

This Week's Scripture Readings

6th Sun of Ordinary Time

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| Sirach 15:15-20 | PS 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 | 2 Corn 2:6-10 | Matthew 5:17-37 |
| Week 6 Mon James 1:1-11 | Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75,76 | | Mark 8:11-13 |
| Week 6 Tues James 1:12-18 | Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19 | | Mark 8:14-21 |
| Week Wed Joel:2:12-18 | Ps 51:3-6ab,12-14,17 | 2Corn5:20-6:2 | Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 |
| Week Thurs Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Ps 106:3-4,35-7,40 | | Luke 9:22-25 |
| Week Fri Isaiah 58:1-9a | Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19 | | Matthew 9:14-15 |
| Week Sat Isaiah 58:9b-14 | Ps 86:1-6 | | Luke 5:27-32 |

1st Sun of Lent

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| Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7 | PS 51:3-6,12-13,17 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11 |
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Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions February: FEBRUARY 2026

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary

Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, February 15th Fr. Matt Schmitz, Monday, February 16th, Fr. Bob Schreiner, Tuesday, February 17th, Fr. David Blume, Wednesday, February 18th Fr. Josh solonek, Thursday, February 19th Fr. Bob Stone, Friday, February 20th Fr. Pat Sullivan, Saturday, February 21st Fr. JohnMelkies Suvakeen, Sunday, February 22nd Fr. Craig Vasek.

† WHY THE TABERNACLE LAMP MUST NEVER GO OUT 🙏🙏

If you walk into a Catholic church and see a small red light burning, you are not looking at decoration. You are looking at a warning. A welcome. A confession of faith. That lamp must never go out. Why? Because Someone is inside.

† Not a Symbol. A Signal. The tabernacle lamp is not there to beautify the sanctuary. It is there to announce a Presence. When the lamp is burning, the Church is saying: Jesus Christ is truly here, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. If the lamp goes out, it means the tabernacle is empty. So the lamp does one simple job: it tells the truth.

† The Old Testament Already Taught This. Long before churches existed, God commanded something very clear. In the Tent of Meeting, where God's presence dwelt, a lamp was ordered to burn day and night. Not sometimes. Not during prayer only. Always. Why? Because when God is present, light must remain. The Church did not invent this practice. She inherited it. Light Means Life Darkness in Scripture often means absence, danger, or death. Light means life and nearness. That is why Christ said: "I am the Light of the world." So when the lamp burns before the tabernacle, it is proclaiming: The Light has not left. God has not abandoned His people.

† Why It Is Red, the lamp is red for a reason. Red reminds us of blood, sacrifice, and love given to the end. It says: This Presence cost something. The same Jesus who shed His blood on the Cross is the One who now waits silently in the tabernacle.

† Why Catholics Genuflect, When Catholics enter a church, they look for the lamp. If it is burning, they genuflect. Not to the building. Not to the altar. To Christ Himself. The lamp teaches the body what the heart believes.

† Why It Must Never Go Out, As long as the Eucharist remains in the tabernacle, the lamp must remain lit. Because it says: God is here. God is waiting. God is faithful. A burning lamp is the Church's way of keeping Vigil, day and Night, before her Lord.

† A Silent Sermon No words are spoken. No music is played. Yet that small flame preaches louder than any homily: You are not alone. He is still with us. The promise has not expired.

† So Next Time You See That Lamp... Do not pass by casually. Lower your eyes. Bend your knee. Still your heart. Because the lamp is saying quietly: This is holy ground.

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The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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February 15, 2026

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WHAT CAN I EAT DURING LENT?

WHEN IS LENT?
Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday evening.

WHAT CAN I EAT?

✓ YES

- Fish
- Eggs
- Milk
- Fruit
- Veggies
- Grains

✗ NO

- Beef
- Pork
- Chicken
- Ham
- Deer
- Lamb

HOW MUCH CAN I EAT?
On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

1 REGULAR MEAL + 2 SMALL MEALS

EASY MEAL IDEAS FOR LENT

- Veggie Pizza
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Shrimp Skewers
- PBJ Sandwiches
- Fish and Chips
- Quesadillas
- Scrambled Eggs
- Spaghetti

EXEMPTIONS
No fasting or abstinence on the solemnities. Children, the elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers, those with health conditions and manual laborers may be exempt.

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| LITURGICAL DAY | WEEKDAY | DATE | TIME | SERVICE/INTENTION | CONFESSIONS |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 6th Sunday of Ordinary | Sunday | February 15th | 10:30am | Mass: Carol Zurn | 10:10am |
| Weekday | Tuesday | February 17th | | NO Adoration & Benediction or Mass | |
| Ash Wednesday | Wed | February 18th | 5:15pm | Mass:+Flavian Steffl | |
| Friday After Ash Wed | Friday | February 20th | 6:00pm | Adoration, Benediction & Stations | |
| 1st Sunday in Lent | Sunday | February 22nd | 10:30am | Mass: + Leroy Gray | 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 Betty Matter, family and friends on the death of Jim Matter on Monday, February 9th. Jims funeral was on Friday, February 13th at Holy Rosary.](#)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

“ Question of the week

In what aspect of my life do I need to accept God’s wisdom and the Spirit’s guidance and change my behavior?

Liturgy of the Hours: Week II of the Psalter

Reflection of the Gospel

By instructing his disciples to watch out for the little transgressions, Jesus did not intend to frighten them into obeying a God who was lying in wait to punish them for every peccadillo. Rather, he alerted his followers that little slights, left unchecked, can lead to major offenses, with dire consequences. By the same token, great love and greatness in God’s reign begin with little acts of love toward the least brothers or sister.

-Living Liturgytm, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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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, Delores Manning, Betty, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Barb Muff, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Ken Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, **George Scherzer**, 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 20 Molly Rodewald



Sunday, February 8, 2026
Adult Envelopes \$ 565.00
Loose Plate \$ 202.00

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, February 22, 2026

Altar Server: Johnny Loegering
Lector: Bill Steffl
Presentation of Gifts: Rick Flottemesch
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Jorgenson & Max Klarer
Ushers: Roger & Nathan Foltz
Music: Avis Flottemesch

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!

Have you made a commitment to the 2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can donate online at www.crookston.org/DAA. Prayerfully consider joining many others in the Bishop’s Guild. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is the most recommended method for supporting the appeal, contact Renée Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432.



Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Ash Wednesday our collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your Donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.

Upcoming.

- **Sunday February, 15th, Christian Mothers Meeting after mass.**
- **Ash Wednesday, February 18th Mass at 5:15 pm**
- Collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Formally under Communist rule.
- **Friday’s During Lent: 6 pm Adoration, 6:45 pm Benediction, & Stations at 7pm**
- Sunday, February 22nd, Second Collection for Black and Indian Missions
- **Date Change due to Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 25th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch**
- Tuesday, March 10th KC meeting at Holy Rosary
- Wednesday, March 11th Callaway Daze 5:30 pm St Joseph Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Fellowship



February 15 Ken Pearson
February 22 OPEN
March 1 Confirmation Class
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.

Happenings at Area Churches 2nd Annual Valentine Tea, Bakke Lutheran Church Saturday, February 21st, 1:00 pm 218-847-7073 to register