

Assumption Catholic Church

April 23, 2023

We know that worldliness is sinful; after all, the bible says so, right? “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (1 John 2:15) Well, there it is in black and white, yet how many times have we said, “I just love _____!” (You can fill in the blank). As we read that verse, our eyes keep focusing on the phrase, “the things in the world”. So just what does that include? Everything! It would be safe to say that everything God hates the devil loves. We’re familiar with the list of sins found in Proverbs 6: 16-19 or Galatians 5:19-21 and other passages that name sinful behavior, but have we considered that Satan loves (in a twisted way) even the good things of the world? He has a fondness for those things that would seem perfectly innocent, because he can use them to distract us from God. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14), and if he can do that, he can certainly deceive us into loving the things of the world too much! Here is a short list of examples, which is by no means complete: The devil has a perverted love for family gatherings, weekend get-aways, youth sports, Saturday night concerts, hunting, fishing, golf, vacations, anniversaries, holidays, dance or music recitals, children’s plays, graduations, gardening, and more. All of these things can be things we “love” to do, but draw us away from the Mass, or bible studies, or prayer and learning, or being of service to others. Not only do we harm our spirituality when we excuse ourselves from the Lord’s service to do things we enjoy, but we can be sending the wrong message to our children, to friends, and to members of our community. As human beings, we have the capacity to ruin almost anything. With anything good in the world, if we hold it higher than God, it becomes an idol for us and can tempt us into damnation. Conversely, we human beings, when elevated by the grace of God, can use any good and noble thing in this world to draw us closer to God. Please consider how you value your hobbies and interests.

Question of the Week *Luke says that at first the disciples’ “eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” What prevents me from recognizing the Lord in our midst?*

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

St. Theresa Circle will be serving luncheon after Mass on Sunday, April 23.

There will be a 90th birthday open house celebration honoring Dolores (Byer) Manning on Saturday, April 29 ,rom 2-4 pm at Most Holy Rosary Church in Detroit Lakes, (St. Ben’s Room).

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, Kevin Clark, Dolores Manning, Karen Klarer and Fr. Adam Hamness

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?”
LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with. Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Sunday, April 16, 2023--\$1,194.54

Upcoming

Sun., Apr. 23: St Theresa Luncheon
Sun., May 7: Baccalaureate Mass, followed by lunch (everyone is invited)

Mass Intentions

Today’s Mass: +Susie Spry
Tues., Apr 25: No Mass
Sun., Apr 30: +Michael John Steffl

Ministry Schedule for April 30, 2023

Altar Servers
Luke Helm
Eucharistic Minister
Max Klarer & MaryAnn Jorgenson
Lector
Julia Steffl
Presentation of the Gifts
David Steffl; Family
Ushers
Pat Stalberger & Danny Steffl