

This Week’s Scripture Readings

4th Sun of Ordinary Time

	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13	Ps 146:6-10	1 Corn 1:26-31	Matthew 5:1-12a
Week 4 Mon	Malachi 3:1-4	Ps 24:7-10	Hebrews 21:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Week 4 Tues	2Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3	Ps 86:1-6		Mark 5:21-43
Week 4 Wed	2 Samuel 24:2,9-17	Ps 32:1-2,5-7		Mark 6:1-6
Week 4 Thurs	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12	Ps 29:10,11ab,11d-12		Mark 6:7-13
Week 4 Fri	Sirach 47:2-11	Ps 18:31,47,50,51		Mark 6:14-29
Week 3 Sat	1 Kings 3:4-13	Ps 119:9-14		Mark 6:30-34

5th Sun of Ordinary Time

	Isiah 58:7-10	Ps 112:4-9	1 Corn 2:1-5	Matthew 5:13-16
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Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions January :For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, February 1st Fr. Gary LaMoine, Monday, February 2nd, Fr. Bob LaPlante, Tuesday, February 3rd Fr. Maschio Mascarenhas, Wednesday, February 4th Fr Joshy Mathew, MSFS, Thursday, February 5th Msgr Tim McGee, Friday, February 6th Fr. Vincent Miller, Saturday, February 7th Fr. Christon Muhero, Sunday, February 8th Fr. George Noel.

THE SACRED MYSTERY OF THE OFFERTORY:
IT’S MORE THAN BRINGING GIFTS

Most Catholics think the Offertory is the “break” in the Mass—when people walk up with bread, wine, and sometimes a little envelope. But what if I told you this moment is one of the most mysterious and powerful exchanges between God and His people?

Let’s open it up. 1. THE OFFERTORY IS NOT A ‘CATHOLIC TRADITION’, IT IS BIBLICAL
From the Old Testament, God teaches His people to offer the work of their hands: Abel offered the “firstlings of his flock.” Abraham offered bread and wine through Melchizedek (a clear shadow of the Eucharist). Israel offered gifts at the Temple as a sign of their life given back to God. So when the Offertory happens today, it’s not an invention, it’s the continuation of God’s ancient rhythm: “What I receive from You, I return to You.” 2. THE BREAD AND WINE ARE SYMBOLS OF YOUR ENTIRE WEEK
Why does the Church specifically choose bread and wine? Because they represent human work. Bread does not fall from heaven. It comes from grain that is planted, harvested, ground, kneaded, baked. Wine does not appear by miracle alone. It requires pruning, crushing, fermentation, patience. So when the priest lifts them up and says: “Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation...” He is also lifting up your work, your week, your sweat, your struggles, your victories, your hidden sacrifices, your silent prayers. The Offertory is the moment you put your entire life on the altar, even things you never said out loud.

3. THE OFFERTORY IS YOUR SACRIFICE UNITED WITH CHRIST’S
At Calvary, Christ offered Himself completely to the Father. At Mass, that one sacrifice becomes present again. At Offertory, you place your own sacrifice beside His: Your pain, Your marriage problems, Your failures, Your temptations, Your job stress, Your hopes for the future, Your thanksgiving, The Church teaches: “The faithful offer themselves with Christ to God.” (CCC 1368) This is why the priest says: “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable...” Yes, there are two sacrifices on that altar: Christ’s perfect one, and your imperfect one, united into one offering.

4. THIS IS WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER COME TO MASS EMPTY-HANDED
Not money. A heart ready to be offered. When the Offertory begins, ask yourself: “Lord, what am I placing on the altar today?” Because heaven takes seriously what you place there.

5. THE OFFERTORY IS WHERE MIRACLES BEGIN
The bread you offer becomes His Body. The wine becomes His Blood. Your life becomes grace. Your pain becomes healing. Your weakness becomes strength. The altar is God’s furnace, whatever you place there, He transforms. #catholicsonlineclass

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 1,

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From the Desk of Father Hamness:

Living the Beatitudes in Daily Life

- Blessed are the poor in spirit:** Recognize your need for God. *Suggestion:* Spend 5 minutes daily in gratitude prayer, thanking God for what truly matters.
- Blessed are those who mourn:** Comfort and heal with compassion. *Suggestion:* Call or visit someone who is grieving.
- Blessed are the meek:** Respond with gentleness, not anger. *Suggestion:* Take a deep breath before replying in a frustrating situation.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness:** Seek justice and fairness. *Suggestion:* Volunteer for a local charity or advocacy group.
- Blessed are the merciful:** Show forgiveness and kindness. *Suggestion:* Write a note of apology or encouragement to someone.
- Blessed are the pure in heart:** Keep intentions and actions honest. *Suggestion:* Reflect on your choices at the end of each day.
- Blessed are the peacemakers:** Promote reconciliation. *Suggestion:* Mediate a conflict between friends or family.
- Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness’ sake:** Stand firm in faith. *Suggestion:* Speak up for your values respectfully when challenged. Small steps, lived daily, make the Beatitudes come alive in our busy American lives.

LITURGICAL DAY	WEEK-	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFES-
4th Sunday of Ordinary	Sunday	February 1st	10:30am	Mass: +Tim Voss	10:10am
	Tuesday	February 3rd		NO Adoration & Benedic- tion	
	Tuesday	February 3rd		NO Mass	6:30 pm
5th Sunday of Ordinary	Sunday	February 8th	10:30am	Mass: +Marls Steffl	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

Our Sympathy to Ken Pearson, his family and friends on the passing of Rita. Eternal rest Grant onto her Oh Lord and Let Perpetual Light shine on Her, May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirt means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

Question of the week

How will I allow myself to be meek, merciful, and poor in spirit, choosing to rely more often on God’s grace?
Liturgy of the Hours: Week IV of the Psalter

Reflection of the Gospel

How do we find fulfillment and joy when both our own lives and our society are marked by sin, pain and strife? In today’s gospel Jesus sums up in eight statements a way of life that brings true happiness and blessing already in the present, along with the promise of fullness of joy in days to come. Each, in the original Greek, is in the third-person plural, indicating communal action and relationship. The first thing the Beatitudes tell us, then is that living them is not an individual pursuit.

-Living Liturgytm, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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, **Debbie Clark**, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidenschink, Rick Flottemesch, John Gerulli, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, LeAnn Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Jeanine Kivi, Dan Kapphahn, Tracy Loreth, Delores Manning, Betty & Jim Matter, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Barb Muff, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Ken Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Joe Solmon, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke

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

Birthday on file this Week

February 1st Tracy Larson



Sunday, January 25, 2026
Adult Envelopes \$1,035.00
Loose Plate \$ 263.00

Solidary for the Church in Africa

Adult Envelopes \$10.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2026 Parish Goal
\$8,445.00

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, February 8, 2026

Altar Server: Caleb Rodewald

Lector: Kristi Stalberger

Presentation of Gifts: Avis Flottemesch

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Schmit & Kristi Stalberger

Ushers: Damian Zurn & Jerry Spry

Music: Tonia Clark

At the Nazareth House Retreat Center

Reason For Hope Retreat is a High School Student Retreat!!



2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE!

This year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) theme, “In Christ, We Are One”, comes from Pope Leo XIV’s motto and first homily as Pope, “Look to Christ!... Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one.” Jesus prayed to his Father, “that they may all be one” (John 17:21), so that “the world may believe that you sent me.” Our union with Jesus and each other witnesses to the love of God present in our world. “We have much to do here in northwest Minnesota to live out Christ’s mission, but we are not alone. Your gift to the DAA is a concrete expression of our unity, which strengthens our communion and helps the love of Christ reach every corner of our diocese.” -Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston Please give attention to an important mailing that will soon be delivered to your home. Complete the in-pew envelope today or make a gift online by using the QR code or visiting www.crookston.org/DAA.



Upcoming.

- Tuesday, February 10th KC meeting at Holy Rosary
- Wednesday, February 11th Callaway Daze 5:30 pm St Joseph Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, February 15th, Christian Mothers Meeting After Mass**
- Wednesday, February 18th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch

Upcoming Fellowship



February 1st Anna Brown/ Karen Brown Family Breakfast

February 8th Callaway Lions Pancake Breakfast

February 15 OPEN February 22 OPEN March 1st OPEN March 8th Lions Pancake Breakfast **March 15th Open** March 22 St Rachel Circle Brunch Fundraiser **March 29th Parish Dinner 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.**

Scam Alert!!

Another Scam Email— DO NOT OPEN—
Supposedly From Father Hamness asking you to contact him but not to tell anyone else.

I received a message that an email is going around asking for gift cards to be used for the needy from Father Hamness this is a SCAM..... Do Not reply to the email!!!

Happenings at Area Churches

St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Waubun: Annual French Toast Breakfast & Bake Sale Sunday, February 8, 2026 9AM-1PM.

Waubun Community Center.