

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John

We are in the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings for this Sunday concern forgiving our offenders and getting reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this, the only Way to Life. In today's Gospel, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day and, hence, we need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching the prayer *Our Father*, "*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you*". We need to forgive, forget and be reconciled. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" What God expects from us is limitless forgiving and an ability to overlook faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults.

God Bless you. Have a good week.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17th, 2017

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Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions: Sept. 18-Sept. 24

Wed., Eucharistic Adoration: Noon – 8:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 20: 11:30 AM Mass, Paula Erdman+
Fri., Sept. 22: 8:30 AM Mass, Jim Stordahl+
Sat., Sept. 23: 5 PM Mass, Allan T Johnson+
Sun., Sept. 24: 8:30 AM Mass,
For the Parishes of St. Mary's & St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's Mass & Intentions: Sept. 18-Sept. 24

Tuesday: Noon – 3PM Eucharistic Adoration
Tues., Sept. 19: 3:30 PM Mass, Cornerstone NH,
Allen Theis+
Thurs., Sept. 21: 11:30 AM Mass, Annammal+
Sun., Sept. 24: 10:30 AM Mass, Herman & Emily
Gardner's 71st Wedding Anniversary

To accommodate all the hard workers for the Church bazaar:

There will be Mass at St. Mary's on Saturday, September 23rd at 5 PM.

Birthdays

September 19 Cathy Godtland
September 22 Nina Bingham
September 24 Alice Okstad

Anniversaries

September 20 Steve & Lorri Massmann

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT:

Carol Aaland 435-6384 (H), 218-686-2710 (C).
Please notify parish office of names to add or subtract
and of those who could use a prayer shawl.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Hannah Keller, Sara Swenson,
Brady Jones, William Vener, Alexa Jordan, Betty
Bingham, Richard Weiss, Jordyn Werl, Lou
Osmundson, Patrick Murphy, Margaret Albrecht,
Paul Nelson, Jim McDonald, Dave Ekman, Harper
Hand, Kevin, Sherilyn Kolstad, Kaylee, Sue
Erdmann, Vernon Kleppe, Don Dyr Dahl, Rick
Hand, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin,
Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen,
Chuck Agnes, Bethany Chalich, Doreen Brovold,
Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Doug Cullen,
Sarah Ihrke, Elaine Martz, Eric Kaml, Carly
Hemmingsen, Floyd Kaiser, Paul Silver, Adele
Kaiser, Eason, Linda & Jerome (Sonny)
Klinkhammer.

"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note with your
donation whether intention is for a deceased or living
person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

Gluten-free hosts available: Please stop by the
sacristy before Mass to let Fr. know your need.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017
Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, Matthew 20:1-16a

Flowers on the Cemeteries:

Many of the Hansville and St. Mary's
cemetery's flowers have been removed. They
are stored in the "Blue Barrels" located at each
cemetery. After 2 weeks they will be disposed
of. If you have not done so already, please
remove all flowers and decorations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

7-12 grades RE class will start today after
Mass 9:45-10:45 AM

PreK-6th Grade will start October 1st.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,

Sept. 20th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided

Friday class for grades K-6 start Sept. 22 at
8:30-9:30 AM.

For grades 7-12 please contact

Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades K-6 please contact

Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at

amandawiener@hotmail.com

NO Religious Education on, Sunday, Sept. 24
due to Bazaar.

**The Students will be ministering at Mass one
Sunday of each month. We welcome their help.**

Tentatively, the next time the youth help with the
Mass is October 15th. For questions **please contact
Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286**

Those who have not yet joined Religious

Education, you're still most welcome! Please
encourage your children to be enthusiastic in
attending classes.

For K-6th grades Registration Forms are located
on the table in the gathering area. Please register
your children.

"Raffle Meal prepared by Fr. John"

This is an additional Fund Raiser for the Fall
Bazaar. He will prepare main course of Indian
Food. He will not supply bread, salad or dessert.
Meal prepared in your home or at the church.
You do not pay for the food. May bid
individually or as a group. If bidding as a group,
put one name with (group) after and your bid.

Fall Dinners/Festivals/Bazaars will print in
Sept. 13 issues of *OND*! The listing will
remain online the remainder of the season
at: www.crookston.org/falldinners

Cursillo Retreat:At Sand Hill Bible Camp, south of Fosston.The Men's Retreat September 28 - October 1. The Women's will be October 26-29. The next Cursillo retreat offered for Men will be held February 22-25, 2018 and the Women's will be March 15-18, 2018. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information

Your Fall Live Drive on Real Presence Radio is coming September 20 - 22. Tune in and call in your support for your local Catholic Radio station 820AM (Bemidji), 1280AM (Fargo/Moorhead), 1370AM (Grand Forks/East Grand Forks). Thank you for your prayers and support. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703 Grand Forks, ND 58208 **New radio schedules are inserted in bulletin today.**

Pro-Life Presentation, All are welcome:
Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7PM at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 520 Fisher Ave. NW, Crookston. **or at St. Philip's Social Hall, 702 Beltrami Ave. NW, Bemidji, on Sat., Oct. 7, at 11 am**
You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protection innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at the free on-hour gathering! For more information, visit the Events-Fall tour section at www.mccl.org.

Walk to Remember:

Oct. 7th, 2017 the 10th annual "Walk to Remember". Register 9-10 AM, Walk starts at 10 AM.The event supports the PETAL program (Parents Embracing Time After Loss) providing a heartfelt touch for those enduring an extremely difficult time in their lives after the loss of their baby. It will be held at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

NEW HYMNALS ON THE HORIZON!

This is an exciting time for St. Mary's. After weeks of research, our liturgy team has selected "*Journeysongs*" as our new hymnal. Offering new songs as well as old favorites, it will be a very good fit for our community. It will take a significant financial commitment. You can help by sponsoring one or more hymnals. Each hymnal will contain a bookplate that reads "Given as a gift by _____ in the name of _____". Special donations of \$20.00 or more will help defray the cost. More details next week. If you have questions call Theresa Zitzow 435-1182

ST. MARY'S PARISH BAZAAR

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Please let Diane know if you are unable to be here for your assigned job. More raffle books are available in the Parish Office.

Just a reminder, for every 10 books you sell your name goes into a drawing for \$50.

Questions:

Contact Diane Hajicek 218-779-5049 or Carol Aaland 435-6384.

Please bring any plastic bowls & lids you have to use for to-go meals. Please label your items for the Country Store and Bake Walk.

Workers: please park in the back of the Church, to leave room in the parking lot during the Bazaar.

God Bless. The Bazaar Committee.

OOPS! Our apologies for omitting from the Pastoral Council Minutes wonderful volunteer Florence Nesvold who was very efficient at removing wallpaper and paste from the rectory kitchen. So sorry Florence! Your help was greatly appreciated!

Thank You to Dennis Sanden for fixing the door to the storage room. Now everyone can get to use the vacuums!

SATURDAY

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Sept. 23, 2017

Ushers: John Blaser, Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Ben & Melissa Hemberger Family

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Commentator: Margarette Rue

Eucharist:*Erv Wickham, Linda Blaser,

Diane Hajicek, Carol Aaland, Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Jesse Worshek, Kayla Zitzow,

Dane Schoenborn

No coffee & rolls due to Bazaar

SUNDAY

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Sept. 24, 2017

Ushers: Dennis Hemmingsen, Richard Parent

Gifts: Tony & Patty Maruska

Lector: Jan Hemmingsen

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier

Eucharist:*Eileen Hegg, Mark Bingham,

Valarie Holzer, Dorothy Killian, Jeanne Sanden

Servers: Grant & Logan Hemberger, Grace Rue

No coffee & rolls due to Bazaar

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 1, 2017

Ushers: Steve Massmann, Doug Schoenborn

Gifts: Carol Broadwell, Sue DeFrang

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist:*Kathryn Ziermeier, Doug Hand,

Gabe Wiener, Candy & John Keller

Servers: Ben Keller, Emily Chalich, Trent Balstad

Hospitality: Lynn & Sue Vennes,

Doug Schoenborn Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget needed weekly: \$ 2,320.15

Last Week's Collections:

33 Adult Envelopes \$ 1,390.00

Loose Collection \$ 51.00

4 Children/Youth \$ 4.00

Donations for Rolls(*Cost of rolls \$48.99*) \$ 28.00

Latin America \$ 187.00

Capital Improvement Donation \$ 30.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 3,080.48

Rolls & Coffee after Mass. All are welcome.

We ask you to let the children & youth go ahead in the line for rolls so that they can attend the Sunday School classes.

Thank You, Jesus, for providing us with a new secretary and custodian! Lu Jean Newell is filling both positions. Marge Donnell, who has been doing both, will be training her. Thank you, Marge, for your patience and perseverance as we waited for God to move! Welcome Lu Jean!

GIVE EFFORTLESSLY! Fr. John reminded us last Sunday of our responsibility to give to our parish even when we attend Mass elsewhere. After all, our expenses are the same whether you are in the pew or not. Ultima Bank makes it possible for you to give electronically. Ultima will pull from your account and pass to the parish account either weekly or monthly any amount you designate. Talk to Linda Hand, Bookkeeper, for more details or to get set up.

Blessing of Cemeteries;

Fr. John will have a special blessing of St. Mary's cemetery behind the church after the Mass **TODAY**

There will be a Mass at Hansville cemetery at 11:30am on Wed., Sept. 27, followed by blessing of the graves.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Today is Catechetical Sunday

All Teachers & Volunteers: A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church and will be called forth during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry.

Anointing of the Sick:

Sunday, October 8th at end of the Mass.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY Catholic United Financial of St. Mary's will lead the Rosary at 8:10 AM every Sunday in October.

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of John Reinbold, whose funeral will be here Monday, September 18 at 11:30 AM. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord!