

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favor towards us. Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward (if not fully) in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, we must nourish our faith with the Word of God and ask the Lord to increase it.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Fr. John will celebrate his birthday on October 25th. Please pray for him to have much good health and happiness with God's blessings for many years.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20th, 2019

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener
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., Oct. 23 11:30 am Mass,
Marcella Agnes+

Fri., Oct 25 8:30 am Mass,
Harlod Agnes+

Sun., Oct. 27 8:30 am Mass,
Rose Mireault+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues., Oct. 22 5:30 pm Rosary for Life
6 pm Mass,
Doug Essig+

Wed., Oct. 23 5:30 pm Youth Mass,
Larry Kliner Jr.+

Thurs., Oct. 24 11:30am Mass,
Herman Gardner+

Sun., Oct. 27 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

Birthdays

Oct. 23 Tony Haugen
Oct. 25 Fr. John
Oct. 27 LuAnn Dufault
Anniversaries
Oct. 21 Jim & Debbie Wille

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,
Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Roger Scharendroich,
Nora Ann Lentz, Loni Jirik, Debbie Martin, Kristin
Litzinger, Allie St. Pierre, Brenda Steffan, Richard
Parent, Dennis Omang, 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, Ethan Asher, Shirley
Kowalski, Tom Sedler, Ava Lamb-Lopez,
Florence Nesvold.

"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, Oct. 27, 2019
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18, Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23, 2
Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

*A list of all the dinners in Our Diocese is
posted on the bulletin board.*

Lets support our churches.

Cathedral Harvest Festival, Sunday, Oct 27,
11am – 2 PM Fish Fry or Meatball Dinner. 702
Summit Ave., Crookston. Call 218-281-1735

Meatball Supper, Hope Lutheran Church.
Wed. Oct. 23, 5-7 PM Adults \$10 12 & under \$5.
Preschool Free.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM. Oct. 27th.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Oct. 23rd, 6-8 PM. Supper provided.

Friday class for grades K-6, 8:30-9:30 AM.

7-10 grades contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For grades K-6th please contact

Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or at
amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com

If you did not register your children for RE yet, you
are welcome to do so at anytime.

Teens Encounter Christ. The TEC retreat
weekends this year are: February 15-17, 2020 at
St. Joseph's, Moorhead. March 21-23, 2020 at
Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston. For further
information regarding TEC, contact Terry Steen at
sjchurchlady@yahoo.com.

The True Reformers: Catholics of the
Reformation. Wealthy and headstrong, Teresa
was an unlikely choice for a great reformer. But
after years as a complacent Carmelite, she
learned from divine inspiration what living
totally for God could be.

FREE to all parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3..

The very first eOND newsletter was sent. It
will continue to come twice per month. Parishes
pay the subscription cost for parishioners (and
all Catholics living within parish territory) to
receive print and digital news from *Our
Northland Diocese*. To subscribe send your
email address to www.crookston.org/subscribe.
This is a great opportunity to stay connected and
informed between print issues of OND.

**First Care Living Center: Fundraiser BBQ and
Silent Auction on Friday, October 25th, 11 am-
2pm.** All proceeds go to the Resident programing
and activities. **Donations needed.** Call 435-1441
Crystal.Munter@essentiahealth.org
Renee.Rustad@essentiahealth.org
Share and enjoy a fantastic lunch for a free-will
donation.

In observance of Respect Life month, please observe the fetal models located in the gathering area and realize how wonderfully we are made and known by our Creator even before our moms know us. Get informed with some current pro-life literature.

Arrange to borrow the movie, "Unplanned," from MCCL by contacting Linda Blaser at 435-6628. Praise God for the gift of life!

Spiritual Growth Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Msgr. Michael Patmode offering a monthly Friday evening course for adults on Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Offered from the Diocese of Crookston and will review forms of prayer set within the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the teaching of various Catholic Spiritual masters. 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on the following dates: 11/8, 12/14, 2/8, 3/8, 4/26/ 5/10 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception To register call Maureen Novak at 218-281-4533 or mnovak@crookston.org

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2019. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation."

A recent data audit of diocesan safe environment practices was conducted by Stonebridge Business Partners of Rochester, New York. The firm found that the Diocese of Crookston is compliant with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the 2018-2019 audit period.

The Charter was drafted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002.

Dioceses around the country are audited each year to determine adherence to the Charter.

All volunteers, employees and parents who assist in the RE programs must certify for Safe Environment each year. Please go to www.crookston.org. Component B. Call the Church office 435-6484 if you have questions

The Special Collection for the Archdiocese of Military Services (AMS) is taken up every third year, this year November 10. A note from the USCCB about this important collection: The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and must rely solely on private donors. Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home; their faith should not be part of the sacrifices they make."

Padre Aplas Leadership Program – 2020. Last year, 28 youth and 9 adults from across the Diocese of Crookston took part in the Leadership Program in Guatemala. This year it will be offered again for young leaders in the diocese. Applications will be live on our diocesan website. Register now till Nov. 15th. info@crookston.org

Bishop Emeritus Balke turned 88. Although he has macular degeneration, he is able to preside at Mass with the help of large font print. He cannot drive a car but Sacred Heart (East Grand Forks) parishioners see to it that he gets to where he needs to be. He will be a recipient of Sacred Heart School's Lumen Christi Award at a banquet on Saturday evening, October 26. If you are interested in attending, you can learn more at the Diocese of Crookston web site. RSVP if you plan to attend at www.sacredheartgf.net/LCA

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. December 6-8, 2019 at Dakota Ridge Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN Contact: TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org More Information: <http://www.tcr-mn.org>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Oct. 27, 2019

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen

Lector: Rick Nesvold

Commentator: Lori Balstad

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermier,
Michelle & Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Sofia Rue, Ellis Wiener, Faith Balstad

Hospitality: Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen,
Dorothy Killian

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Nov. 3, 2019

Ushers: David Brinkman, Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Pat & Amy Jackson

Lector: Nina Bingham

Commentator: Clyde Kringlen

Eucharist: *Jan Hemmingsen, Linda Blaser,
Carol Aaland, Mark Bingham

Servers: Tessa & Kayla Zitzow, Darian Holzer

Hospitality: Tricia Proulz Family,
Mark & Jackie Randall

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

37 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1880.00

10 Children/Student Donations \$ 10.00

Loose \$ 204.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 2094.00

Herman Burggraf Memorials \$ 210.00

Grotto Fund \$ 50.00

Capital Improvement \$ 20.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 4398.11

The paid position of Youth Group

Coordinator for St. Mary's is needed.

A volunteer for Bazaar Committee Leader is

needed. Another volunteer person is needed

to share Funeral Coordinator with Deb Wille.

Please Contact Fr. John at 435-6484.

Due to the wake, the Bazaar Wrap-up meeting was changed to 6 PM Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. Everyone welcome to give suggestions.

What a wonderful day for St. Mary's and our Catholic Church last Sunday. 14 Young adults confirmed their faith in God.

Congratulations to them and they did a great job ministering during Mass. Thank you to the parents, their first teachers. And thank you to all the teachers that have worked with them for many years. Special thank you to Sarah Chalich for her dedication to them.

Vocations and Respect For Life. The CUF will lead the Rosary before Mass at 8:10 AM Sunday, October 27th. Thank You CUF.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Burggraf and the Bingham funerals.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf:

In Oct we pay for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf utilities. Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston or Mass collection basket. Every cent of your donation over the utility costs will go directly for food to be donated. Basket under bulletin board for donations.

St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council is encouraging community service both at Church and in the community with the MiniTree program. The "Tree" is located in the gathering space. On it are blank cards and cards with specific tasks that you can fill out and return in the collection basket or to the parish office. Service may be like visiting the homebound or volunteering at a non-profit event. Some cards are for donating to the Grotto Fund for a statue of Mary, decorating church and hall or cleaning windows. For each card filled out by someone over 18 and approved by CUF, the parish receives \$5 toward religious education.

Please allow the parish to benefit from your kind works of charity.

St. Faustina Movie: The remarkable story and message of divine Mercy will be told in more than 700 theaters across the US for one night only, Monday, October 28th. Look for it.