

# Assumption Catholic Church

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Fr. David's Homilies—[frazeesacredheart.org.Homilies](http://frazeesacredheart.org/Homilies)

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Here is a thought from last week's homily: *Jesus came down the mountain...and stood on a stretch of level ground.*

My mother has been in her new apartment for a couple of weeks now. She is enjoying it very much. At the time she rented her previous apartment, it was perfect for her. She lived there for thirteen years and loved it. When the time came to move, she said good-bye to it without looking back. I asked her if she missed it. "No." Anything at all? "No."

It reminded me of the beautiful text from the Book of Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..." We could add, "A time to refrain from moving, and a time to move." It is easier for us and for everyone in our lives when we do things at the right time.

Christian discipleship calls us to be discerning. We are to seek wisdom from God and advice from wise people. We are to be diligent in research when we need knowledge about something. We are to be prayerful. We are to read the sign of the times and the signs that were present in our lives and even in our bodies.

I have a sister-in-law who has physical limitations from a brain aneurysm. At the time of the aneurysm, they lived in a multi-level home. Nearly every room in the house was on a different level. This was not easy or even safe for someone with mobility issues. Now they live in a home in which most of the living space is on one level, attached to a garage, with wide doors and a safe bathroom.

Looking at this scenario objectively, it didn't take too much discernment to conclude, "This house is no longer right for us." Still, we can imagine and even understand someone who is nostalgic about something. "We can't move; we raised the kids here." Someone can be stubborn and intransigent: "I don't want to move." I can imagine someone who is overwhelmed by the thought of moving or afraid that different financial obligations will be unmanageable.

There is probably a blind spot in my life and in your life. We ought to do something that is obvious to everyone but us. Part of discernment is to crack open our minds and hearts, especially when they are closed and locked, and listen to the crazy people around us...especially those we usually love.

Today is the beginning of the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Our theme is **LET THERE BE LIGHT!** The overall DAA goal has been set at \$910,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes based on the prior year's offertory and the number of donors who offer more than \$50 per year to their parish. Our parish goal for 2022 is \$6,042. These funds pay for the office of formation in discipleship, worship, seminarians and vocations, the Tribunal, safe environment, the office of catholic schools, the office of the bishop, general administration and communications, ministries that affect our parish family in so many ways! Check out the mailing you have received at home or visit online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA) for additional information about all the good you do when you support the DAA. You can donate securely and simply at the same location. Go to the website by scanning the QR code below. Please be generous and be part of the light!

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**Mass Times**  
 Thursday 7:00 pm  
 Sunday 10:30 am

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Thursday @ 6:15 pm  
 Sunday after Mass

**ADORATION:**  
 Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite women ages 18-45 to an online retreat Sunday, February 27 from 1-4 p.m. CST. Learn more and register for the Zoom link by February 25 at [ssnd.org/events/2-27-22](http://ssnd.org/events/2-27-22).



*your enemies*



*to those who hate you,*



*those who curse you,*



*for those who mistreat you*

## Announcements

February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Parish & Finance Councils will be having a Mardi Gras luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Deb Clark, Rick Flottesch, Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping, Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek, Cleo Baker, Don Tietz, Violet Fairbanks, Irene Hazelton, Scott Pulse (son-in-law of Rick and Virginia McDougall), Betty Matter, Rachel Secrist (granddaughter of Roger & Sharon Winter), Nick Steffl, Fr. Adam Hammess Linda Scheler and Elizabeth Zurn.

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, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."*  
 (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

**Sunday, February 6--\$1,046**

## Upcoming

Sun., Feb. 27 Mardi Gras Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

**Question of the Week: Who has hurt me to whom I can give mercy? How can I go about giving**

## Mass Intentions

**Thurs, Feb 24: +Arlene Faltersack**  
**Sun., Feb 27: +Ted Winter**

## Ministry Schedule for February 27

### Altar Servers

Freddie Steffl

### Eucharistic Minister

Max Klarer

### Lector

Don Tietz

### Presentation of the Gifts

Donald Starkey Family

### Ushers

Roger Foltz & Bill Steffl