

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel of today tells us that the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost. Here we have the story of Zacchaeus who is curious to see Jesus and encounter him. He finds himself receiving the master in his own house over a meal. The encounter of the divine and human in this context leads Zacchaeus to his total conversion and reconciliation. Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus is not by chance. He was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony includes more than words. His change of heart results in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine. What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited?

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 3rd, 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
Wed., Nov. 6 3:30 pm Mass, First Care NH
Sus Agnes+
Fri., Nov. 8 8:45 am Friday School Mass,
Ken Zajack+
Sun., Nov. 10 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Thurs., Nov. 7 11:30am Mass,
Dolores O'Connor
Sat., Nov. 9 7:30 pm Hunter's Mass,
Dax Darby+
Sun., Nov. 10 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

Birthdays:

Nov 5 Debbie Wille
Nov 8 John Blaser
 Anniversaries
Nov. 10 Dennis & Jeanne Sanden

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 Maraska, Wayne Paulson, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Roger Scharendreich,
Nora Ann Lentz, Lori Jirk, Debbie Martin, Kristin
Litzinger, Allie St. Pierre, Richard Parent, Dennis
Omang, Tracy Koszka, Bev Drellack, Lynn
Cullen, Bernie Brazenan, Paul Silver, Joyce
Klinkhammer, Bob Clayton, Ray Larson, Ben
Houston, Marge Messer, Dave Blazek, Char
Langen, Christine Johnson, Chad Blaser, Rod
Nielsen, Kerry Redder, Ethan Asher, Shirley
Kowalski, Tom Sedler, Ava Lamb-Lopez,
Florence Neuvold, Bruce Donnell

"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, Nov. 10, 2019
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15, 2
Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27, 34-38

Lectors: Please pick up your 2020 Workbook
from the Sacristy.

Annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch December
6th, served 11 am- 1 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic
Church of Bagley. Free will offering. Also,
holiday bake sale/silent auction/crafts and raffle.
Doors open at 10:30

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Nov. 17th & 24th.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Nov. 6th & 20th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided.

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

No Friday School Nov. 29th.

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

For grades K-6th please contact

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

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

Teens Encounter Christ. The TEC retreat

weekends this year are: February 15-17, 2020 at
St. Joseph's, Moorhead and March 21-23, 2020 at
Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Foston. Terry
Steen at s1churchlady@yahoo.com is contact.

Explore the details of how the Catholic beliefs
on Mary are founded in Scripture! What does
Mary have to do with the quest to understand
Jesus? In *Lectio: Mary*, based on his best-selling
book, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*, Dr.
Pitre takes you step-by-step from the Garden of
Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how
deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really
are! FREE to all parishioners!

Go to: [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org). Parish code: TGVHW3.

Trouble getting into [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)? Just go to
[formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup). When it says "Find Your
Parish," type in Foston's zip code of
56542. (Code not needed.) Click on St. Mary's,
Foston, MN. Then click on Next and add your
name and email address. No passwords
required. Enjoy! Learn! Grow in Faith &
Knowledge!

Padre Apas 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

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.crockston.org/subscribe. This is a great opportunity to stay connected and informed between print issues of OND.

Spiritual Growth Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Msgr. Michael Patnode is offering a monthly Friday evening course for adults on Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Through the Diocese of Crockston, it 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 218-281-4333 or mnovak@crockston.org

NEEDED: 1) Youth Group Coordinator for St. Mary's (paid position) 2) Bazaar Leader 3) Funeral Coordinator with Deb Wille
Please Contact Fr. John at 433-6484.

All volunteers, employees and parents who assist in the RE programs must certify for Safe Environment each year. Go to www.crockston.org, Component B. Call the Church office 433-6484 if you have questions.

St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council asks for your donation to the **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**. Also, please allow the parish to benefit from your works of charity by signing MiniTree cards and giving to parish office or in collection basket. Visiting the sick, donating to the Grotto Fund or the food shelf, cleaning windows or raking leaves for disabled are things that count for this project. For each card filled out by someone over 18 and approved by CUF, the parish receives \$5 toward religious education. Thank you for participating!

Arrange to borrow the movie, "Unplanned," from MOCCL by contacting Linda Blaser at 433-6628.

Enjoy the new Catholic Yearbook located at each entrance. Good reading. Take note of sponsors who paid for it.

St. Michael's Catholic School, Mahanomen, is now taking orders for **HOMEMADE PIES**. Order yours today. Pick up at St. Michael's Church Basement, Mahanomen, November 23 & 24. Contact Gina Noll 935-2931, 261-1005, gnz@hotmail.com or Paige Ennen 218-766-6739. Please call for details. Thank you for supporting the Mahanomen Catholic School.

St. Clement's Catholic Church Annual Hunter's Supper. Saturday, November 9, Serving from 4:30 pm – 8 pm. Turkey & all the trimmings. \$13 adults, 5-7 years old \$6, under 5 years Free.

2019 Bazaar Report

463 adult meals	\$4630.00
47 children's meals	235.00
Donations	922.50
Raffle Tickets	2836.00
Country Store, Fish Pond & Bake Walk (combined)	1299.05
Leftover food	171.00
Fr. John's Indian meals(2)	750.00
Total	\$10,843.55
Expenses=\$2475.06 plus groceries for Indian meals	

Everyone did a great job with the Bazaar 2019, thank you. Special thank you to Carol Aaland & Paulette Kringlen for heading out the planning of it. By their thoughtfulness and Grace of God, all went well. God's Blessings to everyone who helped in anyway, from ordering to cleaning and everything in-between.

