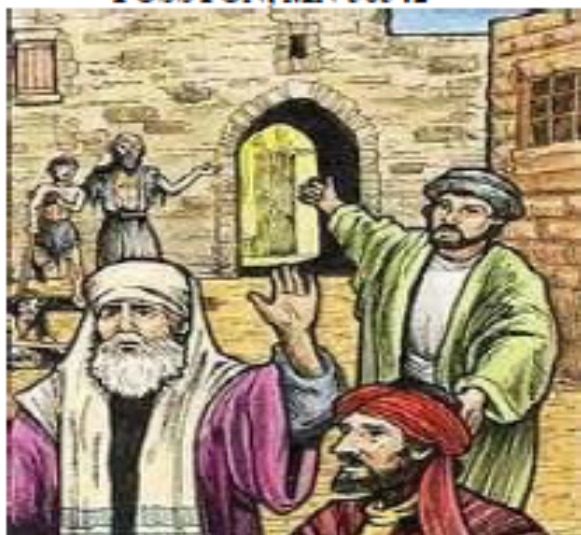


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus invites us to *strive* to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus has in mind is himself. *I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved.* God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us children of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood & darkness ruled by Satan. If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will - our own life for his life. Following the Lord requires effort and commitment on our part. God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25th, 2019

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7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
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. 28 11:30 am Mass,
Bernice Fesko Family
1 pm Mass, McIntosh NH,
Kilmer Christopherson+

Fri., Aug. 30 8:30 am Mass,
Julia Franken+

Sun., Sept. 1 8:30 am Mass,
Cathy Senger+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues., Aug. 27 3:30 pm Mass, Cornerstone
Franklyn Renner+

Thurs., Aug. 29 11:30am Mass,
Delores O'Connor

Sun., Sept. 1 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

Birthdays

Aug. 30 Wayne Paulson
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, 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 Jahmson, Chad Blaser,
Rod Nielsen

"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, sept. 1, 2019
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11,
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a, Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

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.

**Presence. The mystery of the Eucharist. The
Mass Changes When We Know the Story of the
Eucharist.**

Stories are powerful, and this one can transform
your whole experience of the Mass. Beloved
speakers like Dr. Scott Hahn, Matt Fradd, and
Dr. Edward Sri illuminate the Eucharist's story
FREE to all parishioners! Go to: Formed.org.
Parish code: TGVHW3

"What about the right of the mother to end her
fetus's life under any circumstance for any
reason at any time in her pregnancy?" Dennis
Prager asks in *The Most Important Question
About Abortion* video. "Is that moral? It is only
if we believe the human fetus has no intrinsic
worth. But in most cases nearly everyone
believes the human fetus has essentially infinite
worth. When? When a pregnant woman wants to
give birth. Only if a pregnant woman doesn't
want to give birth do many people regard the
fetus as worthless. Either a human fetus has
worth or it doesn't." a.m.opdahl

"For behold, some are last who will be first
and some are first who will be last."

(Luke 13:30) Our standards in society are different
from God's standards. We often rank people by
what they have, how powerful they are, or how
successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will
not judge us by the same earthly standards. When
God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I
have given you?" How will you respond?

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.

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

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

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

Lions of Fosston – Lengby are selling Salt with free delivery. Check out the bulletin board.

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

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!**

Prairie Pines Community is having a 15th year Anniversary Party on Wednesday, September 11th, 4-7PM

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Sept. 1, 2019

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Jeanne & Dennis Sanden

Lector: Clyde Kringlen

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Sept. 8, 2019

Ushers: Doug Schoenborn, Tom Weber

Gifts: Jerome & Linda Klinkhammer

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen

Eucharist: * Mark Bingham, Carol Aaland,
Clyde Kringlen, Jeanne Sanden

Servers: Lance Balstad, Isabel Klinkhammer,
Anna Jackson

Hospitality: Tom & Rita Holland,
Mary Jacobson Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2425.00

Last Week's Collections:

41 Adult Envelopes: \$ 2195.00

1 Children/Student Donations \$ 2.00

Loose \$ 108.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 2305.00

Coffee & Rolls (Cost \$39.99) \$ 78.00

Assumption \$ 285.85

Capital Improvement \$ 10.00

Capital Improvement \$ 5997.47

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.

ALSO

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

Thank you to everyone who gave to the SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Please take your packets for the Bazaar in the back of the church on a table.

Bazaar Raffle tickets are \$2 each OR 6 for \$10. There are 6 tickets in each book instead of 10. If you buy the whole book, you pay \$10.00. Each packet has two books of tickets.

Our teachers are making plans for religious education (RE) 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 amandawiener@hotmail.com

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR RE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE DINING HALL.

PreK-10th grades Class starts Sunday, September 8th with a Kick-Off Party.

High School Youth Group starts Wed., Sept 11. With supper at 6pm

Friday School Release Time Religion Classes will start on Friday, Sept. 13th.

Catechetical Sunday September 8th.

All Teachers & Volunteers will be commissioned during Mass.

Parents are encouraged to complete Safe Environment Training and assist in the needs of the RE program. Much adult involvement makes the programs run more smoothly. For more information please contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286 or Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at amandawiener@hotmail.com

All volunteers and employees must certify for Safe Environment each year. Safe Environment Certification will be offered for parents and adult helpers on Sept. 8th after Mass.

You may also go to www.crookston.org Click on the "Safe Environment". Do "Component B" this year. Questions please call the Church office 435-6484 / E-Mail: stmarysfosston@gmail.com

Mass Sept. 4th at 6 pm

Finance Council Meeting Sept. 4th at 6:30 pm

Sept. 8th Latin American Collection

Guild meeting Sept. 10 at 6pm

Pastoral Council Meeting Sept 18th at 6pm