

The Catholic communities of

St. Ann

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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).



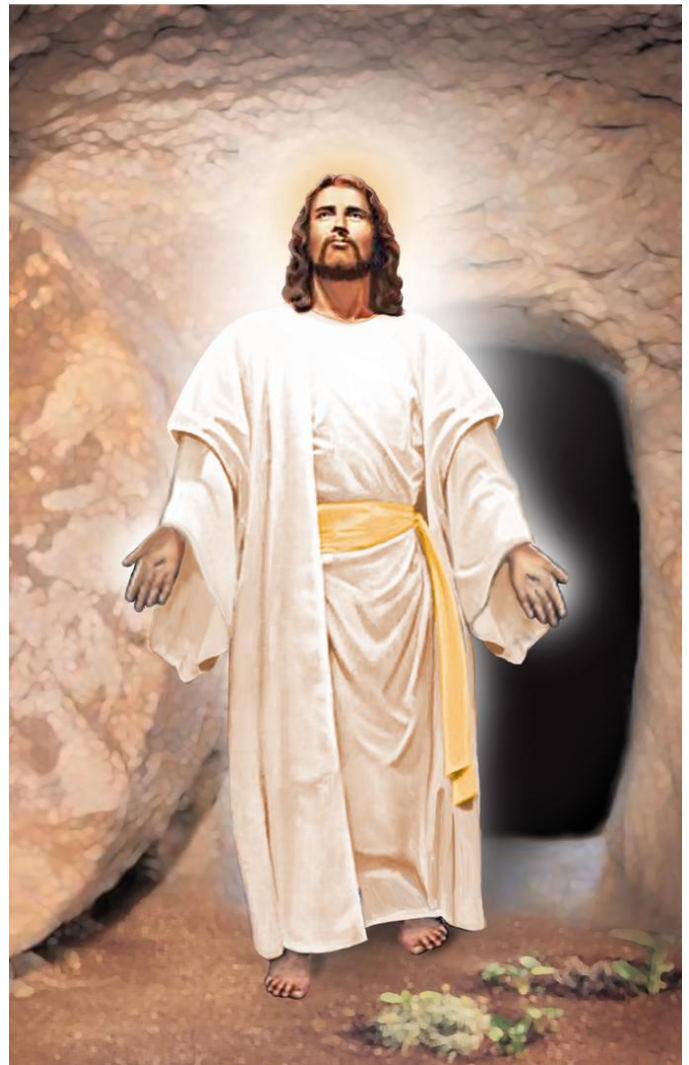
Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 30-31, 2024



Easter Meal Blessing

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today.

All: Alleluia.

Lord Jesus, we celebrate your resurrection and we rejoice in your love.

You are with us now as we share this meal offering us forgiveness, peace, and new life.

Help us to recognize you in the breaking of the bread and strengthen us to share the good news of your rising with others.

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☞ Mass Intentions this Week ☞

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
April 1 – Monday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass
April 2 – Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Henry & Bernice Horack†
April 3 – Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Roberta Blattenbauer Goldstein†
April 4 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Bill & Alvina Eveslage†
April 5 – Friday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Intentions of Colleen Borgrud
April 6 – Saturday Vigil of Easter II	
5 PM (W)	People of the Parishes
7:30AM (BEL)	Roseann DeBoer†
April 7 - 2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	
9 AM (NTW)	Scott Saice†
11:00 AM (W)	Madeline Benson†

Gospel Reflection: *John 20:1-9*



Imagine the headlines that might accompany this Easter gospel: “Woman Finds Tomb Empty,” “Race to Tomb Lost by Peter,” “Burial Shroud Mysteriously Vacated.” John’s account makes it clear that Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the empty

tomb. Like Peter and John, she did not at first understand that Jesus had risen from the dead.

In an historical time when women were not allowed to testify in a court of law, Jesus chose a woman to be the first witness to the empty tomb and to the risen Lord himself. The very next story in John’s Gospel tells us how Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus and he sends her to announce to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” (John 20:18).

Whenever we hear this or any other Easter gospel proclaimed, we can rejoice that we too have been chosen as witnesses that Jesus is the Son of God who has risen from the dead.

Like the first disciples, we are not always completely fearless and faithful witnesses to the risen Jesus. But he has chosen us just the same! Name one quality or skill you can use to help others experience the joy of following Jesus.

Alleluia, He is Risen! We wish you and your families a blessed and happy Easter.

Stewardship

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

St. Ann (W) Adult \$656; Plate \$238; Food Shelf \$25; Total \$919.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$150; Plate \$255; Total \$405.

St. Anne (N): Adult \$455; Plate \$227; Total \$682.



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	\$6640	Over goal!	17
BEL	\$1349	\$1350	Over goal!	3
NTW	\$2768	\$660	\$2108	7

Happy Easter

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God’s call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. ***Please bring your CRS Rice Bowls and place them in the baskets in church. Thank you!***

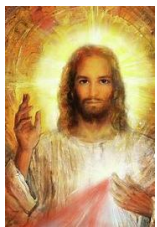
“The very first Easter taught us this:
that life never ends and love never dies.”

Kate McGahan



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



Divine Mercy Sunday

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 3:00pm.

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.**

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

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**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April was designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in 1983. Since then, communities across the country have used this month-long observance to increase awareness of

child abuse and its prevention. It is a time when individuals, schools, businesses, hospitals, religious organizations, and social service agencies join together to educate everyone about child abuse and neglect prevention.

Recognizing that everyone can participate in helping to strengthen families can have an enormous impact on our children's health and success. Preventing child abuse means setting the stage for healthy, stable families who have the tools they need for nurturing their children.

Be a good neighbor. Offer to baby-sit. Donate used children's clothing, furniture and toys for another family. Be kind and supportive to new parents. Respond to families in crisis and link families to needed services and opportunities.

Children are our future and their early years significantly impact their future successes. As citizens and people of faith we are responsible for ensuring that all parents and families have access to the support, information and services they need to succeed.

Our diocese has policies and procedures to create a safe environment and protect children. Read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection at **www.crookston.org**. Click on "Safe Environment."

In our community, services and support for children and families is provided by:

- Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, 218-847-8572. Call 911 for emergencies, or call our 24-Hr Crisis Hotline at 1-877-754-9683.
- White Earth Indian Child Welfare, (218) 983-4647

Celebrate these local Artists!

Tuesday, April 2, 6-8pm, Circles of Faith, Waubun

Piano Concert by 12-year-old **Jayme Littlewolf** of Naytahwaush at **6pm**, followed by Artist Talk with photographer, **Jesica Smith**, founder of Eleven Eleven Studio Eclectics, Waubun. Please stay for Social Hour and Refreshments!

Spring French Toast Breakfast

**Sunday April 14, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Waubun Community Center**

Circles of Faith UCC Church invites all to join them for French Toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, toppings bar, juice and coffee. Adults \$8; children 12 and younger \$5; preschoolers free. There will be a silent auction benefiting the Mahnomen County Agricultural Society (to help with expenses for the 2024 Mahnomen County Fair, July 4-7)

**"Easter is very important to me.
It's a second chance." Reba McEntire**



The Empty Tomb

Based on John 20:1-18

Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and what he told her. (John 20:18)

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EARLY	MARY	ANGELS	GARDENER
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DAY	TOMB	LORD	FATHER
WEEK	STONE	WOMAN	BROTHERS
DARK	MOVED	CRYING	DISCIPLES

Easter Sunday

Easter is the Sunday of Sundays, the solemnity of solemnities, the last day of the Paschal Triduum and the first of the Fifty days of Eastertime. We celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection – the Passover – of Christ. At baptism we become a sharer in Christ’s Passover. No matter what day we were baptized, Easter is the anniversary.

The church’s heart and soul is found in Easter. It is the time of the most beloved scripture stories – of creation, Noah, the Exodus, of Daniel in the lion’s den, of Queen Esther saving her people, of Jonah in the belly of a fish. And, of course, at Easter the church tells the gospels of the passion and resurrection of the Lord.



Easter is filled with songs, customs, and foods that remind us of these stories.

For instance, dying eggs in rainbow colors can be a celebration of the promise made to Noah and all the animals after the great flood. Sprinkling ourselves with Easter water can speak to us of the Israelites marching through the Red Sea from slavery to freedom.

Egg hunts in gardens are also an Easter week custom. At Jesus’ tomb the angel had asked the women, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” An egg hunt is a search for life. Like the holy women, we discover that life has conquered death.

The word “Easter” comes from the same root as the words “star” and “east.” It means “dawn light.” This word has become a wonderful way to describe the Christian Passover. In the words of Psalm 118: “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

From Companion to the Calendar by Mary Ellen Hynes, Archdiocese of Chicago, Liturgy Training Publications

St. Michael’s Staff Position Opening

St. Michael’s Church is taking applications for a full-time Bookkeeper/Secretary position. Benefits include medical and dental insurance, pension plan and a flexible schedule. The primary responsibilities are that of Bookkeeper for the Parish and St. Michael’s School, along with being Secretary for the Parish. Salary is negotiable depending upon experience. A complete Job Description is available at the Parish Office. Stop by to get one or call 218-935-2503 to have one sent to you.

To apply, send a resume with cover letter and references to Fr. Andrew Obel at aobel@crookston.org or 120 W. Jefferson Avenue, Mahnomon, MN 56557.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions

The Vatican has released Pope Francis’ prayer intention for April 2024: **For The Role of Women** - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

April – Month of the Holy Eucharist



During the month of April, we give special honor to the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, the Second Vatican Council taught us, is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium, 11*). What does that mean? It means that our participation in the

Eucharist is the source from which we draw our strength to live as Jesus taught and to serve in his name. It is also the summit, the high point of our communal life.

We use the word *Eucharist* to describe our celebration of the Mass. We use the same word when we speak of the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. In this month of the Holy Eucharist, let us participate more fully and actively in the Church’s liturgy, our celebration of the Eucharist. And let us take time, too, for quiet adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and become more aware of the wondrous way Christ comes to us in the Eucharist.