

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John

We are in the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the gospel today Jesus speaks about the Parable of the Tenants. This parable richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. He entrusts his gifts, grace and blessings to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labor for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end.

God Bless you. Have a good week.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2017

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7-12: Lori Balstad

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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions: Oct. 9 – Oct. 15

Wed., Eucharistic Adoration: Noon – 8:00 PM

Wed., Oct. 11: 1 PM Mass McIntosh NH

Della Metzger+

Fri., Oct. 13: 8:15 AM Rosary, 8:45 AM Mass

Francis Hand+

Sun., Oct. 15: 8:30 AM Youth Mass

Philip Schouviller

St. Joseph's Mass & Intentions: Oct. 9 – Oct. 15

Tuesday: Noon – 6 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., Oct. 12: 11:30 AM Mass

Lawrence & Del Theis+

Sun., Oct. 15: 10:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's

Anointing of the sick: Today, October 8th
at the end of the Mass.

Birthdays

October 8 Michael Lynch
October 9 Sue Erdmann
October 11 Viola Hand
October 13 Richard Parent
Amanda Weiner
October 14 Larry Handyside

Anniversaries

October 12 Lisa & Paul Rosendahl

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 Dyrdaahl, Rick
Hand, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin,
Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen,
Chuck Agnes, Doreen Brovold, Kristi Maruska,
Wayne Paulson, Doug Cullen, Sarah Ihrke, Elaine
Martz, Eric Kaml, Carly Hemmingsen, Paul Silver,
Eason, Linda Klinkhammer, Barb Wickham,
Brandon Miller, Mary Griffin, Tim Killian,
Margaret Rustad, Eileen Hegg.

"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, Oct. 15, 2017
Isaiah 25:6-10a, PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

Today PreK-12 grades RE class after Sunday
Mass 9:45-10:45AM

Oct. 13 Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30
AM.

Oct 15 SUNDAY YOUTH MASS

Religious Ed classes PreK-12 9:45 AM to 10:45
AM

Oct. 20 No Friday class due to MEA week

Oct. 22 No Sunday RE due to MEA week

Oct. 25 Wednesday 6-8 PM Youth Group

For grades 7-12 please contact

Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades PreK-6 please contact

Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at

amandawiener@hotmail.com

**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.

Diocese of Crookston Senior High Youth

Rally (Grades 9-12), Featuring Kris Frank. The
theme is "The Lord is My Strength". Sunday,
October 29th, 2017, 1:30-8PM. At Holy Rosary
Catholic Church, 1043 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes,
MN. Contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286.

Safe Environment Certification:

**There are still a few volunteers and/or
employees that must certify for Safe
Environment, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE
WORKING DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS!**

Go to www.crookston.org Click on the "Safe
Environment". Please take a half hour out of
your busy schedule or I will have to start calling
you. If you have any questions please call, leave
a message. 435-6484 Thank You.

40 Rosaries for Life Campaign 2017

A new diocesan-wide time of prayer to coincide with 40 Days for Life. The fall 40 Days campaign started September 27th and will run through November 5th and our diocese will participate in "40 Rosaries for Life." The idea is to have a Rosary said by a group of parishioners (any size) in a parish on an assigned day over the 40 days. Thus, over the 40 days, we will have a Rosary for Life prayed somewhere in the diocese. **St. Mary's, Fosston, assigned date is Saturday, November 4th. We will gather at 8:30 am.**

Everyone can be part of our new worship program. You can sponsor one or more of our new hymnals, "*Journeysongs*". For each \$20.00 donation one hymnal will get a bookplate that reads: "Given as a gift by _____ in the name of _____. Special donation envelopes will be available during October. If you have questions call Theresa Zitzow 435-1182

Cursillo Retreat:At Sand Hill Bible Camp, south of Fosston. The Women's will be October 26-29. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) directly for food to be donated.

Cathedral Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 29 2017 from 11AM – 2PM at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Crookston. Knights of Columbus Fish fry or Turkey Dinner will be served.

Mahnomen Community Fall Festival: October 14, 2017 from 12PM – 4PM Just off Main Street, West of St. Michael's Church (Weather Permitting)

A monthly prayer hour at Planned Parenthood of Bemidji (2504 Hannah Ave NW) will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 10-11 AM.

Life and Dignity Sunday October 28-29, 2017

Bishop Hoepfner is encouraging all parishes in the Diocese of Crookston to focus attention on our civic responsibilities as Catholics and to provide parishioners with the opportunity to register for the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network. The network aims to be a "Voice for Life and Dignity in Minnesota," helping us to consider issues in Minnesota through a solidly Catholic, nonpartisan lens while also providing concrete opportunities to make a difference. Next weekend, there will be a one-page (double-sided) explanation of the network and Life and Dignity Sunday Registration Day in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then prayerfully consider registering for the MCC Catholic Advocacy Network on October 28-29th. There is absolutely no cost.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf:

The months of Feb. & Oct. we pay for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf utilities. Volunteers from St. Mary's are needed for the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in Feb. & Oct. Please call Sandy at 218-431-0215, let the phone ring to leave a message. Thank you for volunteering. Also, monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated.

Loaves and Fishes will be open for distribution in NOVEMBER on the 1st and the 15th. This change is due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the truck schedule.

Eucharistic adoration will be closing at 7pm on the Wednesdays that Youth Group meets so that students may have some time in the sanctuary. We support the spiritual formation of the future church by accommodating them wherever and whenever possible. May God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a closer walk with Jesus.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 15, 2017

Ushers: Erv Wickham, Students

Gifts: Students

Lector: Students

Commentator: Students

Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Dorothy Killian,
Carol Aaland, Valarie Holzer, Gabe Wiener

Servers: Students

Hospitality: David & Rosemary Brinkman,
Steve Chalich Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 22, 2017

Ushers: David Brinkman, Doug Hand

Gifts: Dave & Valarie Holzer Family

Lector: Casey Holland,

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier

Eucharist: *Jan Hemmingson, Eileen Hegg, Mark
Bingham, Linda Blaser, Erv Wickham

Servers: Lance Balstad, Isaac Chalich, Eva Chalich

Hospitality: Luann DuFault, Tom & Rita Holland

STEWARDSHIP

Budget needed weekly: \$ 2,320.15

Last Week's Collections:

34 Adult Envelopes \$ 1605.00

Loose Collection \$ 96.00

5 Children/Youth \$ 10.00

Hurricane Relief \$ 52.00

Bazaar Deposit \$ 191.25

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 3,313.48

2nd Collection October 22nd for the Propagation of the Faith, World Mission Sunday. Envelopes will be available in the pews and in your envelope box.

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.

All are welcome for Coffee & Rolls after Mass. Children and youth should go directly to their classrooms as rolls will be served for them there.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH AND THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

Please take notice of the Respect Life Poster from US Conference of Catholic Bishops in the gathering space. www.usccb.org/prolife
Please come Sundays in October to pray the Rosary with Catholic United Financial members.

Youth Group Service Project:

Our youth at St. Mary's have come up with an idea for a service project. Our youth group will be doing service projects to help with yard work or fall cleanup for some of our elderly parishioners. If you would like to help we are asking you to sponsor them on this service with a donation to our youth group fund. The monies raised will be used toward a future mission trip or youth camp. Mark an envelope "Youth Group Service Project" and drop it in the Sunday collection. For questions please contact Lori Balstad 218-938-4286

The youth had Mass & Supper with the parishioners they will be serving last Wednesday evening and are very excited about this project.

100th Anniversary of Fatima Apparition

In observance of the last appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three children at Fatima 100 years ago, **October 13, 1917**, please gather at **8:15 a.m.** in the church to pray the **Rosary** before the **8:45 a.m. Mass** with the elementary students on **Friday, Oct. 13, 2017.**

In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary said: Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: "O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary"