

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus reinforces his commandment of loving our neighbor point with a parable about a foolish rich man. Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his gravity and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness - *it's mine, all mine, and no one else's*. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! What is Jesus' lesson on using material possessions? It is in giving that we receive. Those who are rich towards God receive ample reward - not only in this life - but in eternity as well. In this little parable Jesus probes our heart - where is our treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. "Lord Jesus, help me to desire you alone as the one true treasure worth possessing above all else.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 4th, 2019**

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7-12: Lori Balstad

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Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham

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Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895

24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 8 pm

Wed., Aug. 7 3:30pm Mass, First Care NH,

Catherine Senger+

Fri., Aug. 9 8:30 am Mass,

Lynn Cullen

Sun., Aug. 11 8:30 am Mass,

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Thurs., Aug. 8 10:30pm Mass,

Doug Essig+

Sun., Aug. 11 10:30am Mass,

Jim Vorderbruggen+

Birthdays

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| Aug. 12 | Mark Bingham |
| | <u>Anniversary</u> |
| Aug. 13 | Eldin & Alice Okstad |
| Aug. 15 | Roy & Crystal Schouviller |
| Aug. 16 | Andy & Angie Shimpa |

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, Brady Jones,
Betty Bingham, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson,
Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson, Fr. Don
Braukmann, Roger Scharendroich, Nora Ann
Lentz, Loni Jirik, Debbie Martin, Kristin Litzinger,
Gary Ebling, Allie St. Pierre, Brenda Steffan,
Richard Parent, Dennis Omang, Beverly Roue,
Tracy Kozitka, Bev Drellack, Lynne Cullen,
Bernie Brennan, Paul Silver, Joyce Klinkhammer,
Bob Clayton, Ray Larson, Ben Hougen, Marge
Messer, Dave Blazek, Char Langen, Diane
Christopherson, Christine Jahnsen.

"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, Aug. 11, 2019
Wisdom 18:6-9, Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22,
Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-12, Luke 12:35-40

Volunteer Needed to refinish window sills of
church windows where moisture has caused
deterioration of the finish. Just a few windows
need work. Ask Marge for details.



Reforming the Church from within: On July
31st we celebrated the feast day of St. Ignatius.
Discover how he gave us a new spirituality and
founded an order faithful to the papacy amidst
the Protestant Reformation's chaos.

FREE to all parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org, Parish code: TGVHW3

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is
a private weekend for married couples to grow
in their love. The next available weekend is
Sept. 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. Go to
northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at
applications@northmnwwme.org
or 888-455-3496

There are approximately 44,000 survivors of late-
term abortion in the U. S. alone. According to
lifeneeds.com 30,000 doctors supported the Born
Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act declaring,
"...intentionally killing a late-term baby in an
abortion is never necessary to save a mother's
life."

On The Abortion Survivors Network's homepage
it states, "We're more than a choice. We're
someone's son or daughter, grandchild, sibling,
niece or nephew, cousin, friend, co-worker,
neighbor. Many of us are someone's spouse,
someone's parent. We're individuals... impacted
by abortion. Impacted by the decision, whether by
choice, coercion or force, that someone made to
end our lives."

-a.m.opdahl

"Take care to guard against all greed, for
though one may be rich, one's life does not
consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

The Gospel message today is contrary to our
modern culture where advertising continually
tries to convince us that our value lies in the
things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true
value lies in the way we live our lives. He
challenges us to not hoard material possessions,
but rather to live a grateful and generous
lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and
less "self-centered."

Letter from Bishop Michael Hoepfner: The Diocese of Crookston is not sponsoring the event "Roman Catholic Revival Crookston" and does not endorse nor recommend participation at the event. See bulletin board for the full statement.

Joining Hearts for Paisley. August 10th, 4PM there will be a Benefit for Paisley Straub. There will be food, silent auction, kids games and much more. Check out the bulletin board for more info. Monetary donations can be made to the American Federal Bank of Fosston.

RUBY'S PANTRY. For a \$20 donation per food share you get more than your money's worth. It is recommended you bring 2 boxes, baskets or totes with you to the Pop-Up Pantry for your food share distributions. Location: Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave., Clearbrook, MN August 7th. Doors open at 4:30PM, distribution 5-6:30PM

Our Lady of the Lakes Magnificat, Walker, MN invites men & women to attend a Magnificat Meal Aug. 16 and a Breakfast Aug. 17 at St. Agnes Parish, 210 Division St., Walker, MN. Speaker is Fr. Greg Paffel who will give his testimony of his faith journey before and after his baptism in the Holy spirit and teach on Devine Mercy. Register by August 13, call Lorri Hening 218-507-0953 or Jeanette 218-652-2325. Cost is \$15.

BLOCK PARTY (Fall Festival) at St. Philip's Catholic Church, Bemidji: Rain or Shine! August 24th, 4-10 PM. Kids' Carnival, Live Music, Food & Drink, Beer Garden, Bingo & much more. Check out flyer on bulletin board.

MCCL FALL TOUR PRO-LIVE GATHERING. Learn about the latest threats to unborn children and their mothers-and what you can do to make a difference. September 27th, 7-8 PM at the Community Center McIntosh, 115 NW Broadway.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON: As you may have heard, the Diocese of Crookston has reached a five-million-dollar settlement with victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse. The agreement has been reached after years of negotiation and mediation of 15 lawsuits regarding clerical sexual abuse filed between April 2016 and May 2017 as a result of the Minnesota Child Victims Act. You can read more about the settlement in the letter from Bishop Michael Hoepfner, go to www.crookston.org.

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by these matters.

Save the Date: Everyone is invited to help the Sisters of Saint Benedict Monastery celebrate their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, Sept 15th, join them for Eucharist followed by a reception. Go to www.msb.net to meet the Sister of the Day for a peek behind the veil.

The 2019 Summer Appeal will be taken on the weekend of August 18th. If you haven't done so already, this is a great opportunity to support diocesan efforts to bring the fallen away back to the faith, to offer events for our children and youth, to make sure that our parish has done what it can to support safe environments in our parishes, a Tribunal to bring those with broken families back into full communion with the church and to offer our resistance to the attacks of the secular press. We are all one family sharing our joys, our great resilience and strength as well as our sorrows. Support green giving by becoming a sustaining donor at www.crookston.org/daa or calling 1-218-281-4533 ext. 432

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Aug. 11, 2019

Ushers: John Blaser, David Brinkman

Gifts: Justin & Amanda Shultz Family

Lector: Margarette Rue

Commentator: Michele Schoenborn

Eucharist: * Mark Bingham, Jan Hemmingsen,
Valarie Holzer, John Keller

Servers: Trent Balstad, Ann Jackson,
Emily Chalich

Hospitality: Lynn & Sue Vennes, Erv Wickham

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Aug. 18, 2019

Ushers: Doug Hand, Dennis Sanden

Gifts: Connie Smeby, Carolyn Schmitz

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermier

Eucharist: * Clyde Kringlen, Dorothy Killian,
Mark Bingham, Erv Wickham

Servers: Olivia Rosendahl, Grace & Sofia Rue

Hospitality: Jim & Deb Wille, Theresa Zitzow

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2425.00

Last Week's Collections:

38 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1625.00

6 Children/Student Donations \$ 6.00

Loose \$ 87.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1718.00

Votive Stade \$ 12.00

Mission Trip Payments \$ 400.00

Mission Trip Memorials \$ 120.00

Capital Improvement \$ 4912.47

Youth Group Coordinator for St. Mary's is needed. It is a Paid Position: Lori will help train someone during the 2019-2020 school year.

Please consider taking the position. Call 435-6484.

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of Irma Hemmingsen who passed away last week. Irma is Dennis Hemmingsen's mother. May Irma and Del Hemmingsen and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please remember to take your dishes home that are left from the funerals. They are in the gathering area.

THANK YOU and BLESSINGS to the families for the beautiful plants and flowers donated to St. Mary's. Some donations have been from funerals and some from personal donations. They all beautify the church so well. We are very grateful for these donations!

Thank You to Sarah Bjerklie who served the meal for Fr. Bryan and the group of St. Philip's parishioners, who were all on the 90-Mile Walking for Vocations last Wednesday.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for **Bazaar Committee Leader**. Contact Fr. John at 435-6484. Bazaar is September 29th.

This is the Last weekend to list your donations for the BAZAAR RAFFLE in order to list them on the tickets. The list sheets are located by each entrance of the church.

Assemble Bazaar Packets on Wednesday, August 7th at 6 PM. Many hands needed. Please come to help.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: School supplies and backpacks needed. Please check out the insert in today's bulletin for information and the items needed. Please note the brand name of some products, off brand or funny, cute colored pencils many times are not usable.

With fall approaching, our teachers are making plans for religious education classes. Volunteers are needed for grades 7 and up to teach, substitute and help in the classroom after Mass and Wednesday evening. contact Lori Balstad at 218 938 4286 or Amanda Wiener at amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com

Holy Day of Obligation:

Thursday, August 15th is the feast day of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

5:30 PM Rosary Procession.

6 PM Mass

After Mass on Sunday, August 25th we will celebrate Lucille Dufault's 90th Birthday. Everyone welcome.