riegert, Tayvis Zima, Sam Holl, Gabe Brisbois, and Peg Braaten.

Stewardship

Thank you for your financial support of our parish ministry. Last weekend the offering totals were:

St. Ann (W) Adult \$846; Plate \$114; Fuel \$300; Mass \$10; Donation \$275; Rice Bowl \$3.77; Total \$1548.77.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$110; Plate \$100; Total \$210.

St. Anne (N): Adult \$905; Plate \$105; Total \$1010.



Next weekend we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Thank you for your generosity.



Diocesan Annual Appeal – If you have made your commitment, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. Use the pledge envelope sent to your home, or one available here in the church, or visit www.crookston.org/DAA to make a gift online. This is where we stand:

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Remaining	Donors
W	\$5191	\$7290	Over goal!	18
BEL	\$1349	\$1500	Over goal!	4
NTW	\$2768	\$1460	\$1308	8

Religious Education

We need volunteers to help with supper and sit in with classes. If you are unable to volunteer on Wednesdays, but would like to help, we are asking for bars or cookies for Wednesday suppers. To sign up, contact Janet, 218-473-2101 or 218-261-0753.



Congratulations to **Ben & Emily (Scholz) Kettner** who were married this weekend (4/20) at St. Ann’s in Waubun. We wish them abundant blessings.

Monthly Rosary Service

Our next monthly rosary service will be on **Monday, May 13th, at 3pm** at St. Ann Catholic Church in Waubun. All are welcome.

Gospel Reflection: John 10:11-18



When Jesus wanted to describe himself, he did not compare himself to a magnificent king or a powerful ruler. He said, “I am the good shepherd.” And the people of his time knew immediately that he was speaking of a humble caretaker of the flock that

depended on him for survival. Some shepherds work only for pay and leave their sheep unprotected. The good shepherd lays down his life to save them. No one forces him to do so. He chooses to give his life for the sheep he knows by name and loves to the end.

The Good Shepherd looks forward to the day when all people will “be one flock.” They will recognize his voice and be gathered into his fold.

In ancient Israel, a good shepherd was admired for his courage, dedication, and ability to provide everything his flock required. Who do you think might be considered good shepherds in today's world? Why? In what ways do you see Jesus as the Good Shepherd? How are the followers of Jesus called to “shepherd” others who may be lost or afraid, weak or without guidance?



We remember in our prayers...

Germaine Riegert, Linda Schumann, Butch and Joyce Klinkhammer, Owen Bendickson, Jeannie Williams, Ron Bastryr, Robert Blaeser, Diane Mattsen, Tim Staffenhagen, Lucas Peterson, Gary Williams, Rita Carlson, Janine Madison, Charlotte Borseth, Henry Rivers, Katie Lombardo, Brian Smith, David Farm, Dawn Necas, Richard Brudevold, Stanley Heisler, Ginny Sahli, Corey Hoseth, Joyce (Toczek) Santjer, Paul & Barbara Brehm, Jeffrey Gieseke, Rachel Secrist, Laura Foss Linder, Richard LaFriniere, Katelyn Lorsung, George Bauer, Paul Bisek, Ted Holl, Jeff

St. Ann – Waubun – Parish News

During the month of May, **the rosary will be prayed before the weekend Masses.** If you are available to help lead the rosary, **please contact Sally Simonson at 218-473-2379.**



Saint Ann's Church Members: Thank you for your generous donation to the Helping Hands Food Shelf. Because of your giving spirit a lot of children are fed. Thanks again, Staff of Helping Hands.

Cemetery Upkeep

All year long we honor your deceased loved ones by maintaining their resting places in our cemeteries. Your donations enable us to keep St. Ann Cemetery, Waubun, St. Anne Cemetery, Naytahwaush, and St. Agnes Cemetery, Lengby, clean, attractive, and reverent.



We will soon be doing spring clean-up in anticipation of Memorial Day, The mowing season will follow. We need your help to meet our perpetual care expenses. Checks payable to St. Ann Church (W) or St. Anne Church (NTW), earmarked "Cemetery", are greatly appreciated. You may mail your check to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you. *Note: St. Anne (NTW) is responsible for St. Agnes Cemetery.*



Youth to be Confirmed

On **Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00pm**, at Most Holy Redeemer Church (Ogema), **Bishop Andrew Cozzens** will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following: **Hadyn Bement, Tatum Bement, Marcus Gary, Peyton Gordon-McArthur, Blair Heisler, Jackson Jirava, Karidee Lefebvre, Brody Lhotka, Zoey Lhotka, Hudson McArthur, Kennedy McArthur, Trista Mertens, Cash Tibbetts, and Katie Zima.** Please pray for them as they complete their preparation.

Confirmation students, parents & sponsors will gather for practice, Sunday, May 5, following 9am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer.

Join Us – April 24 – 2:00pm



Mahnomen History Museum, 106 N. Main Street. Guest Speaker: Connie Hannesson as Sarah Sibley
Refreshments at 3:00pm
Music by our friends, 3:30-4:30pm

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today." St. Francis of Assisi



First Holy Communion

The following children will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28th: **Ariette Beckman, Emilyn Demere, Wyatt Geray, Collin Johnson, Wren Lehrke, Abby Saice, Jorgia Stalberger, Porter Tilton, and Max Zima.** Please remember them in your prayers during this final week of preparation.

Our **First Holy Communion Retreat** will be held Saturday, April 27th at St. Ann's. Please remember our candidates, parents, and catechists in your prayers.

Vitalant Blood Drive

Nonday, April 29th, 11:15am – 5:30pm

Wild Rice Electric Community Room

Your help is needed! Go online to Vitalant.org and pre-register or you can also call Jane at 218-935-9410 to make an appointment. There is an urgent need for blood at all times. Be a hero and help someone in need. Sponsored by the Mahnomen Health Center.



Pastor Anna's Birthday

Pastor Anna Larson of Circles of Faith will celebrate her 50th birthday on April 19th. You invited to celebrate with her on **Saturday, April 27th at the Sundown Salon, Noon- 2pm**, with music and cake. No gifts. Your presence is the present!

2024 Tekakwitha Conference

The 85th Annual Tekakwitha Conference will take place in **Raleigh, North Carolina, July 3-7, 2024** at the Marriott Raleigh City Center. The theme this year is: *"St. Kateri, guide us through the Creator's Woodlands."* Visit www.tekconf.org for conference details.

You Are Invited!

Fr. Dave Super has served as a priest in the Diocese of Crookston for 44 years. St. Michael's Parish in Mahnomen will host a retirement celebration for him on Thursday, June 27th. 5:30pm Mass. 6:30pm Meal and Program. **RSVP by May 31st at 218-935-2503 or by email at stmikes@arvig.net**

St. Frances Cabrini – Big Elbow – News



Happy birthday to **Debbie Holzem** (April 3), **Lois Bement** (April 19), **Pat Holzem** (April 21), and **Karen Skauge** (April 22). We hope your day was joy-filled. We wish you abundant blessings. We love to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Please put yours on the calendar on the bulletin board.

The old Roman Catholic calendar

Rogation Day

April 25



The word “rogation” comes from the Latin word *rogare* “to ask”. The bishops of a country set aside rogation days when there are troubles, such as war or drought. We ask God for peace, for health, for better times. And we make our prayer as a people who are united.

There have always been annual rogation days at planting time. Spring is a life-or-death season. Crops are planted, farm animals are born, and orchards produce fruit. The unpredictable weather of this time of year can affect these life-giving processes, so a day of prayer is fitting. We thank God for the gift of life. We ask for the fruitfulness of the earth.

Psalm 65 outlines a brilliant prayer for our farmer friends, here and around the world, on whom we depend at least three times a day for food. As they prepare, plow, and plant their fields, let’s lift them up, crying out to God on behalf of their land and the work of their hands. Our lives depend on their livelihood.

Prayer for Farmers

Lord of Creation,

“You take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile.

The River of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.

You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges.

You soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops.

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture,

and the hillsides blossom with joy.

The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain.

They all shout and sing for joy!” (Psalm 65:9-13)

And we do as well, as we say AMEN!

disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, and commit to making one change during this month.

Before and after meals, say a short prayer of thanksgiving for the life-giving food that sustains and nourishes us. Briefly consider how all nourishment ultimately comes from the earth, and give thanks for all the human hands that helped bring this food to your table. May we recognize, as *Laudato Si’* has taught us, that this “moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life” (no. 227).



The Good Shepherd

Based on John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

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WOLF	PEN	SHEEP	FLOCK	SHEPHERD
RUNS	KNOW	GOOD	LOVES	SCATTERS
LIFE	VOICE	LISTEN	CARES	ATTACKS

April 25

Feast of St. Mark, evangelist

St. Mark (first century) is the traditional author of the Gospel account that bears his name. Although he has been identified with John Mark and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, the earliest tradition sees him as a distinct individual, one of the seventy disciples sent by Jesus to preach before the Crucifixion. He traveled with Peter and worked as his interpreter, wrote the Gospel based on Peter’s preaching, and became bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. The Coptic Church claims him as their first bishop and parts of their liturgy are attributed to him. Their tradition says that he was martyred in Alexandria in 68 A.D.

Happy Earth Day!

Monday, April 22, 2024



In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis brings attention to our “throwaway culture,” which “quickly reduces things to rubbish” (no. 22). In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusables, rather than