

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday Jesus invites us to be a humble servant of God. Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility helps us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. Saint Paul gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who *emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross* (Philippians 2:7-8). The Lord Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. "Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of sin, selfishness, and conceit. Help me to be humble as you are humble and to love freely and graciously all whom you call me to serve." Amen.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 1st, 2019

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PARISH STAFF:

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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 – 8 pm
Wed., Sept. 4 3:30 pm Mass, First Care NH,
Ernest Agnes Family
6 pm Mass,
Doug & Linda Hand

First Fri., Sept. 6 5:30 pm Mass & Adoration,
Mary Griffin+

Sun., Sept. 8 8:30 pm Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Thurs., Sept. 5 11:30am Mass,
Carl & Lena Larson+

Sun., Sept. 8 10:30am Mass,
Jim Vorderbruggen+

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

Birthdays

Sept. 2 Dr. Gabe Wiener
Sept. 6 Patricia Lynch
Sept. 8 Jerome Schmit
Anniversaries
Sept. 6 David & Debbie Illies

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 Johnson, Chad Blaser,
Rod Nielsen, Kerry Redder
"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. 8, 2019
Wisdom 9:13-18b, Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17,
Luke 14:25-33

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.

**Northwoods Christian Women's 10th Annual
Retreat**, Saturday, October 5th from 8am -3pm at
the Evangelical Free Church in Bemidji. Contact
Jenette at 218-766-3823 or Bonnie at 218-766-
9264. Check out bulletin board for more info.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For PreK-10th grades Class starts Sunday,
September 8th, after Mass 9:45-10:45 AM.
Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Sept. 11th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided.
Friday class for grades K-6 start Sept. 20th,
8:30-9:30 AM. (Note date changed)
7-10 grades contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286
For grades K-6th please contact
Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at
amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com

Middle School Rally – Thursday, October 17,
2019 (MEA Break) – Venue TBA

MCCL FALL TOUR PRO-LIFE

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.

Ode to St. Cecilia. Go back to the Third
Century with a Legendary Saint. Haley Atwell –
Agent Carter from the Captain America movies-
voices Cecilia, a young woman who has inspired
artists for nearly twenty centuries.
FREE to all parishioners! Go to: Formed.org.
Parish code: TGVHW3

If you plant beans you don't get wheat. A
person's egg or sperm cell is human. It's encoded
in our DNA. Abortion is not about science, it's
about opinion.

In The Most Important Question About Abortion
video, Dennis Prager asks, "On what moral
grounds does the mother alone decide a fetus's
worth? We certainly don't do that with regards to a
newborn child. It is society, not the mother or the
father, that determines whether a newborn child
has worth and a right to live. So the question is
why should that be different before the human
being is born?" a.m.opdahl

2020 Pilgrimage to Germany & Austria.

Sept. 16-25. Check out bulletin board.
Worldstrides.com/register

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14)

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return - a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Sept. 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. Go to northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org 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 at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com

As a diocese, we are extraordinarily blessed by the century of prayer and work the Sisters have bestowed upon us! 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 & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Christ is Alive! Saturday, September 14th 10 AM-4PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 702 Summit Ave N, Crookston, MN. \$10 & Lunch is served. The Crookston Office of Formation in Discipleship is working to put this event together for parents, grandparents, youth ministers, catechists, pastors, volunteers, teachers and anyone who works with our young people. 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

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).

Fall Dinners/Festivals/Bazaars *Our Northland Diocese* will publish Fall Dinners, Festivals and Bazaars from around the Diocese of Crookston in the Aug.-Oct. issues!

Go to www.crookston.org/falldinners

St. Joseph's Church, Beaulieu (18 miles South of Fosston.) **FALL DINNER & BAZAAR.** Sunday, Sept. 15th. 11 AM- 1 PM **Roast Beef & Ham and all the fixings.** Family style serving. Adults \$10, 12 years & under \$5, Pre-school \$1.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Sept. 15, 2019

Ushers: John Blaser, Doug Hand
Gifts: Pat & Michael Lynch
Lector: Margarette Rue
Commentator: Kathryn Ziermier
Eucharist: * Jan Hemmingsen, Linda Blaser,
John Keller, Dr. Gabe Wiener
Servers: Ben Keller, Ronald Jackson,
Emily Chalich
Hospitality: Marion Parent, Kathryn Ziermier,
Tom Weber

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
38 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1255.00
9 Children/Student Donations	\$ 11.00
Loose	\$ 103.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1369.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 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.

Please take your packets for the Bazaar from the table in the back of the church so we don't have to pay for mailing cost.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each OR 6 for \$10.
2 books in each packet. Please let the church office know if you need more books.

Volunteers are needed for religious education (RE) classes. 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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE DINING HALL.

Catechetical Sunday September 8th.

All Teachers & Volunteers will be commissioned during Mass.

Parents are encouraged to 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. Also parents who assist in the RE programs. Safe Environment Certification will be offered for parents and all adult helpers on Sept. 8th after Mass.

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

On Sunday, September 8th, after Mass the students who attended the mission trip will give a report about the trip and what they did. Everyone please plan to stay and listen to our young people.

Sept. 8th Latin American Collection

Guild meeting Sept. 10 at 6pm

Pastoral Council Meeting Sept 18th at 6pm
MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) meeting Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 7pm at the McIntosh Community Center. All are welcome.