

The Catholic communities of

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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).



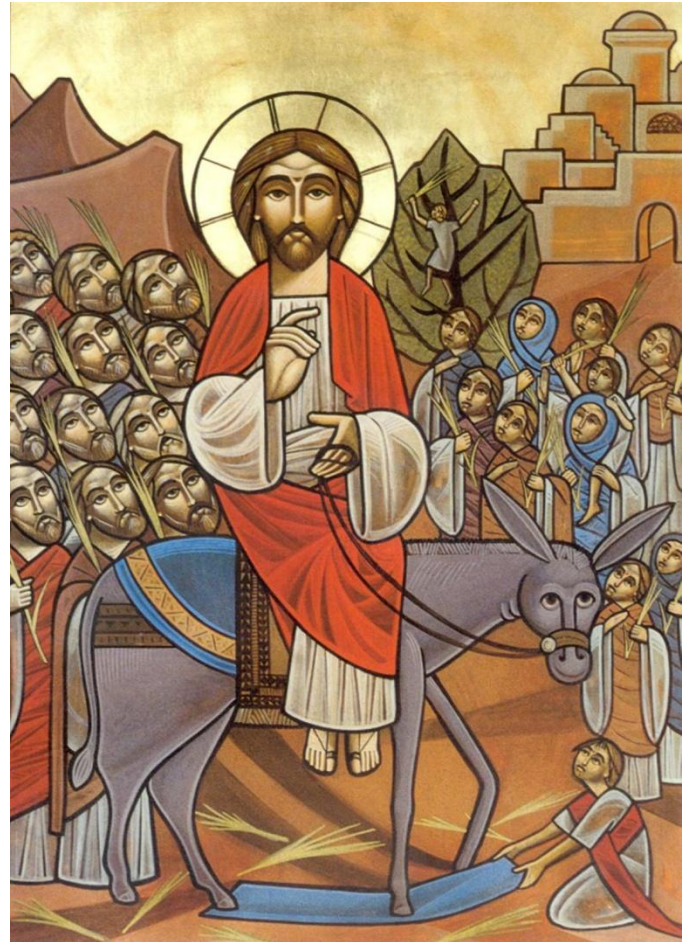
Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion *March 23-24, 2024*



Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the holiest week of the year for Christians. In the liturgies we will celebrate, we will remember in a way that makes real and present again the suffering our Lord endured out of love for us, his example of humble service to his disciples, his words “as I have done for you, you should also do” (*John 13:15*), his gift of the Eucharist to us, his victory over sin and death, and his rising to new life.

I ask all of you to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week. May these days be for all of us a blessed time of prayer and reflection. On Easter, may all members of our parish rise to a new commitment to Easter faith and joy and to active participation in the life of the Church.

Yours in Jesus, *Fr. John*

✠ Mass Intentions this Week ✠

March 23 – Vigil of Palm Sunday	
5 PM (W)	People of the Parishes
7:30 PM (BEL)	DelRose Karels✠
March 24 – Palm Sunday	
9 AM (NTW)	Al Gerving✠
11:00 AM (W)	Bertha Yochum✠
March 25 – Monday of Holy Week	
6:30 PM	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
March 26– Tuesday of Holy Week	
8 AM (W)	Madeline Benson✠
March 27 – Wednesday of Holy Week	
8 AM (W)	Missionary Oblates✠
March 28- Holy Thursday	
7 PM (W)	People of the Parishes
March 29 - Good Friday	
12 PM (BEL)	Good Friday Service
3 PM (W)	of the Passion
6 PM (NTW)	of the Lord
March 30- Vigil of Easter	
7 PM (W)	Richard & Genny Kersting Family✠
March 31 - Easter Sunday	
7:30AM (BEL)	Emma Holzem✠
9 AM (NTW)	Gladys Gordon✠
11:00 AM (W)	People of the Parishes

Gospel Reflection: *Read Mark 15:1-39*



This Palm Sunday reading of the Passion of the Lord is taken from Mark's Gospel. It was the first written account of how Jesus suffered and died. It is also the shortest version of the Passion and is written almost like a newspaper story that presents "just the facts."

The most important truth Mark wants to communicate is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose suffering leads to glory. When Jesus cries out from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1), he is praying in the words of the psalmist who continues to trust God even when all seems hopeless.

As we read or listen to the Passion, we try to unite ourselves with Jesus and all those who suffer injustice in today's world.



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 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, and Gabe Brisbois

Stewardship

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

St. Ann (W) Adult \$905; Plate \$78; Catholic Relief Services \$20; Food Shelf \$70; Donation \$400; Total \$1473.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$45; Plate \$157; Total \$202.

St. Anne (N): Adult \$590; Plate \$78; Donation \$25; Total \$693.



Diocesan Annual Appeal – We are off to a slow start in Naytahwaush. In Waubun and Big Elbow we are ahead of where we were at this time last year. 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	\$4290	\$901	13
BEL	\$1349	\$1050	\$299	2
NTW	\$2768	\$660	\$2108	7

CRS Rice Bowl – Lenten Almsgiving

Serving the Suffering Christ

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? *Please bring your CRS Rice Bowls to the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter and place them in the baskets in church. Thank you!*

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.**

Ashes to Easter 2024

28 - Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM, St. Ann (W)
Eucharistic Adoration until 9 PM

March 28 - Good Friday

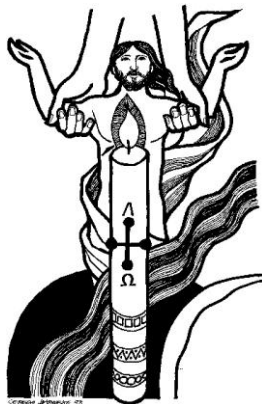
12 Noon St. Frances (BEL)
3 PM St. Ann (W)
6 PM St. Anne (NTW)

March 30 - Vigil of Easter

7 PM St. Ann (W)

March 31 - Easter Sunday

7:30 AM St. Frances (BEL)
9 AM St. Anne (NTW)
11 AM St. Ann (W)



Holy Week: A Time Apart for Renewal



In the course of our busy week, we most likely have times set apart for certain things that are important to us - a workout, a few social phone calls, or maybe even a short catnap - so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week

is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word *holy* refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is *holy* precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The Symbols of Holy Week

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus' triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

Make Space to Renew Your Faith

In her book *The Holy Way*, Paula Huston explains that "a cluttered and overburdened mental space can be one of the biggest obstacles to simple living." This Holy Week allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus.

Annual Women's Wisdom Day

Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

St. Ann Church, Waubun

We invite the adult women of our local churches for an ecumenical morning of fun, fellowship, and reflection. This year's theme is "**Joy in the Journey**". Our speaker will be Janell Regimbal, founder/owner of Insight Solutions, Grand Forks, ND. Cost is \$12 for brunch prepared by Shirley. Seating is limited. For reservations, please contact Carol Bettels, 473-2577, **by April 5th**.

Upcoming Weddings

Please hold this couple in prayer in their final weeks of preparation.



Benjamin Kettner and Emily Scholz

Saturday, April 30, 3:00pm at St. Ann's, Waubun

St. Frances Cabrini – Parish News

We will continue our tradition of Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass (7:30am) followed by a pot luck breakfast. **Debbie Holzem** is coordinating the breakfast. Please let her know what you will bring.

St. Anne – NayTahWaush – Parish News

Congratulations to **Paul and Rose Roy**! They are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary (March 29). We wish them abundant blessings.

Rosary for Life



Our next monthly rosary service will be on **Monday, April 8th, at 3pm** at St. Ann Catholic Church in Waubun. All are welcome.

Register for Eucharistic Congress

Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, and Bishop Daniel J. Felton of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to the **Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, May 17-18, the Sanford Center in Bemidji**. The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress is for the entire family. All are welcome! Register Today! To learn more about the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, and to register, visit **CrookstonEucharist.org**

St. Ann – Waubun – Parish News



Frank and Janet Lhotka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at event planned by their children on Saturday, March 23rd, at the Cedar Crest Resort. Congratulations, Frank and Janet! We wish you many more years of health and happiness!



King for a Day

Based on Mark 11:1-11

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" *Mark 11:9*

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Holy Week Call to Prayer for an End to the Israel-Hamas War

WASHINGTON (March 23) – Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop A. Elias Zaidan of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace call on the faithful to renew their prayers during Holy Week for an end to the Israel-Hamas war.

"As the Church enters Holy Week and Christ's suffering on the cross and his resurrection are made present to us so vividly, we are connected to the very source of hope. It is that hope that spurs us to call on Catholics here in the United States and all those of good will to renew their prayers for an end to the raging Israel-Hamas war.

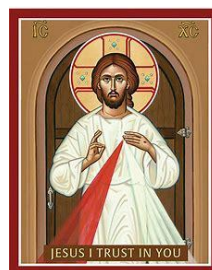
"Thousands of innocent people have died in this conflict, and thousands more have been displaced and face tremendous suffering. This must stop. As the Holy Father recently said, 'One cannot move forward in war. We must make every effort to negotiate, to negotiate, to end the war.' To move forward, a cease fire and a

permanent cessation of war and violence is absolutely necessary. To move forward, those held hostage must be released and civilians must be protected. To move forward, humanitarian aid must reach those who are in such dire need.

"As Christians, we are rooted in the hope of the resurrection, and so we pray for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land."

Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrating God's Merciful Love



In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

We invite you to join us at St. Ann's Church in Waubun next **Sunday, April 7th**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning at 2:00pm. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

"Never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumblers and sinners. I find that comforting." - *Nadia Bolz-Weber, author*

Pray that you might always find opportunities to share the good news with others, especially when you feel the most unworthy.