

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31-September 1, 2024



This Labor Day,
may the Lord's presence
refresh, renew, and restore you.
Happy Labor Day.

Sunset at Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor - in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

☞ Mass Intentions this Week ☞

Aug 31	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	Richard & Genny Kersting † People of the Parishes
Sept 1	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Al Gerving † <i>Anniversary of Death 8/30</i> Butch Klinkhammer †
Sept 2	Mon	No Mass	
Sept 3	Tue	8 AM (W)	Missionary Oblates †
Sept 4	Wed	8 AM (W)	Madeline Benson †
Sept 5	Thu	8 AM (W)	Sherry Tollefson †
Sept 6	Fri	8 AM (W)	Special Intention for Caregivers
Sept 7	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	Richard & Genny Kersting † Dennis Woods †
Sept 8	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Howard & Ruby LaVoy † People of the Parishes



Gospel Reflection

Read Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The word “hypocrite” comes from an ancient Greek term meaning “actor.” In today’s gospel story, Jesus accuses the religious leaders of being hypocrites.

They act as though they are speaking for God but they are really speaking about what matters to them. Jesus points out that they are more concerned about pious practices than they are about God’s commandments. They criticized Jesus’ disciples for not washing their hands before eating. But they showed no interest in the goodness of the disciples’ hearts.

Jesus teaches that religious rules and regulations should never become more important than God’s people. He wants us to understand that our outward behavior should reflect what is in our hearts. A good heart will not produce evil actions. Nor will washing our hands make us clean inside where it really counts.

How would you explain why having a good heart is more important than giving God “lip service”?

Stewardship

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

St. Ann (W) Adult \$455; Plate \$120; Total \$575.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$25; Plate \$125; Total \$150.

St. Anne (NTW): Adult \$430; Plate \$185; Memorials: John Spalla \$200; Charles LaRouque \$500; Total \$1315.



Next week we will take up the Collection for the **Church in Latin America**. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

Religious Education

Families: If you did not register during the Ogema/Waubun school open house, contact Janet thru REMIND or phone call.



Onsite classes will be held for grade levels for which we have catechists. **Catechists needed!** In addition, volunteers are needed to sit in with classes and serve supper. Please prayerfully consider joining our Tekakwitha Center team. Each grade can meet on a regular basis, with your help. No teaching experience is necessary, only your life experience. We will train and mentor. **Contact Janet, 218-473-2101 or 218-261-0753.**



September 18th is the first scheduled event of the year in which **Grades 8-9** will be participating in the annual Ecumenical Cross Walk beginning with supper at St. Ann’s, 5:00pm. See below for details.

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, Paul & Barbara Brehm, Jeffrey Gieseke, Rachel Secrist, Lois Bement, Tim Staffenhagen, George Bauer, Laura Foss Linder, Richard LaFriniere, Katelyn Lorsung, Paul Bisek, Ted Holl, Jeff Larson, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Mike Fosness, Gary & Vaun Borgrud, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Jacques Rolland, Yvonne Bregel, David Riegert, Tayvis Zima, Gabe Brisbois, Peg Braaten, Norma Stalboerger, and Lily Thronson

Cemetery Care

We will be doing Fall Clean Up soon. Your help to cover this expense is appreciated. 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.



It is time to move the Cross!

Formerly done on Good Friday, this tradition continues now in September, the month of the Holy Cross. **Wednesday, September 18th**, Supper at St. Ann's Church, 5-6:15pm, prayer at St. Ann's, 6:15pm, and procession to UCC Circles of Faith Church with refreshments following. All are welcome. If you are unable to walk, please join us by car.

Parish Council/Trustees Meetings

There will be brief meetings of our parish councils in September. Each council will review its FY2024 financial report. Trustees will be asked to sign off on them. The reports are due in Crookston by October 1st.

- St. Ann, Waubun, Sunday, September 22nd after Mass in the lower church
- St. Frances Cabrini, Big Elbow Lake, Saturday, September 21st, after Mass
- St. Anne, Naytahwaush, Sunday, September 22nd, after Mass

Monthly Rosary Service



Our next monthly rosary service will be on **Monday, September 9th**, at **3pm** at St. Ann Church in Waubun. Please join us. If you are unable to, call or email your prayer intentions to the parish office or contact Fr. John. We will pray for your intentions.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We desire to serve you "in sickness and in health." Please call Fr. John at the parish office or at 218-473-2005 x106 (residence) or 305-753-2087 (cell), if you or a loved one would like a visit at home or in the hospital.

Adopt a Highway Request

Circles of Faith UCC has asked us to partner with them in cleaning the ditches along the portion of Highway 59 north of their church. Their congregation, like ours, have grown older and smaller. They want to keep doing their part to "Keep America Beautiful," but they need help. On Sunday, September 15, following their 10am service, they

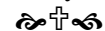
will have a potluck lunch. Cleaning the ditches will follow. Can you help? Your children, grandchildren, friends? Contact Fr. John, 305-753-2087 or Pastor Anna, 218-8496750. What you need will be provided.

Fall Dinners

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Fall Dinner & Bazaar, Beaulieu, Sunday, September 15th, Family Style Serving 11am-1pm, Roast Beef & all the Trimmings. Adults \$15, Kids under 12 \$6, Preschool \$1. Take-out available. Cake Walk, Country Store, Raffle & games.



St. William Catholic Church in Twin Valley will be serving their annual fall dinner on **Sunday, September 29th from 11am to 1pm**. The meal includes ham, grilled turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, assorted salads, desserts and beverages. Adults \$15.00; Children 10 years and younger, \$10.00. Takeout meals are available by calling 584-5352. Bake Sale, Country, Store & Raffle.



Wild Rice Soup, Fry Bread, and Pie – **Sunday, October 6th**, 11am-1pm at the Ogema Community Center, hosted by **St. Benedict Parish, White Earth**.

St. Anne – Naytahwaush – Parish News

Every Sunday we have coffee & fellowship downstairs after Mass. All are welcome.



Members of our church are decorating a float for the **Naytahwaush Harvest Festival (September 6-8)**. The parade will be on Saturday the 7th, beginning at 11am. All are welcome to help. See Fr. John. Also, we welcome donations of candy to be thrown from the float. Cash donations for this purpose are also welcome. Make checks payable to *St. Anne's Church* and earmark them "*Festival Float*."

My Harvest Prayer

*Sarah Bedgar Wilson
Wilson Farm, Jamestown, ND*

Dear Lord,
you know it was a fight,
morning, noon, and night,
to get this crop into the ground,
but in you our strength is found.
So we cared for every seed
to grow the food your people need.
Now I humbly ask,
please make the yields abundant
and keep us safe in every task.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



"Honor the hands that harvest your crops."

Dolores Huerta



Clean or Unclean?

Based on Mark 7:1-7; 14-15; 21-23

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” *Mark 7:5*

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New York City in 1882. Peter J. McGuire, founder of the carpenters’ union, suggested Labor Day at a union meeting. In its early years, it was a day when workers called attention to their grievances. Eventually this day became a national holiday. Now Labor Day is celebrated in Canada on the same day as the United States. Many other countries observe a day in honor of workers on May 1 (this day is also the optional memorial of St. Joseph the Worker).

Several popes of the last hundred years have written encyclicals, which are teaching letters, to speak for the dignity and rights of workers. The American bishops have also issued a letter about work. It’s called *Economic Justice for All*.

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St. Teresa of Calcutta (Feast Day: September 5)



When we think about the difference that love can make, many people very often think of one person: Saint Teresa of Calcutta. A tiny woman, just under five feet tall, with no tools except prayer, love, and the unique qualities

God had given her, Mother Teresa is probably the most powerful symbol of the virtue of charity today.

Mother Teresa died in 1997, but even now, when we think about her work, we can learn all we need to know about love: It doesn’t take any money or power, great talent or intelligence to love. It simply takes love.

Mother Teresa did wonderful, brave work in caring for the forgotten, but if there’s one thing she would want you to remember about love, it’s that you don’t have to travel to foreign countries to practice the virtue of charity. In fact, love has to start where you live.



Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15, the Church observes a memorial honoring Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, “And a sword will pierce your own soul, too,” Simeon told Mary when she presented the child Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth (Luke 2:35). That prophecy was fulfilled when Mary stood at the foot of her Son’s Cross, sharing his bitter suffering. During September, we honor Mary under this title, Our Lady of Sorrows. This month, let us bring to Mary all our sorrows, knowing that she understands what it is to suffer.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Labor Day

First Monday in September

Today marks the time when working people around the country come to the end of summer vacation and students return to school. We set aside this day to reflect on the work we do. Over the course of our lives, most of us will spend more time working than we do at any other activity.

Until the last century or so, most people worked on farms. They worked long days, and the pace of life was slower. The Industrial Revolution changed that. New farm machines meant that fewer farming jobs were available. Farm workers moved to the cities, where they took low-paying jobs in factories. They worked as long as sixteen hours a day. Their jobs were dangerous because the machinery had few safeguards against accidents. Even children as young as six or seven years old were forced to work because wages were so low and families needed multiple incomes to survive.

The labor union movement was born in response to these conditions. Unions gave workers a way to stand together and fight for safe machinery, better salaries, and fair treatment. The first official Labor Day was celebrated in