

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The central theme of today's readings is the overflowing mercy and kindness of a loving, healing and forgiving God for His children. The first reading tells us how a forgiving and compassionate God has been healing the spiritual blindness of His Chosen People. Today's Gospel explains how Jesus shows the mercy and compassion of his Heavenly Father by healing the blind Bartimaeus. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting his request, "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.*" His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. Hence, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us, granting us proper spiritual vision. Let us learn to recognize the causes of our spiritual blindness. let us pray for spiritual sight. We need to "cry out" to Jesus, as Bartimaeus did. Like Bartimaeus, we must seek Jesus with trusting faith in his goodness and mercy.

God Bless You! Have a great week!

Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon - 8 pm

Wed., Oct. 31 11:30 am Mass, Proulx Family+

**Thur., Nov. 1 6:30pm All Saints Day Mass,**  
Bill Aaland+

Sun., Nov. 4 8:30 am Mass, For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon - 6 pm

Wed., Oct 31 7pm Vigil Mass-All Saints Day,  
Alice Rusch+

**Thur., Nov. 1 11:30am All Saints Day Mass,**  
Deceased Family Members of  
Frank & Minnie Shereck+

**First Fri., Nov. 2 5:30pm Mass & Adoration**  
Allen Theis+

Sat., Nov. 3 7:30pm Hunters' Mass,  
Larry Kliner Jr.

Sun., Nov. 4 10:30am Mass,  
Jim Vorderbruggen+

**All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation**

### Birthdays

Nov 2 Betty Bingham  
Nov 3 Gabe Schouviller  
Nick Geray  
Karen Schmanski

### 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 Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,  
Kristin Litzinger, Jackie Randall, Vernon Kleppe,  
James Bingham, Gary Ebling, Dean Vikan, Allie  
St. Pierre, Brenda Steffan, Ernest Agnes, Clara  
Manecke.

*"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, Nov. 4, 2018**  
Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Ps. 18: 2-3,3-4,47,51,  
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28b-34

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
**Park Rapids on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**at 7 PM.** For the \$10 tickets contact Annette Haas  
at 218-732-5142 or [annette@arvig.net](mailto:annette@arvig.net)

**There are New Catholic Yearbook booklets  
available in the Social Hall.**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

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

No RE for all grades on Sunday., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM. Supper provided  
Friday class for grades K-6 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  
[amandawwiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawwiener@hotmail.com)

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

For questions contact Lori.

**Your still welcome to join Religious Education,**  
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](http://www.crookston.org) Click on the  
"Safe Environment". **Do Component A.** Please  
take time out of your busy schedule or you will be  
called as a reminder. If you have any questions  
please call, leave a message. 435-6484 or email  
[stmarvfosston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvfosston@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

**LOST, Brown Wood Rosary, regular size.  
Let the office know if you find it.**

**Foods needed during the Holiday Season at the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf:**

The Holidays add additional stress to families experiencing food emergencies & limited financial resources. We can make a difference! Call Sandy at 218-431-0215, let the phone ring to leave a message or 218-280-6957. Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston. There is a box in the gathering space to drop off your food donations. Check out the bulletin board for list of foods needed.

Since the daily Lenten reflections were such a success, now offering reflections all year long! Sign up for FORMED Daily to receive a short clip by email from the platform's best content each day. Go to: [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Parish code: TGVHW3

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL (CUF)** will hold a "Bakeless Bake Sale" from now until Nov. 11. See the orange insert in today's bulletin. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's CUF Council. You can either drop your donation in the box in the gathering space or mail to Jan Hemmingsen, 39022 335th Ave SE, Fosston, MN 56542. All proceeds go to St. Mary's religious education and are part of our matching grant fund raiser. Last year we received \$1,000 from Catholic United Financial matching our donations to the Bakeless Bake Sale and the Basket Sale. Thank you for supporting the education of our future church.

**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.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE, SUNDAY, NOV. 4.** During the month of November we remember all the deceased people of our families in our prayers. Since last November, our parish has mourned the passing of: **Kilmer Christopherson, Helen Randall, Ronald Reinbold, Catherine Senger, Barbara Wickham.**

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. On Sunday, Nov. 4, we will honor their memories at the Mass in a special way. You are encouraged and invited to bring pictures of those you wish to honor and have us remember, also. There will be an area at the back of the church for them to be displayed. Also, please enter their names in the special book of the dead so that they may be included in our prayers.

**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](http://ihmseminary.org) Check out the bulletin board.

**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/>

**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 Ziermeier, Erv Wickham,  
Mark Bingham

**Servers:** Trent & Lance Balstad, Harlee Bingham

**Hospitality:** NONE

**Reminder, November 4:**

**FALL BACK one hour to Standard Time.**

**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

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Nov. 11, 2018**

**Ushers:** Jerry Erdmann, Tom Weber

**Gifts:** Sue DeFrang, Eileen Hegg

**Lector:** Amanda Shultz

**Commentator:** Margarette Rue

**Eucharist:** \*Jeanne Sanden, Kathryn Ziermeier,  
Steve & Lorri Massmann, Erv Wickham

**Servers:** Isaac Chalich, Jesse Worshek,  
Kayla Zitzow

**Hospitality:** David & Rose Brinkman,

Carol Broadwell

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2403.67
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
39 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1610.00
1 Children/Student Donations	\$ 1.00
Loose	\$ 33.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1644.00</b>
Coffee & Rolls (Cost \$40.71)	\$ 24.15
World Mission	\$ 142.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 4975.21

**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**

**Guild meeting Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

**SUPPORT & RESPECT  
EVERY HUMAN LIFE**

Baby Bottles located at each entrance to the church still 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. Please be generous and **return** your baby bottle to St. Mary's by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help yourself to info on the Center and to other life materials on the pro-life tables.

**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)

**Thank you to our Catholic United Financial Council for leading the rosary before all the Sunday Masses in October.**

**2nd Collection** Nov. 4 is for the Capital Improvement Fund.

**2nd Collection** Nov. 18 is for the Campaign for Human Development

**2nd Collection** Nov. 25 is for St. Mary's Mission, Red Lake

**Window Project Survey Results**

**46 Responded, 33 Yes, 3 Undecided, 10 No**