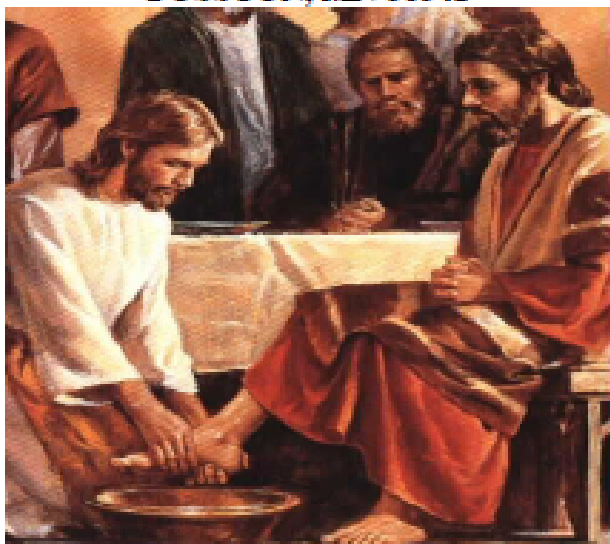


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others. They also explain the *servant leadership* of Jesus, focusing service and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom. Jesus challenges his followers to become great by serving others with sacrificial love: "*Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant.*" As Christians, we are all invited to serve others, to give our lives in loving service to others, and to serve with a smile! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. Service always involves suffering, because we can't help another without some sacrifice on our part. The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving," is in our own homes and workplaces. We are rendering great service to others also when we present them and their needs before God daily in our prayers.

I thank you so much for your Pastor appreciation gift. I keep you all in my prayers. God Bless You! Have a great week!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 21st, 2018

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7-12: Lori Balstad

Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden

Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895

24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 6:30 pm

Wed., Oct. 24 11:30 am Mass, Barb Wickham+

Fri., Oct. 26 8:30 am Mass,
Mike Inwards+

Sun., Oct. 28 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tue., Oct. 23 5:30 pm 40 Rosaries for Life
6 pm Mass, John Shereck+

Thur., Oct. 25 11:30am Mass,
Madre Family.

Sun., Oct. 28 10:30am Mass, Allen Theis+

Please pray for Fr. John, as he celebrates
his Birthday on Thursday, October 25th.

Birthdays

October 23 Tony Haugen
October 25 Fr. John
October 27 Luann Dufault

No Anniversaries Listed

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, Candy Keller, Hannah Keller,
Chuck Agnes, Harper Hand, Linda Klinkhammer,
Brady Jones, Betty Bingham, Lou Osmundson,
Kaylee, Sharon Rein, Kristi Maruska, Wayne
Paulson, Paul Silver, Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh
Martinson, Fr. Don Braukmann, Sally Hanson,
Roger Scharendroich, Nora Ann Lentz, Cele
Winkler, Loni Jurik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,
Kristin Litzinger, Jackie Randall, Vernon Kleppe,
James Bingham, Gary Ebling, Dean Vikan, Allie
St. Pierre, Brenda Steffan, Ann Schoenborn, Ernest
Agnes.

"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. 28, 2018
Jeremiah 31:7-9, Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6,
Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

Fall Cursillo, Men's Cursillo Oct. 25-28 at Sand
Hill Lake Bible Camp, Fosston. Contact Carol
Olsonawski 218-689-9081 or Bobbi Mercil 701-
866-5706 Applications at
crookstoncursillo@weebly.com.

BAMM (Bemidji Area Men's Ministry)

Speaker: Gerry Caillouet, host of God's Great
Outdoors national radio show. Tues., Oct. 30th at 7
PM. (Event is specifically for men & their sons,
age 12 & up, are encouraged to com. Check out the
bulletin board for more info.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

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

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
October 24th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided

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

Sunday Oct. 28 Youth Rally 1-7:30PM, EGF,
9-12 grades, Meet at the church 11 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

amandawienner@hotmail.com

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

For questions contact Lori.

Those who have not yet joined Religious

Education, you're still most welcome! Please

encourage your children to be enthusiastic in

attending classes.

Safe Environment Certification:

**IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH STUDENTS IN
ANY WAY!** Go to www.crookston.org Click on the
"Safe Environment". **Do Component A.** 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 or email
stmarysfosston@gmail.com Thank You

Youth Group Service Project:

Our youth group at St. Mary's will again be
doing service projects such as help with yard
work or fall cleanup for some of our older
parishioners. The groups are made up of 1 adult
and 4 students and they will visit with 6 different
families. 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

Volunteers are needed in the Fosston area.
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council is looking for volunteers for the **Caring Companion Program** or the **Foster Grandparent Program**. Check out the bulletin board. 218-281-5832 www.tvoc.org

Also, **Foster Parents** are needed to provide care & nurturing to children of all ages who need temporary homes. Immediate need at this time. Contact Jackie Jeffrey at 218-399-8536

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. Please call before so scheduling can be done. Sandy at 218-431-0215, let the phone ring to leave a message or 218-280-6957. Thank you for those who are volunteering. Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated. There is a basket in the gathering space to drop off your food donations.

Seven of the Church's newest saints!

Pope Saint Paul VI
Saint Oscar Romero
Saint Vincent Romano
Saint Francesco Spinelli
Saint Nunzio Sulprizio
Saint Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa
Saint Maria Katharina Kasper

Watch Paul VI: The Pope in the Tempest
Saint Paul VI led the Church through some of the most tumultuous years of the 20th century. This exciting and insightful film covers fifty years of history that changed the Catholic Church and the world.
Also Check Out the Newly Released Saint Oscar Romero: Priest, Prophet, Martyr
Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

Register for Catholics at the Capitol today!
Details regarding diocesan transportation are coming soon! This year we are hoping to double our participation from the Diocese of Crookston. Catholics at the Capitol will take place on Tuesday, February 19th, 2019. Speakers this year include Archbishop Chaput, Gloria Purvis, Danielle Rose, and a surprise speaker yet to be announced!

Information on Catholics at the Capitol can be found here: <https://catholicsatthecapitol.org/>

Father Matt Schmitz, Promoter for the Office of Vocations, is leading a trip to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota, for a Come and See weekend Nov. 9-12.

The men will join seminarians, and the weekend is "an opportunity to learn more about priesthood and seminary life, to meet the students and faculty of the seminary and to become familiar with St. Mary's University." Go to ihmseminary.org
Check out the bulletin board.

A Story of Faith, Hope and Forgiveness

Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Holocaust. Immacul'ee Ilibagiza with Steve Erwin will be at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 305 West 5th Street, **Park Rapids on Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 at 7 PM.** For the \$10 tickets contact Annette Haas at 218-732-5142 or annette@arvig.net

November 4-10, 2018

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Oct. 28, 2018

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Steve Chalich Family

Lector: Amanda Schultz

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Valarie Holzer,
Dorothy Killian, Doug & Michele Schoenborn

Servers: Grant & Logan Hemberger,
Olivia Rosendahl

Hospitality: Jeanne & Dennis Sanden,
Lynn Jackson

THURSDAY, Mass at 6:30PM, All Saint's Day

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Nov. 1, 2018

Ushers: John Blaser, Doug Hand

Gifts: Dorothy Killian & Sue DeFrang

Lector: Chuck Redder

Commentator: Margarette Rue

Eucharist: *Kathryn Zeiermier, Erv Wickham,
Mark Bingham

Servers: Trent & Lance Balstad, Harlee Bingham

Hospitality: NONE

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Nov. 4, 2018

Ushers: David Brinkman, David Holzer

Gifts: Dianne Christopherson, John Cullen

Lector: Kathryn Ziermeier

Commentator: Michele Schoenborn

Eucharist: *Mark Bingham, Gabe Wiener,
John Keller, Clyde Kringlen, Carol Aaland

Servers: Chloe McLean, Genevieve Rue,
Ben Keller

Hospitality: Carol Aaland, Linda & John Blaser

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2403.67

Last Week's Collections:

41 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1718.00

13 Children/Student Donations \$ 13.00

Loose \$ 00.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1731.00

Coffee & Rolls (Cost \$53.99) \$ 59.00

Bazaar Donation (Indian Meal) \$ 375.00

Capital Improvement \$ 60.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 4945.21

**Please consider being a Eucharistic Minister.
Also, A Bazaar Committee Leader is still
needed for 2019 Please consider being a Leader.
Contact Fr. John at 435-6484**

**October is Respect Life Month
Catholic United Financial arranges**

8:10am Rosary Sunday's before Mass in Oct.

**SUPPORT & RESPECT
EVERY HUMAN LIFE**

Baby Bottles located at each entrance to the church await your donations for the Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center (NPCC) of Bemidji. NPCC help women choose life for their babies and assist them any way they can. All funding comes from tax deductible donations. Please be generous and **return** your baby bottle to St. Mary's **by Nov. 1st**. Cash, check or coins are welcome. Please help yourself to info on the Center and to other life materials on the pro-life tables.

Bring your coffee to the large classroom after Mass TODAY to watch a short video from the Center.

**All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation:
Thursday, Nov. 1st, Mass in Fosston at 6:30pm
Mass in Bagley will be on Wednesday, Oct. 31
at 7pm and on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 11:30am.**

As Catholics, we are called to form our consciences, inform our votes instead of simply conforming to political ideologies or partisan politics, and together we can begin to transform our state. The Minnesota Catholic Conference, through the Catholic Advocacy Network, has provided Catholics in Minnesota with an abundance of important resources that will help voters prepare their hearts and minds prior to election day. Go to:

<https://www.mncatholic.org/resources/election/>
Some of the resource links you will find on this site include: Election Novena, Guide to Forming Conscience (USCCB), Living the Gospel Life (USCCB), What's on My Ballot: Sample ballot with candidates and issues (Secretary of State)