

The Catholic communities of  
**Most Holy Redeemer, Ogema**  
**St. Benedict, White Earth**  
**St. Theodore, Ponsford**

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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.

Next week from Monday afternoon to Thursday Morning all the priests of the Diocese of Crookston will be attending clergy days in Bemidji. Both Fr. Mathew and I are available for Sacramental Emergencies. Please call or text us on our cell phones. We will praying for you at the liturgies while in Bemidji and we always stand in need of your prayers. Gratefully, Fr. Greg

**SUNDAY, May 4, 2025**

**Mass Intentions this Week**

Sat. May 3	5pm STT	People of the parishes
Sun. May 4	9am MHR 11am STB	Val & Mitzie Caspars Carol Duboy
Mon. May 5	NO MASS	
Tues. May 6	NO MASS	
Wed. May 7	NO MASS	
Thur. May 8	NO MASS	
Fri. May 9	8:30 am MHR	+Janice Teiken
Sat. May 10	5 pm STT	People of the parishes
Sun. May 11	9am MHR 11am STB	+Clara LeGoo +Virginia Baker

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER – OGEMA**

**Church cleaners April:** Ann & George, Sherry & Hank, Mindy & Jason, Kristi & Joe.

**Rolls & Coffee: April 27 – Group 2 to serve:** Julie, Joni, Jackie, Amanda Walz, Theresa, Tracy, Tanya, Kami.

ELECTIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL THIS SUNDAY, MAY 4.

Parish Council Meeting: May 13 – 6pm  
 Ladies Sodality Meeting: May 5 – 6pm (note change)

**ST. BENEDICT – WHITE EARTH**

**Church cleaners April:** Keith Johnson Family

**ST. THEODORE – PONSFORD**

Parish Council meeting first Saturday every month after Mass.

Stewardship	St. Ben	St. Theo	MHR
Envelope	140.00	100.00	500.00
Plate	96.00	155.00	290.00
Votive	30.00		
Home Missions	118.00	190.00	182.00
Coffee & Rolls			104.25
Donation		500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>384.00</b>	<b>945.00</b>	<b>1,076.25</b>

Thanks to all supported the Religious Education Classes over the last year, including volunteer teachers, teacher assistants, those who brought desserts and those who cleaned up the kitchen and hall. All your efforts helped to make a successful Church School experience.

**2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal!  
 You can donate online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA).

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>PLEGDED</b>
MHR – 5016	4235 \$61 remaining
STB – 1736	2010 (surpassed goal)
STT – 1574	2760 (surpassed goal)



**Our 9 days of mourning the death of Pope Francis completes today, Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The conclave to select Pope Francis successor begins on Wednesday, May 7.**

**AT THE LAKES – TABLETOP LUNCHEON**

Featuring: Jayme Littlewolf (Piano Player) & "R.N. Tertainment"  
 Saturday, May 17 – 10:30am Table Viewing – 11am to 1pm Lunch and Entertainment. Tickets are \$20 (includes lunch, table theme gift & entertainment)  
 The Belles of St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 20996 County Hwy. 20, Detroit Lakes, MN.



Lynda Hultin, Mary Ann Teiken, Jeff Van Hecke, Charles Crommett, Lisa McArthur, Mary Dahlen Sullivan, Hank Zima, Kristi Fineday, Ashley Westlund Stumbo, Laura Hudson, Dawson Hoban, Vaun Borgrud, Maise Blattenbauer, Jean Schwartz, Donna Buckanaga, Bruce Engebretson, Kibby Sullivan, Bob Johnson, Kurt Halvorson, Tom Doble, Gary Eidem, Janet Edrington, Mike Swan, Carrie Ann Penney, Norma Walgren, Harper Anderson, Jeff Larson, Dan Gendreau, Maureen Sullivan, Violet Fairbanks, Jessie & Cherie Johnson, Buster Parker, Tony Parker, Chris Fairbanks, Mary Stech, Germaine Riegert, Lois Bement, Mary Zortman, Louise Christianson, and all our service men and women, especially those who are actively serving overseas.

**PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?**

Peter, your way of expressing penance for your denial of me and love for me will be to feed my sheep. Remember, they are not *your* sheep, but *mine*. Take care of them for me. Do for them what I did for them. Don't just feed them. Protect them. Lay down your life for them if necessary.



Peter's role as a Shepherd is not unique. It is exemplary for all of us sheep who are called to become ourselves shepherds and leaders, despite our own frailty and sinfulness. Some are called to be bishops, catechists, teachers and healthcare workers. Most of us are called to be parents and grandparents, shepherds of what the Second Vatican Council calls "the domestic church", that is your household church.

On whatever level, the call to feed and care for the sheep is a call to sacrifice, not privilege. It has its moments of exaltation and profound satisfaction, but it has its moments of agony as well. But if we've learned anything from the passion, it's that suffering is the true and necessary test of love, as well as love's most authentic and powerful expression. So let us not be afraid to be shepherds. The Good Shepherd will empower us with His Spirit. And let's pray with gratitude and compassion for those who shepherd us. *Adapted from the article PETER DO YOU LOVE ME? by Marcellino D'Ambrosio*



The proverb **April showers bring May flowers** dates back to the 1500's.

**Parish Planning and Training to witness the Good News**

Fr. John Riccardo, of Acts XXIX is offering an evening conference for the lay faithful on Tuesday, May 6 from 7-8:15 pm at St. Philip Catholic Church in Bemidji. Fr. Riccardo's "Living the Church's Mission" will provide insight into the "Created, Captured, Rescued, Respond" proclamation of the faith. No RSVP necessary. Visit [www.actsXXIX.org](http://www.actsXXIX.org) for more information about this ministry. You can also subscribe to Fr. Riccardo's *You Were Born for This and From the Trailer* that are listened to by thousands every week.