

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday Jesus invites us to take up our cross and follow Him. Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to His Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from slavery to sin and everything that would keep us from his love, truth, and goodness. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory over sin & death. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to His Father's will. If we want to share in His glory and victory, then we, too, must 'count the cost' and say 'yes' to his call to "take up our cross and follow Him" as our Lord and Savior. What is the 'way of the cross' for us? It means that when our will crosses with God's will, then His will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down our lives each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Christ who cleanses us and makes us a new creation in Him. God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8th, 2019

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7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
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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. 11 1 pm Mass, McIntosh NH
Marcella Agnes+
Fri., Sept.13 8:30 am Mass,
Mark Fesko+
Sun., Sept. 15 8:30 am Mass,
Annammal+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Thurs., Sept. 12 11:30am Mass,
Ben Breidinger
Sun., Sept. 15 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

Guild meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6pm
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Birthdays

Sept. 9 Doug Hand
Sept. 10 Margarette Rue
Sept. 12 Don Drydahl
Anniversaries
Sept. 11 Bill & Betty Bingham
Sept. 14 Doug & Michele Schoenborn

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 Hougén, Marge Messer, Dave Blazek,
Char Langen, Christine Johnson, Chad Blaser,
Rod Nielsen, Kerry Redder, Ethan Asher
"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. 15, 2019
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19, 1
Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

Refinishing window sills of church windows
where moisture has caused deterioration of the
finish is still needed. Just a few windows need
work. Ask Marge for details.

The 40 Rosaries for Life "Rosaries Across the
Diocese" will again be underway between
September 25th and November 3rd.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For PreK-10th grades Class 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.

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.

FREE to all parishioners! Go to: Formed.org.
Parish code: TGVHW3 Many new features.

In the U.S. we apprehend, prosecute and
sentence those who kill. There are whole
professions dedicated to upholding this social
morality. Dennis Prager asks, "Why does one
person, a mother, get to determine whether that
being [fetus] has any right to live? People respond
by saying that a woman has a right to control her
body. Now that is entirely correct. The problem
here—however—is that the fetus is not her body.
It is in her body. It is a separate body. No one ever
asks a pregnant woman 'how's your body' when
asking about the fetus. People ask 'how's the
baby?'" a.m.opdahl

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.

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33) When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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

NPR NETWORK Real Presence Radio is holding their annual Fall Live Drive fundraising event on September 18-20. You can call in each day from 7AM-7PM to support the mission of RPR to assist the Catholic Church in drawing all people to the knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church. Call 877-795-0122 or www.yourCATHOLICradiostation.com

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).

Viola Hand's 95th birthday is Oct. 11th. The Hand Family will honor her with cake and ice cream after Mass on Oct. 6th and we are all invited.

Paul, Apostle of Christ free movie screening and discussion with movie producer Eric Groth
The public is invited to a free screening of the 2018 Sony Picture *Paul, Apostle of Christ*. Starring James Faulkner as St. Paul and Jim Caviezel (portrayed Jesus in *The Passion of the Christ*) as St. Luke, the movie is set during Paul's captivity in Rome when Luke begins to visit him in prison. The movie is set within Nero's persecution of Christians in Rome as Paul recounts his initial persecution of the Church to becoming a Christian and an ardent missionary disciple. Following the movie, Producer Eric Groth of ODB films will present reflections on the making of the movie and its reception as well as taking questions from the audience. The movie will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4th, in A.I. Merth Auditorium at Sacred Heart Parish in East Grand Forks, Mn.

Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner invites all of the faithful to join him and married couples from across the Diocese of Crookston for the 2019 Marriage Celebration Day on Sunday, October 6th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. The celebration will begin with Sunday Mass 2:30 p.m. during which couples will be honored. All married couples as well as widows and widowers will receive a special blessing from Bishop and each couple will receive a gift in thanksgiving for their support of marriage. Following mass, supper will be served and so, if you are planning to stay for the meal, please RSVP by September 27th at <http://www.crookston.org/marriageday>

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

Blood Drive sponsored by the GFWC Athenian Club Tuesday, September 17 at the Kingo Lutheran Church 11:30am -5:30 pm.
Call Sue Balstad 218-431-0241

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 Ziermeier,
Tom Weber

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Sept. 22, 2019

Ushers: Dave Holzer, David Brinkman

Gifts: Amanda & Dr. Gabe Wiener Family

Lector: Rick Nesvold

Commentator: Lori Balstad

Eucharist: * Valarie Holzer, Michele & Doug
Schoenborn, Erv Wickham

Servers: Darien Holzer, Ellis Wiener,
Evan Chalich

Hospitality: Jenny & Erwin Zitzow Family,
Florence Nesvold

STEWARDSHIP

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| Budget Needed Weekly: | \$ 2429.00 |
| Last Week's Collections: | |
| 30 Adult Envelopes: | \$ 1115.00 |
| 1 Children/Student Donations | \$ 1.00 |
| Loose | \$ 79.00 |
| Total Sunday Collection | \$ 1195.00 |
| Coffee & Rolls (Cost \$44.19) | \$ 70.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$ 125.00 |
| Capital Improvement Balance | \$ 6328.47 |

Youth Group Coordinator for St. Mary's is needed. It is a Paid Position. Please consider taking the position. Call 435-6484.

ALSO

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

More Raffle tickets available in the church office.

Pastoral Council Meeting Sept 18th at 6pm

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE DINING HALL.

All volunteers and employees must certify for Safe Environment each year. Also parents who assist in the RE programs. Please go to www.crookston.org. Click on the "Safe Environment". Component B will be highlighted this year. Anyone who took the test for VBS or before July 1st must take it again due to change test to component B. For questions please call the Church office 435-6484 or E-Mail: stmarysfosston@gmail.com

Christ is Alive! Saturday, September 14th 10 AM-4PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 702 Summit Ave N, Crookston, MN. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch .

The Crookston Office of Formation in Discipleship has 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 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

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. ALL ARE INVITED & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!