

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).



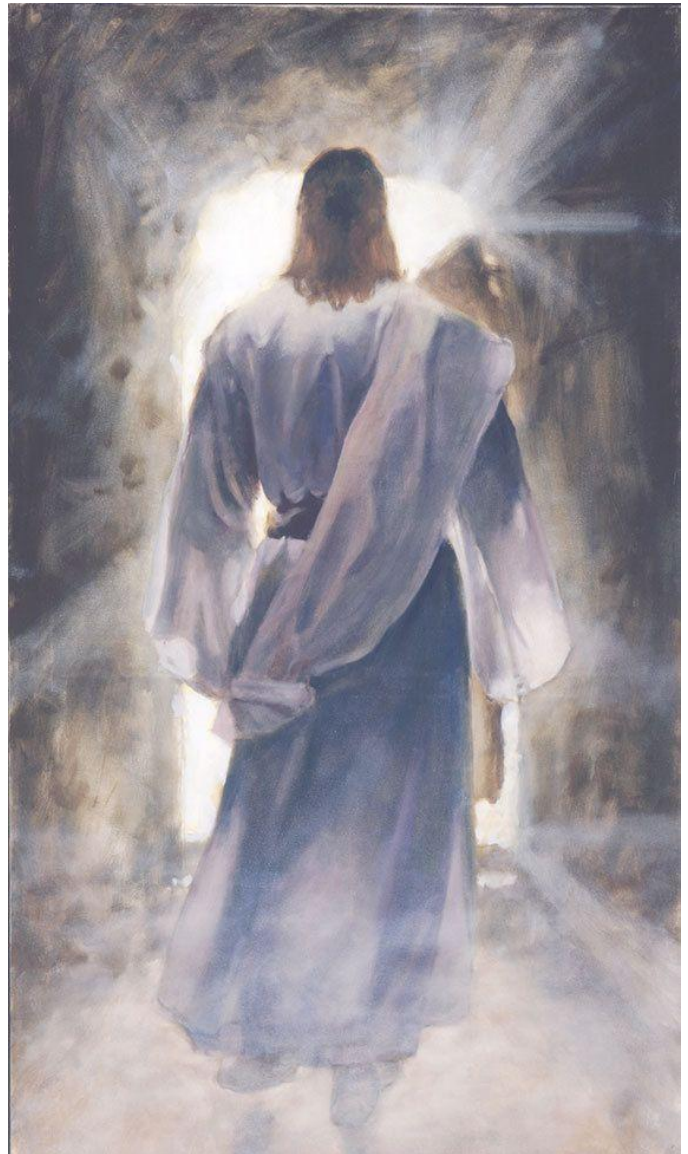
Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

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 Lori Tibbetts, 218-841-4963.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord *April 19-20, 2025*



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.

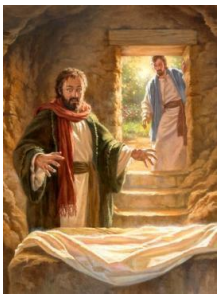
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✠ Mass Intentions this Week ✠

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✠
April 21 – Monday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass
April 22– Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Lillian Winter✠
April 23– Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Jerome Nord✠
April 24- Thursday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Int. of Amy Chorne
April 25 – Friday in the Octave of Easter	
8 AM (W)	Special Intention
April 26- Saturday Vigil of Easter II	
5 PM (W)	Henry & Bernice Horack✠
7:30PM (BEL)	People of the Parishes
April 27 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	
9 AM (NTW)	People of the Parishes
11:00 AM (W)	Paul Brehm✠

Gospel Reflection: *John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12*



Alleluia! Imagine how you would have felt if you had been Mary Magdalene or Peter or John on that first Easter morning. What thoughts and emotions would the sight of that empty tomb have aroused in you? At first, Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus’ enemies had stolen his body. Heartbroken, she ran to tell Peter and

John. They raced to the tomb and found that the burial wrappings, which had encased Jesus’ body, were cast aside. Seeing this, they believed.

We have heard many times about Jesus’ Resurrection. But do we truly and deeply believe it? Do our lives give evidence of the joy and peace and hope of Easter? Spend a little time today in the company of the Risen Lord. Ask him to help you to truly believe in his rising, and your own. Sing him an “Alleluia!”

Does your belief in the Resurrection affect your everyday life? How you treat others? An early Father of the Church wrote: “A Christian should be an alleluia from head to toe!” How can you live a life of praise?

Did You Know? The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “East.” The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for Christians of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the World.

Stewardship

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

St. Ann (W): Adult \$1445; Plate \$168; Home Missions \$100; Masses \$10; Total \$1723; Cemetery Memorials: Ted Holl \$80, Paul Brehm \$40.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$275; Plate \$175; Total \$450.

St. Anne (NTW): Adult \$840; Plate \$103; Total \$943. Cemetery \$200.



Friends of Your Parishes, Thank you for your generous support of the Food Shelf. We so appreciate being able to serve so many families. Thanks again, Board & Staff of Helping Hands Food Shelf.

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	\$2270	\$826 over!	5
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 Hoseth, 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.

Religious Education

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.



First Holy Communion

The following children will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27th: Iyana Bush, Tinley Guinn, Camden Jasken, MaCoy Lhotka, Bryer Mertens, Bryleigh Mertens, Luke Mindt, Nelly Murray, Embry Nelson, Krue Omang, Dax Roy, Maverick Riggle, Connor Shequen, Kace Spaeth, Griffin Wambach, Quinn Wambach. Please remember them in your prayers during this final week of preparation.

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.

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

Church Dinner in Callaway

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Hwy 59 & Co. Hwy 14 in Callaway, invites you to its annual Fried Fish Dinner & Bake Sale, **Sunday, April 27th,** Serving from **11:30 to 2:30 PM,** Enjoy: Fried Alaskan Pollock, baked potato, coleslaw, bun, beverage and dessert. Cost: "Free will" offering taken at the door.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Since 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II established the day as "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come." (*May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*)

The feast was initiated by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a Polish nun who kept a diary of Christ's private revelations to her.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina on Feb. 22, 1931, and numerous additional times until her death in 1938. The messages she received coincide with the Easter message.

When the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples barricaded in the Upper Room, he said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19, 21), and he continued, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23a) — both powerful messages of mercy and forgiveness.



One element of the devotion is the image of Jesus that St. Faustina received. In it, Jesus is dressed in a long white robe, his right hand is raised in blessing, his left hand points to his wounded Sacred Heart, with two rays shining forth, light for the world — one red, the other white mixed with blue, which represent the blood and water that flowed from his side — with the inscription below, "Jesus, I trust in you."

Please join us at St. Ann's Church in Waubun next **Sunday, April 27th.** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and Reconciliation will be available following Mass. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm.

CRS Rice Bowl – Lenten Almsgiving

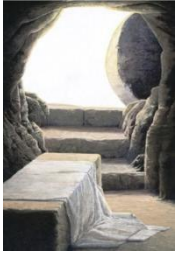


We encounter the risen Christ this week. We prayed, fasted and gave alms and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS

Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. **Please bring your CRS Rice Bowls and place them in the baskets in church. Thank you!**

Monthly Rosary Gathering

Our next monthly rosary gathering will be on Monday, May 12th, at 3:00pm at St. Ann Catholic Church in Waubun. All are welcome.



The Case of the Empty Tomb

Based on John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. *John 20:1*

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BELIEVED	FOLDED	MARY	DEAD
REMOVED	CLOTH	DARK	FIRST
CRYING	STRIPS	TOMB	HEAD
ANGELS	STONE	WEEK	RISE
BURIAL	LINEN	LORD	DAY

Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter

The Easter season - beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days - is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first

words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes – God’s eyes.

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again - as if for the first time.

April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God’s creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.



PRAY - to hear God’s call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN - how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL - your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

St. Frances Cabrini – Big Elbow – News

Happy birthday **Lois Bement** (April 19), **Pat Holzem** (April 21), and **Karen Skauge** (April 22).

May the promise of the Resurrection brighten your life with hope and bless your days with peace. Have a wonderful Easter.