

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's word will accomplish its purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God promised. In the second reading, St. Paul also reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die in order to produce abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives help our redemption. Today's Gospel teaches us that the Word of God is the seed, our hearts and minds are the soil. The good spiritual yield in life depends on how much a person willingly accepts and responds to the Word of God. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagination. Jesus tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the Word of God to germinate, grow and yield hundred-fold fruits in our life.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2020**

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Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
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., July 15 11:30AM Mass
Delphine Grembowski+

Fri., July 17 8:30 AM Mass
Bernice Fesko Family

Sun., July 19 8:30 AM Mass
Betty Bingham+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., July 16 11:30AM Mass
Suvakeen+

Sun., July 19 10:30 AM Mass
for the Parishes

Wed., July 15 6pm Cemetery Board meeting

**Church is open for visits and personal prayer
Wednesdays 9am – 8pm and Fridays 9am -1pm**

Birthdays

July 17 Gene Manecke
July 18 Rick Centers
July 18 Amy Jackson
July 19 Marion Parent
July 19 Edith Vedbraaten
July 19 Mary Jacobson
July 19 Justin Shultz

Anniversaries

July 13 Lynn & Sue Vennes
July 18 Tony & Patty Maruska (50th)

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, Michael Killian, Gail Kjos, Tom
Houska, Scott Redder, Dean Vikan
"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, July 19, 2020
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16,
Romans 8:26-27, Matt 13:24-43

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

Steubenville Live: Steubenville will be offering
a virtual conference, July 17 and 18. Cost is
\$40.00 per person,
<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/> or
www.partnershipforyouth.org

Watch Jared Zimmerer, Word on Fire
Institute Director, demonstrate how martial
artist Bruce Lee was a Master Evangelist.
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.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who
hears the word but then the cares of the
world and the lure of riches choke the word
and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)
Does the lure of riches and material goods choke
God out of your life? Are you so caught up in
earthly activities that you have no time for God?
Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should
strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we
make either takes us one step closer to God or one
step further away. What we receive at Mass every
Sunday should be shared with others all the other
days of the week as well.

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, life, freedom, and gift.

MEMO sent from the Diocese of Crookston:
We all have a role to play in protecting ourselves and fellow Minnesotans from COVID-19. By following currently applicable Executive Orders from Governor Walz (<https://mn.gov/governor/news/executiveorders.jsp>) and these guidelines, we can enjoy activities and events while providing for public health, slowing the spread of COVID-19, and decreasing the potential for added strain on local communities and health care systems in Minnesota. (A copy has been posted on the bulletin board in the church gathering area.

"Guidance for Providing Food and Beverages for ON-site Consumption at Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings". Posted on the bulletin board. Or go to www.crookston.org for more information.

Lutheran Social Service of MN Meals Contact
Carole DeMars Regional Manager 218-400-9040
Carole.DeMars@lssmn.org

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

Connect your Graduates to their College Campus Ministry: As high school seniors are moving on to the next chapter of their lives, the Newman Connection are working hard to connect your graduates to the college campus ministry programs where they will be attending school in the fall. Last year, Newman Connection helped over 75,000 graduating seniors get information about the nearly 1,500 colleges and universities in our system - before they even got to campus. We help their future campus ministers reach out to them about on-campus (and virtual!) events to get them connected to the Catholic communities at their new schools. Since many colleges are cancelling their regular student activities fairs and welcome events, Newman Connection's work is becoming even more important. Getting connected contact Jackie Kruk, Newman Connection | Parish Outreach Specialist, 217-247-4114 jkruk@newmanconnection.com

MinisTREE is a partnership between Catholic United Financial and a parish to identify and address unmet volunteer needs in our parish and surrounding community. **You can help** our parish and others and financially support our religious education program. For every 25 turned in, Catholic United Financial will contribute \$125, up to a maximum of \$500 in a calendar year. The Tree with cards will not be set up at this time so for your good deed, simply include a **note in the Sunday offering stating date completed, deed, your name & phone number or email to stmarysfosston@gmail.com** Ideas: Yard work, shopping, meals, phone calls, charitable donations, civic leadership, etc.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adults	\$ 1390.00
Loose	\$ 96.00
Total Collections	\$ 1486.00
Retired Priests	\$ 20.00
Bev Drelleck Memorial	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 175.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 969.08

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 July 19th 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>

**Mistake in the times listed on July calendar:
Individual Reconciliation Wed., 12-12:30 PM
Friday Masses are 8:30 AM**

To follow along at Mass, 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.

Glory & Praise to Our God who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways. (refrain)

Verse 1: We the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings. Repeat refrain.

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of **Francis Perreault** who died this past week. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord! **Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.**

2020-2021 Safe Environment Training module for the Diocese of Crookston is now available. The certification year begins July 1st and runs through June 30th, 2021. Safe Environment certification is necessary for every person, age 18 or over, clergy, employee, independent contractor, and volunteer in the Diocese of Crookston who has the potential for contact with children or vulnerable adults physically or virtual.

This training module for 2020-2021 focuses on recognizing child abuse and recommended technology guidelines. Component C. Renee Tate, the diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, said a review of technology guidelines for working with young people is especially important this year because the COVID-19 pandemic has led to increased use of video conferencing and other technology in ministry and education. Go to www.crookston.org/secertification. (Not compatible with cell phones or ipads.)

Peter's Pence collection changed to Oct. 4th.

