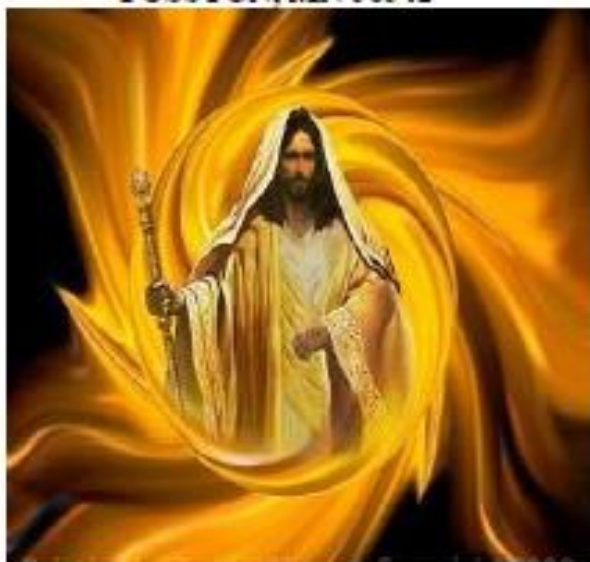


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. The Gospel message is good news for those who seek pardon, peace, and the abundant life which God offers us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus offers true freedom to those who believe in him - freedom from slavery to sin, Satan, and the oppressive forces of hatred and evil that can destroy body, mind, and spirit. Let us commit our ways to him, obey his word, and we will find true peace, joy, and happiness in the Lord your God. Prayer: "Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may always seek to please you and do your will." God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18th, 2019

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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 8 pm

Fri., Aug. 23 8:30 am Mass,
Jim Mireault+

Sun., Aug. 25 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Thurs., Aug. 22 11:30am Mass,
Larry Kliner Jr. +

Sun., Aug. 25 10:30am Mass,
Suvakeen+

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

No reason not to hear what your neighbor at the table is asking, new sound absorbing boards have been installed in the gathering space.

Birthdays

Aug. 22 Linda Blaser
Aug. 21 Lucille Dufault 90th
Aug. 25 Augusta Maruska

Anniversary

Aug. 19 Dr. Gabe & Amanda Wiener
Aug. 22 John & Audrey Schmit

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, 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, Christine Jahnson, Chad Blaser, Rod
Nielsen, Sam Jesness

"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. 25, 2019
Isaiah 66:18-21, Ps 117:1, 2, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-
13, Luke 13:22-30

Volunteer STILL 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.



St. Philomena, A Saint for our times.

**A POWERFUL INTERCESSOR, A SAINT
SURROUNDED BY MIRACLES.** From the
supernatural intervention by which St. Philomena
survived two execution attempts, to the miracles
that have been wrought through her intercession,
this little saint has earned the nickname "Wonder
Worker". **FREE** to all parishioners! **Go to:**
Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

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.

"Is ending the life of a human fetus moral?"

Dennis Prager asks in The Most Important
Question About Abortion video, "Does the human
fetus have any value? And any rights? Now, it's a
scientific fact that a human fetus is human life.
Those who argue that the human fetus has no
rights say that a fetus is not a person. There are
many living beings that are not persons that have
both value and rights; dogs and other animals. A
living being doesn't have to be a person in order to
have intrinsic moral value and rights," he
concludes.

It begs the question, where are the humane
societies for unwanted babies? a.m.opdahl

**"Do you think I have come to give you peace on
Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."**

(Luke 12:51) Living a stewardship lifestyle
means stepping out of our comfort zone when
needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause
waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's
world we are called to be informed and take a
stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fertile, Rockin' 50's
Hoedown and Car Show on Saturday, September
7th. 1-9 PM at the Industrial Building at the Polk
County Fairgrounds in Fertile. Car Show and
afternoon games from 1-6 PM, meatball dinner 4-7
PM, and Silent Auction and Raffle drawings at
7:30 PM. All go to the St. Joseph Building Fund.

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.

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

Everyone is invited to help the Sisters of Saint Benedict Monastery conclude their celebration for their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, Sept 15th, 2 PM, at the Cathedral in Crookston. Join them for Eucharist followed by a reception. The Sisters are hosting this Mass to give thanks for and celebrate the wonderful support they are grateful for from all of their friends over these 100 years. **ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

Cursillo! Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 26-29 and a Men's weekend October 24-27 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. For more information contact Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706. Applications are also available at your parish office or atcrookstoncursillo.weebly.com

Loaves and Fishes food shelf
NEEDS YOUR EXTRA PRODUCE!

The food shelf welcomes donations of garden produce in any amount. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf on August 20th, 1-7pm and August 21st, 8-12am. There will be a table available outside to place your produce on. Questions: 218-280-6957. Thank you.

IGNITE YOUTH CENTER is having a "Back to School Bash" Friday, August 23rd 6-9PM, for grades 7-12. Food, live music, games, outdoors, friends & fun.

Retreat for those in Grief – Hope United Grief Group Fall Interdenominational Retreat.

September 13-15, 2019, Friday evening 7 PM through Sunday morning 11 AM at the Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake, MN. **Healing Takes Time.** This retreat will focus on five different types of grief – Loss of Spouse; Loss of Child; Loss through Suicide; Pregnancy & infant Loss and Loss of Sibling/Parent. There will be main speakers with breakout sessions that will be facilitated by those who have experienced similar losses. The retreat is meant to be a gift from God to remind the grieving that there IS hope after the loss of a loved one, no matter where they may be on their journey of grief. \$175 for a semi-private room. Confidential partial scholarships available. Contact Marlene Hunt at 507-381-1177 or 507-931-2320 or email marlenehunt53@gmail.com. Facebook: Hope United Grief Group

Saturday, September 14th - Christ is Alive! 10 AM-4PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston. \$10 & Lunch is served. This event is open to anybody in the Diocese who works with or raises young people; ministers, catechists, parents, volunteers, pastors and teachers! All are welcome! Some of the topics we will unpack are: •Authentic ways to engage our young people in faith and ministry. •Mentoring through developmental relationships. •Leveraging the strengths of the i-generation. •Creative approaches to catechesis. The content of this day will be diverse, and applicable to those who minister to and mentor young people of all ages. The day will include keynote talks, discussion and breakout sessions. Register or visit <https://www.crookston.org/christisalive>. For questions, please contact Bob Noel at bnoel@crookston.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Aug. 25, 2019

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, Erv Wickham

Gifts: Michele & Doug Schoenborn

Lector: Clyde Kringle

Commentator: Amanda Shultz

Eucharist: * Jeanne Sanden, Dr. Gabe Wiener,
Michelle & Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Olivia Rosendahl, Dane Schoenborn,
Ellis Wiener

Hospitality: Eileen Hegg, Sue Defrang,
Lisa & Paul Rosendahl Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Sept. 1, 2019

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Jeanne & Dennis Sanden

Lector: Clyde Kringle

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Dorothy Killian,
Michelle & Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Grant & Logan Hemberger, Sofia Rue

Hospitality: Dennis & Jeanne Sanden,
Nina & Mark Bingham Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2425.00
Last Week's Collections:	
36 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1565.00
9 Children/Student Donations	\$ 9.00
Loose	\$ 52.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1626.00
Coffee & Rolls (Cost \$34.50)	\$ 38.00
Memorials (Rose Mireault)	\$ 180.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 185.00
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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.

ALSO

Bazaar Committee Leader. Contact Fr. John at 435-6484. Bazaar is September 29th.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: School supplies and backpacks needed. Please check out the bulletin board for information and the items needed. Donation bucket by church entrance.

Your packets for the Bazaar are in the back of the church on a table. Please take your packets home today.

Bazaar Raffle tickets are \$2 each OR 6 for \$10. (Mistake made on first printing.) There are 6 tickets in each book instead of 10. If you buy the whole book, you pay \$10.00. Each bazaar packet has two books of tickets.

With fall approaching, our teachers are making plans for religious education classes. Volunteers are needed for Friday School, 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 amandawienner@hotmail.com

If you have not checked out the St. Mary's website stmarysfosston.org your missing something very nice. Carolyn Schmitz has been very helpful by sharing her talent of loading the bulletin and photos on the site. Thank you very much Carolyn for your help & patience.

This weekend we take up the collection for the 2019 Summer Appeal! What was once an appeal to the summer guests in our diocese has now become an opportunity to commit in joy and thanksgiving to the local church. If you haven't done so already, this is a great chance 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, to support a Tribunal that brings those with broken families back into full communion with the church and to offer our resistance to the work of the secular press. We are one family, sharing our joys, our resilience and strength as well as our deeply felt disappointments. Support green giving by becoming a sustaining donor call 1-218-281-4533 ext. 432 or www.crookston.org/daa Envelopes are provided in the pews. You can put the envelope in the regular Sunday collection or mail it to Crookston.