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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).



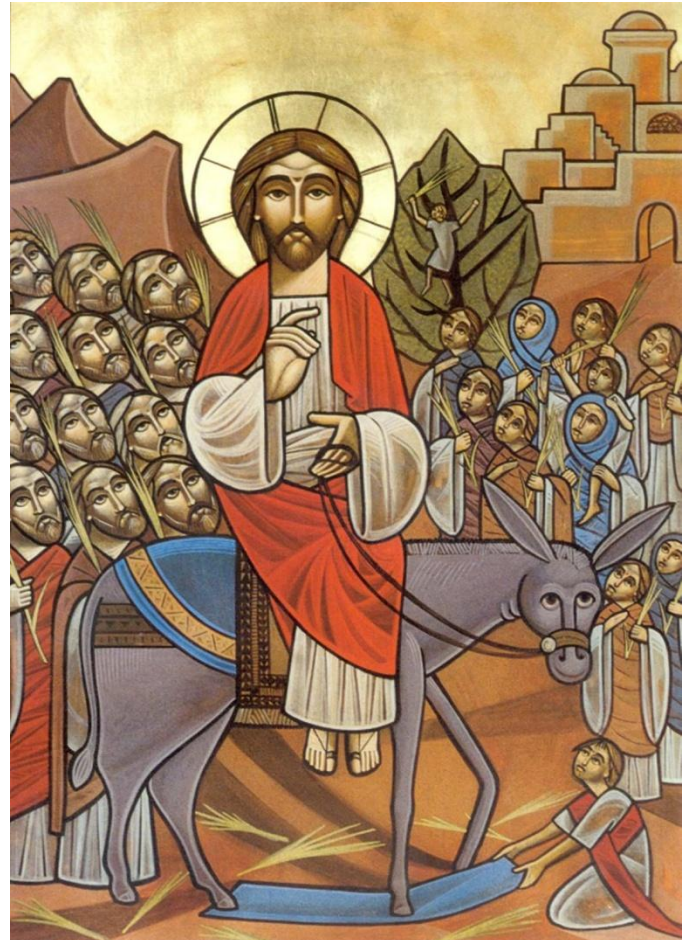
Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

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 Lori Tibbetts, 218-841-4963.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 12-13, 2025



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 ☞

April 12 – Vigil of Palm Sunday	
5pm (W)	Henry & Bernice Horack†
7:30pm (BEL)	Mary Paulson†
April 13 – Palm Sunday	
9 AM (NTW)	People of the Parishes
11:00 AM (W)	Paul Brehm†
April 14 – Monday of Holy Week	
6:30 PM	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
April 15– Tuesday of Holy Week	
8 AM (W)	Ed Scherping† <i>Anniversary of Death</i>
April 16– Wednesday of Holy Week	
8 AM (W)	Special Intention
April 17- Holy Thursday	
7 PM (W)	People of the Parishes
April 18 - Good Friday	
12 PM (BEL)	Good Friday Service
3 PM (W)	of the Passion
6 PM (NTW)	of the Lord
April 19- Vigil of Easter	
7 PM (W)	People of the Parishes
April 20 - Easter Sunday	
7:30AM (BEL)	Roberta Blattenbauer Goldstein†
9 AM (NTW)	Howard & Ruby LaVoy†
11:00 AM (W)	Dorothy Voss†

Gospel Reflection: *Luke 22:14 - 23:56*



Today is called both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Since the early centuries of the Church, Christians have carried palm branches in joyful processions on this day. We sing or shout “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” like the crowd that followed Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we now call

Holy Week. This year we hear the passion account from Luke’s Gospel. It tells a moving story of Jesus, who consoles the “good criminal” and forgives those who nailed him to the Cross.

Over the years, the “good thief” (we do not really know whether he was a thief or not, but he is traditionally called a thief) has been given the name Dismas. He has been considered a saint and is the patron of prisoners and those who help people who are in jail. “To visit the imprisoned” is a work of mercy Jesus asked of his followers. (See Matthew 25:31-46.)

According to this passage from the Gospel of Luke, the only people around Jesus who recognized him in any way were this criminal (who accepts responsibility for what he did and asks Jesus only to “remember him”) and the centurion who, after Jesus’ death, glorified God and said, “This man was innocent.”

Jesus’ friends and acquaintances “stood at a distance.” Sometimes, when we go through hard times, our friends and acquaintances also keep their distance! However, Jesus was not left alone. The thief and the centurion, who had never met him before, were there with him. They believed in him. Sometimes encouragement comes from people we least expect. We are not left alone. Have you had this experience?

Stewardship

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

St. Ann (W): Adult \$805; Plate \$261; Fuel \$365; Masses \$340; Food Shelf \$120; Total \$1891.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$155; Plate \$30; Total \$185.

St. Anne (NTW): Adult \$650; Plate \$97; Donation \$25; CRS \$100; Total \$872.

2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal

“A Future Full of Hope.”

Our progress to date:

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Remaining	Donors
W	\$4966	\$5970	\$1004 over!	13
BEL	\$1444	\$2150	\$706 over!	4
NTW	\$3379	\$2775	\$604	8

Thank you to those who helped us make our goal in Waubun and Big Elbow and make such great progress in Naytahwaush! We are almost at goal there, too! Envelopes are still available in church, or make a gift online by visiting www.crookston.org/DAA.



We remember in our prayers...

Germaine Riegert, Linda Schumann, Joyce Klinkhammer, Owen Bendickson, Jeannie Williams, Ron Bastyr, Robert Blaeser, Diane Mattsen, Rita Carlson, Lucas Peterson, Gary Williams, Janine Madison, Charlotte Borseth, Henry Rivers, Katie Lombardo, David Farm, Dawn Necas, Brian Smith, Richard Brudevold, Stanley Heisler, Ginny Sahli, Corey Hoeseth, Joyce (Toczek) Santjer, Barbara Brehm, Jeffrey Gieseke, Lois Bement, Tim Staffenhagen, Orville Staffenhagen, George Bauer, Richard LaFriniere, Katelyn Lorsung, Paul Bisek, Jeff Larson, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Mike Fosness, Gary & Vaun Borgrud, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Jacques Rolland, Yvonne Bregel, David Riegert, Tayvis Zima, Norma Stalboerger, Gabe Brisbois, Peg Braaten, Lily Thronson, Louis “Skip” Stuvland, Dawson Hoban, Bud LaFriniere, Mary Dahlen Sullivan, Carol Liebl, and Averi Lanoue.

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you those on our prayer list, seeking your comfort, healing, and guidance. Bless them, their loved ones, and care givers.

Religious Education

Parish Members: If you would like to donate cookies or bars for the evening session contact Janet.



Our **First Holy Communion Retreat** will be held Saturday, April 26th at St. Ann's. Please remember our candidates, parents, and catechists in your prayers.

St. Frances Cabrini – Parish News

We will continue our tradition of Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass 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

We have coffee and fellowship downstairs every Sunday following Mass. All are welcome.

Join Fr. John for Session Three



This series is comprised of four video sessions, lasting around an hour each, filled with prayer, inspiration, testimony and time for sharing faith. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will address various elements of the New Life pastoral letter.

Hosts will guide viewers through each session and Catholics from the Diocese of Crookston will also provide brief personal testimonies. All are welcome. You do not have to have attended prior sessions. Join Fr. John for...

Session 3: Living Authentic Community

Thursday April 24th, at 3:00pm.

St. Ann's Church in Waubun

Parish Leadership Summit

The next diocesan **Leadership Summit** will take place on **Saturday, April 26, at Holy Rosary Church in Detroit Lakes**. The day will begin at 9:30am and close at 2:30pm. Registration will open at 9:00am. All materials and food will be provided for the day. We should have a delegation at this event. **Please see Fr. John to join our delegation.** Fr. John will make all the arrangements for us.

Vitalant Blood Drive

Monday, April 28th, 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 218-935-2511 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.

Ashes to Easter 2025

This Wednesday, April 16, 7:30pm
LIVING STATIONS presented by our Youth
at St. Ann's Church in Waubun

Monday, April 14, 6:30 PM - Chrism Mass

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston.

April 17 - Holy Thursday

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

Eucharistic Adoration until 9 PM

April 18 - Good Friday

12 Noon St. Frances (BEL)

3 PM St. Ann (W)

6 PM St. Anne (NTW)

April 19 - Vigil of Easter

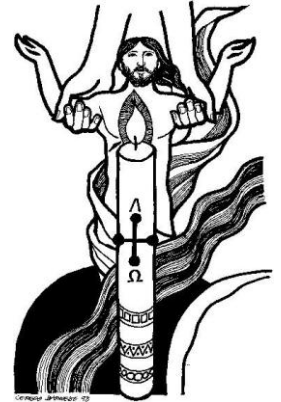
7 PM St. Ann (W)

April 20 - Easter Sunday

7:30 AM St. Frances (BEL)

9 AM St. Anne (NTW)

11 AM St. Ann (W)



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!

St. Ann – Waubun– Parish News



Bob and Kathy Holl celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 5th. Congratulations and God bless you!

Marriage Encounter Couples Weekend

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter enriches marriages by unlocking the power of relationships with new ways to say "I do." The next Marriage Encounter couples retreat will be in Crookston on **April 25-27th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center**. Visit WWME.org or call (507) 227-8229 to apply or for more information. Allow God to help you prioritize your relationship with each this spring.



The Triumphant Entry

Based on Luke 19:28-40

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Luke 19:38

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BLESSED	SPREAD	CROWD	NAME
MIRACLES	GLORY	CLOAKS	ROAD
HIGHEST	PRAISE	VOICES	JESUS
HEAVEN	VILLAGE	LORD	HILL
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Message from the U.S. Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON (April 7) – Today, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced its decision not to renew the cooperative agreements with the federal government related to children’s services and refugee support. Citing the government’s suspension of the cooperative agreements to resettle refugees, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the USCCB explained how the government’s decisions have forced the Conference to reconsider the best way to serve the needs of those seeking safe harbor from violence and persecution.

From its very founding, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been concerned with helping families who are fleeing war, violence, and oppression find safe and secure homes. What would eventually become the USCCB was founded in 1917 as the National Catholic War Council to support the war effort and care for Catholics in the military. In 1920, it established a Bureau of Immigration to help displaced families find new opportunities in the United States.

Many of us can trace our own parents, grandparents, or great grandparents to these very families.

Over the years, partnerships with the federal government helped expand lifesaving programs, benefiting our sisters and brothers from many parts of the world. All participants in these programs were welcomed by the U.S. government to come to the United States and underwent rigorous screening before their arrival. These are displaced souls who see in America a place of dreams and hope. Some assisted American efforts abroad at their own risk and more seek a place to worship and pray safely as they know God calls them. Our efforts were acts of pastoral care and charity, generously supported by the people of God when funds received from the government did not cover the full cost.

Today, the USCCB makes the heartbreaking announcement that we will not be renewing existing cooperative agreements with the federal government related to children’s services and refugee support. This difficult decision follows the suspension by the government of our cooperative agreements to resettle refugees. The decision to reduce these programs drastically forces us to reconsider the best way to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters seeking safe harbor from violence and persecution.

As a national effort, we simply cannot sustain the work on our own at current levels or in current form. As USCCB cooperative agreements for refugee resettlement and children’s programs end, we will work to identify alternative means of support for the people the federal government has already admitted to these programs. We ask your prayers for the many staff and refugees impacted.

While this marks a painful end to a life-sustaining partnership with our government that has spanned decades across administrations of both political parties, it offers every Catholic an opportunity to search our hearts for new ways to assist. The USCCB will continue advocating for policy reforms that provide orderly, secure immigration processes, ensuring the safety of everyone in our communities. We remain steadfast in our commitment to advocating on behalf of men, women, and children suffering the scourge of human trafficking.

For half a century, we have been willing partners in implementing the government’s refugee resettlement program. The Gospel’s call to do what we can for the least among us remains our guide. We ask you to join us in praying for God’s grace in finding new ways to bring hope where it is most needed.

“Anyone who crosses our path who is in need is our neighbor.”
 Dr. Carolyn Woo, former president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services
 Give a donation to Catholic Relief Services today.