

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this Sunday Gospel, Jesus is sending his disciples for mission with encouraging words and instructs them to not be afraid. A genuine Christian cannot fully escape Christ's call to be different from the world. While we live in this world, we are meant to remain aware of the world to come, and live for God by pursuing the standards Jesus set for us. When the Apostles worried about the future, Christ encouraged them, "Don't be afraid. I am with you always." The deepest truth about God that Jesus taught is that he is a caring God, compassionate and forgiving, a God who is on our side. Our attitude to life can be that of the psalmist who says, "In God I trust – I shall not fear" (Ps 56:1.) The only thing to fear is losing God, loss of trust in God. This lack of trust begins when we look for security through our own efforts, in the works and wealth of our own making. Jesus criticized the feverish efforts, the anxious haste and worry of those worldly people, who refuse to grant God any part in their lives. "In God we trust; we shall not fear."

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2020**

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Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
24-hour confidential number

Individual Reconciliation Wed., 12-12:30 PM

St. Mary's Mass with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm
You are encouraged to continue attending Adoration. Please use social distancing.

Wed., June 24 11:30AM Mass for Ernest Agnes Family
Fri., June 26 8:30 AM Mass for Don & Stephanie Juve Family
Sun., June 28 8:30 AM Mass for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Thur., June 25 11:30AM Mass for Lillian Haider+
Sun., June 28 10:30 AM Mass for Marge Galli+

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Birthdays

June 22 Rita Anderson
June 26 Ricky Nesvold
June 27 Mike Moran

Anniversaries

June 25 Rita & Kim Anderson
June 28 Karen & Don Drydahl

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, Debbie Martin, Kristin Litzinger,
Allie St. Pierre, Richard Parent, Dennis Omang,
Tracy Kozitka, Joyce Klinkhammer, Bob Clayton,
Ben Hougen, Marge Messer, Dave Blazek,
Christine Johnson, Tom Sedler, Ava Lamb-Lopez,
Bruce Donnell, Laura Stark, Bethany Andersen,
Eunice Reinbold, Grandma Dorothy, Ernie Agnes
Jr., Paul Silver, Nancy Silver, Clara Mae, Lucille
Dufault, Mark Randall, Jodi, Bonnie Schirlinger,
Aunt Gen.

"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available.

Please contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note with your
donation whether intention is for a deceased or
living person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, June 28, 2020
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a, Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19,
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42

Cursillo Retreat: Men's Cursillo will be held
October 22-25. Women's Cursillo will be
September 24-27. Both held at Sand Hill Bible
Camp by Fosston.
Contact Bobbi Mercil 701-866-5706

You can access the Order of Mass on iPhones
or Androids at:

<https://universalis.com/static/mass/orderofmass.htm> Please silence your phone during
Mass. Feel free to take a copy of the missalette
to keep as your own. Quantity is limited.

Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotionals for
July through September are here. Please take
one home and use daily.

Steubenville Live If you had made plans to attend
one of the two nearby Steubenville conferences this
summer, please note that with the cancellation of
these conferences, Steubenville will be offering a
virtual conference, July 17 and 18. Other than the
dates, and the cost (\$40.00 per person), details have
not yet been released, but you can stay updated by
visiting <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/> or
www.partnershipforyouth.org

Step into a delivery room with me. We see
figures garbed in blue from head to toe with white
masks. A set of latex gloved hands are supporting
a newborn baby: red and wrinkly, covered in
creamy vernix and still attached by an umbilical
cord. The miniature face twists to utter its first
cry. Freeze the frame. Either the baby will be
placed in the waiting arms of a parent, or—if this
is in Alaska, Colorado, D.C., New Hampshire,
New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, or
Oregon—this baby's first breath can legally be its
last breath. -a.m.opdahl

The Search. What is this journey in between the
event we call "Birth" and the one we call
"Death"? The questions are there and the
answers are too. Go to formed.org/signup. "Find
Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of
56542 No password. Be sure to share
this link formed.org/faithathome with friends
and family not yet on FORMED to get them
started with a complimentary subscription.

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join them in promoting religious freedom for the good of all. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at: www.MNCatholic.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is offering a monthly online support group for all victim/survivors of clergy sexual abuse, or any sexual abuse. If you are interested, please email Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention at kaempffer@archspm.org or at 651-291-4429. The Diocese of Crookston Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at: 218-281-7895.

Esto Vir! "Be a Man", is a vocation camp for young men entering their sophomore year of high school through young adulthood. This camp is an opportunity for those men who may be open to the priesthood to come together and spend some days in community with each other and the seminarians of the diocese. The camp includes games, lakeside recreation, Mass, prayer, food, and fellowship.

Date: August 4-6, 2020

Location: Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp South of Fosston Cost: FREE!

Questions can be directed to Fr. Matt Schmitz, Promoter of Vocations: 218-773-0877 or mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net

The 2020 NFP Awareness Week will be July 19-25. "LIVE THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIED LOVE!" NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING It's about love. It's about life. It's about freedom. It's about gift.

Deacon Formation Program:

The next group of men will gather for the first year of formation in 2021-2022. If you are considering the Permanent Diaconate (or think someone else should) please talk with your priest and also Contact Deacon Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Formation so they can both pray for you and provide you with further information. (218) 281-4533 ext. 425 mkrejci@crookston.org

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Matthew 10:32) Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be.

WE MADE THE LIST of those parishes who have made their 2020 DAA Goal. In fact, we surpassed the goal of \$9046 by \$166.50, if all outstanding pledges are fully paid. Thank you to 41 donors (35.04% of our membership).

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family of Bev Drellack, sister-in-law of Robert & Kathleen & Gary Drellack and Shirley Straub. Bev was buried next to her husband, Roger, in St. Mary's Cemetery this past week. May she rest in peace with Jesus. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
24 Adults	\$ 1135.00
Loose	\$ 10.00
Total Collections	\$ 1145.00
Retired Priests	\$ 65.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 704.08

The local Loaves and Fishes food shelf needs are greater than ever. Please keep them on your donation list. (PO Box 152, Fosston)

On June 5, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announced a new executive order providing guidance to reopen houses of worship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Diocese of Crookston has responded by updating the protocols for parishes to resume limited public worship. For the full letter of Protocols please go to the Website: stmarysfosston.org or www.crookston.org

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's will be in the social hall June 28th at 8:30 AM using chairs spaced apart to observe social distancing. Please, please be respectful of each other's space so we can all stay healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains indefinitely suspended in the Diocese of Crookston and rest of the Minnesota dioceses. Those over the age of 65 as well as those with underlying conditions or compromised immune systems are discouraged from attending public Mass. Those who are unable to come to Mass or deem it best to continue refraining from attendance are encouraged to keep the day holy by viewing or listening to Mass or observing another religious practice. Join online Mass <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

Thank you to everyone who donated to the annual Father's Day Collection for retired priests. Donations are still welcome.

The Church building will be open during the week, according to the office schedule and Adoration, for visits and personal prayer. Enter at the office doors.

From Polk County Public Health:

Community spread COVID-19 is occurring in Minnesota and throughout our region. Please follow the recommendation and practice prevention strategies such as washing your hands often, maintaining social distancing (6 Ft. apart) and wearing a cloth face covering when in public.

As was requested by the USCCB recently, let us "pray and work toward a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for a supernatural desire to rid ourselves of the harm that bias and prejudice cause. [Let us] pray to the Holy Spirit for the Spirit of Truth to touch the hearts of all in the United States and to come down upon our criminal justice and law enforcement systems. Finally, let each and every Catholic, regardless of their ethnicity, beg God to heal our deeply broken view of each other, as well as our deeply broken society."

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Thank you for the laughter,
For the good times that we share,
Thanks for always listening,
For trying to be fair.
Thank you for your comfort,
When things are going bad,
Thank you for the shoulder,
To cry on when I'm sad.
This poem's a reminder that
All my life through,
I'll be thanking heaven
For a special dad like you.