

Assumption Catholic Church

March 26, 2023

Permit me to share some experience from my life...As I was growing up, when I received my First Holy Communion, I did so standing and received the Sacred Host in my hands. I continued to do that until I went to college, where I learned that it is permitted to receive Holy Communion directly on the tongue, if one wishes to do so, which was the only way allowed for 1600 years, until after the Second Vatican Council. This appealed to me, and so I made the change. At times when I came home from college, back to the Diocese of Crookston, and at times when I was back home in the diocese on break from seminary, I had problems. I knew that it was crystal clear in the authoritative documents of the Church that it is permitted to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and even kneeling, if one wished to do so. I did wish to do so, but whenever I came back to the Diocese of Crookston, the clergy would harass me, and attempt to order me to receive Holy Communion standing and in the hand, which I knew very well that they had no business trying to do. I may have even been denied Holy Communion once because I wanted to receive on the tongue, and it was certainly intimated that I may not be a "good fit" to be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Crookston because I persisted on receiving Holy Communion on the tongue.

Needless to say, I have strong feelings about allowing people to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, and by now, you might think that this whole bulletin article is just a conniving way to convince people that I want them to receive kneeling and on the tongue. It is not. The point of explaining my personal history is to indicate to you that I will stand up for receiving Holy Communion in any way that the Church permits, whether it is standing and in the hand, standing and on the tongue, kneeling and in the hand, or kneeling and on the tongue. The point of writing this is to share my frustration with clergymen that attempt to prohibit to the Faithful choices which the Church allows them to make. I hope I never do so! You are allowed to receive standing or kneeling, and on the tongue or in the hand, and you needn't feel conflicted about whatever you choose to do, and if anyone ever negatively comments about which way you have chosen, tell them to mind their own business, and you can quote me and tell them I told you to say it!

Question of the Week *What spiritual darkness is Jesus calling me to come out of today? What difficulties can I anticipate in shedding these burial bonds, that separate me from God's grace?*

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).

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Mass Times

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday @ 6:15 pm
Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:

Tuesdays: 5:00-7:00 pm



Announcements

Most Holy Redeemer Church in Ogema is having their Spring Dinner today, March 26, at the Ogema Hall.

Awesome news! Fr. Bob Kiefer has let us know that he will be here for all of our Triduum services. All services will be at 7:00 pm.

St. Rachel's Circle will be serving a fundraiser breakfast after Mass on Sunday, April 2.

There will be a benefit for Mike Rousu on April 1, 2023, from 3-8 pm at Sunlite. A meal will be served for \$10 or a free will donation will be accepted.

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.

Crystal Bunnell, Theresa (Foltz) Thunder, Irene Hazelton, Stella Thielen, Lillian Welle, Cleo Baker, George Scherzer, Dolores Manning, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Tammy Borgrud, Kevin Clark, Dolores Manning, Karen Klarer and Fr. Adam Hamness

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"
JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Sunday, March 19, 2022
Adult Envelopes--\$1012
Catholic Relief--\$514

Upcoming

Fri., Mar 31: Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm with Deacon Pete
Sun., Apr 2: St. Rachel's Fundraiser Breakfast after Mass

Mass Intentions

Today's Mass +Reine Stalberger
Tues., Mar 21: +Jim Steffl
Sun., Apr 2: For the People of Assumption and Sacred Heart Parishes

Ministry Schedule for April 2, 2023

Altar Servers

Freddie Steffl

Eucharistic Minister

Roger Foltz & Virginia McDougall

Lector

Al Foltz

Presentation of the Gifts

Pat Stalberger Family

Ushers

Don Tietz & Roger Winter