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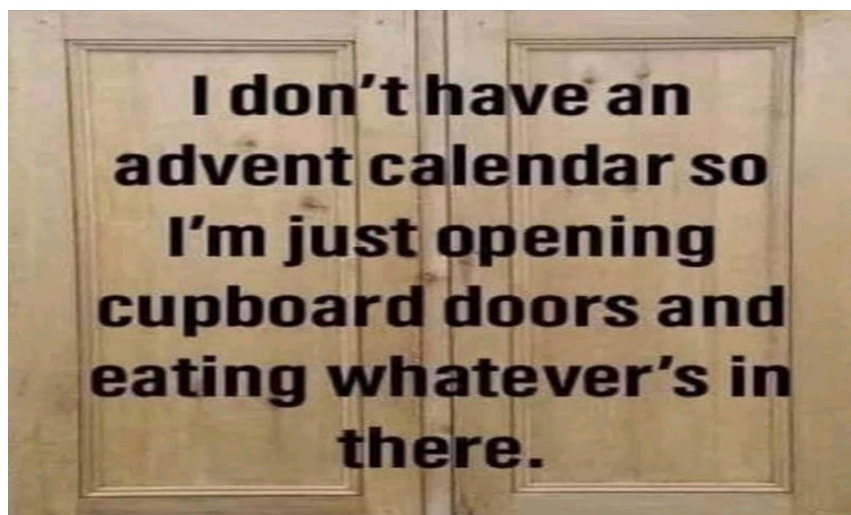
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From the desk of Fr. Hamness:

Rejoice! The Lord is near! I received an early Christmas present this year. It was sort of an Advent Calendar. It was a box of 25 individual cups of different flavors of ice cream from the new ice cream and pizza shop here in Frazee. There is one flavor of ice cream for each day of December leading up to Christmas. I have forgotten about it for a couple of days, so today will be my "catch up" day. I get to sample about 5 different flavors! It will be an appropriately joyful activity for Gaudete Sunday! Maybe next year the shop downtown will offer an Advent Calendar with 25 different personal pizzas. What joyful thing will you do today to celebrate? I saw this little meme somewhere online, and it made me laugh. It doesn't apply this year, but I have been in this situation in years past. I hope you don't groan too loudly about my dumb jokes.



LITURGICAL DAY	WEEK-	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFES-
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday	December 14	10:30am	Mass: + Mark Stalberger	10:10am
Advent Weekday	Tuesday	December 16	5:00-7:00pm	Adoration & Benediction	
Advent Weekday	Tuesday	December 16	7:00 pm	Mass + Jim Gietzen	6:30 pm
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	December 21	10:30am	Mass: + Mark Stalberger	10:10am

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 schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // chulst@crookston.org

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Questions of the week?

If I am honest with myself, what part of Jesus' message offends me?



Advent Carols and Vespers

*A peaceful Holy Hour with Adoration Sing
to stir up our longing for the coming of the Lord.*

Sacred Heart Church in Frazee

Sunday, December 21st

4:30 p.m.

Website: formed.org Parish Access Code 38HAZ8V

Prayer Requests:

The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls 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.

Rick Bakken, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidschink, Leon & Dorothy Flottemesch, **John Gerulli**, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Dan Kapphahn, Tracy Loreth, Delores Manning, Betty & Jim Matter, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Ken & Rita Pearson, Mary Seaberg, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Dennis Schou-viller, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke, Erv Wiebolt

Bold are new this week, or need extra prayers!

Please Pray for our Students.....

Madeline Abbott, Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald & Lilly Dillon

Birthdays This Week

December 16th Jon Stone (Seminarist)
you can wish Jon a Happy Birthday at
jstone@crookston.org

December 17th Brent Hazelton

December 20th Sherry Steffl





Sunday, December 7, 2025

Adult Envelopes \$845.00

Loose Plate \$483.00

St Mary's Mission Adult Envelopes \$290.

Immaculate Conception

Adult Envelopes \$245.00 Loose Plate \$100.00

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Altar Server: Johnny Loegering

Lector: Bill Steffl

Presentation of Gifts: Roger & Sharon Winter

Eucharistic Ministers: Max Klarer & Colleen Schmit

Ushers: Roger & Nate Foltz

Music: Avis Flottemesch

Ministry Schedule for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 6pm

Altar Server: Nathan Loreth

Lector: Bill Steffl

Presentation of Gifts: Roger & Sharon Winter

Eucharistic Ministers: Max Klarer & Colleen Schmit

Ushers: Roger & Nate Foltz

Music: Avis Flottemesch

If you know that you will not be here please find a substitute.

Retirement Fund for Religious

**They gave their lives in service—
now they need your help.**

For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying and serving those in need. Many face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation — it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious

Upcoming.

- **Today Second Collection For Retired Religious**
- **Date Change** Sunday, December 14th, Christian Mothers Meeting After Mass
- Wednesday, December 17th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch

We are in Need of Church Cleaners !!

*****Sunday December 21**

Decorate for Christmas after Mass***

- **Christmas Eve Mass 6PM ! No Christmas Day Mass!**
- Tuesday, January 13th KC meeting at Holy Rosary

Upcoming Fellowship



December 14th Don & Coleen Tietz

December 21st Rick & Ginny McDougall Lunch

December 28th No Fellowship

The Fellowship Calendar for 2026 is up on the Bulletin Board. Please take a turn serving Fellowship. If you have any questions Please let me know.

2026 Envelopes are available on the table in St Joseph Fellowship Hall.

2026 Living Faith Devotional Books are available on the table in the entry of the church.

It is time to get your mass intentions on the calendar. Masses are \$10.00 each.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday in Advent

	Isaiah 35:1-6a,10	Ps 146:6-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Week 2 Mon	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a	Ps 25:4-5ab,6-7bc,8-9		Matthew 21:23-27
Week 2 Tues	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13	Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19, 23		Matthew 21:28-32
Week 2 Wed	Genesis 49:2,8-10	Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17		Matthew 1: 1-17
Week 2 Thurs	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19		Matthew 1:18-25
Week 2 Fri	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a	Ps 73:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17		Luke 1:5-25
Week 2 Sat	Isaiah 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6		Luke 26-38

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Romans 1:1-17	Matthew 1:18-24
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Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, December 14th Fr. Luis Silva, Monday, Dec 15th Fr Josh Solonek, Tuesday, Dec. 16th Fr. Bob Stone, Wednesday, Dec. 17th Fr. Pat Sullivan, Thursday, Dec. 18th Fr. John Melkies Su-vakeen, Friday, Dec. 19th Fr. Craig Vasek, Saturday, December 20th Fr. Larry Wieseler, Sunday, December 21st Fr John Wilebski.



Christmas Symbols



THE TREE

points to heaven and reminds us that God is eternal.



THE WREATH

is a circle reminding us that God's love for us never ends.



THE CANDLE ...

shines brightly, showing us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Don't forget Amen!

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Come All Who are Burdened

Healing Retreat

Nazareth Retreat House • Crookston, MN
January 23rd – 25th, 2026

Are you burdened with an addiction, a recent trauma, or carrying a heavy burden from the past, — or are needing a time of renewal?
Then this retreat is for you!

There will be 10 priests and deacons available through the weekend for confessions, individual spiritual direction or meeting with a prayer team headed by a priest or deacon. There will be time for quiet prayer during periods of adoration or sharing in small groups.

We can never know how the Holy Spirit will work, all we can do is come prayerfully before the Lord open to whatever and however, he wishes to work in our lives.

► **Sunday, January 25th we will close with a healing service from 1pm - 3pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.** (Across the parking lot from the retreat house.)
This event is open to the public for all those who were unable to attend the retreat but are looking for a time of prayer and healing.



Scan The Code To Register.

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