

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday's readings teach us that accepting Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Christ and sharing his view of life are the most precious things in the world. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserving it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and are willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Enjoy the summer and please keep Sunday the Lord's Day by attending Mass.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 26th, 2020**

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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 with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm
Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.
Sun., Aug. 2 8:30 AM Mass
Annamal+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Sun., Aug. 2 10:30 AM Mass
for the Parishes

Fr. John is on retreat all week.

**Mark your calendar, Saturday, Aug. 15th:
5pm Rosary and Blessing of statue of
Blessed Mother Mary by Bishop Hoepfner;
5:30pm Mass
for Feast of Assumption of Mary.**

Birthdays

July 27 Todd Daniels
July 27 Kathryn Ziermeier
July 31 Andy Shimpa
Aug. 1 Jim Palubicki
Aug. 2 Jesse Maruska

Anniversaries

July 29 Mary & Danvy Jacobson
Aug. 2 Pat & Amy Jackson

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, 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, Mary Becker

"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, Aug. 2, 2020
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-28,
129-30, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

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

**In God We Trust: Religious Liberty—Your
First Amendment Right.** In his enlightening talk,
Monsignor Eric Barr show us that protection of
religious freedom is fundamental for Catholics.
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.

"We know that all things work for good for
those who love God, who are called according to
his purpose." (Romans 8:28) Do you really trust
God? Do you really believe that God will provide
all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone
at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we
do, in good times and in bad, means that God's
plan for our lives may be quite different than what
we planned. When one door closes, another one
opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Support group for all victim/survivors of any
sexual abuse. Please email Paula Kaempffer,
Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and
Abuse Prevention at kaempfferp@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

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.
“Guidance for Providing Food and Beverages for ON-site Consumption at Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings”. (Both are posted on the bulletin board.) Or go to www.crookston.org for more information.

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

How to Talk About Racism. The National Federation for Youth Ministry is offering a free webinar on how to talk about race/racism in our parishes and communities. Panelists include Pamela Harris (Diocese of Columbus), Deacon Art Miller (Archdiocese of Hartford), and Greg Moser (Diocese of Cleveland). Some of the questions being addressed are: • How can mostly white communities talk about racism? • What are some steps we can take to focus on positive racial interaction? • What is some language that leadership can use to equip us to talk about racism appropriately? • How do we pivot from speaking about racism to action? This is a two-part webinar. Access at: <https://nfcym.org/resources/webinars/>.

MinistREE is a partnership between **Catholic United Financial** and a parish to identify and address unmet volunteer needs in the parish and surrounding community. **You can help** our parish and others and financially support our religious education program. For every 25 deeds 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 to brighten someone’s day, charitable donations, civic leadership, etc.

Fall Bazaar: St. Mary’s Pastoral Council agreed to cancel the Fall Bazaar this year. A letter will be sent asking for donations from Parish members to offset the proceeds not received from the Bazaar.

Effective Saturday, July 25: Gov. Tim Walz issued executive order mandating the use of face coverings in all indoor spaces, including churches, but with some exceptions. Regarding safety protocols within the Catholic church, through the Diocese of Crookston, Bishop Michael Hoeppner, the Church can and should collaborate with public officials in the service of public health and the common good. The Diocese of Crookston does not view the request to wear face coverings indoors as unreasonable. We recognize that parishes have already instituted strict social distancing and cleanliness protocols, and this mask requirement is an additional burden. We appreciate your flexibility in order to promote community health. Please note: liturgical ministers such as priest celebrants, cantors, and lectors are exempt from the order and are not required to have face coverings when lecturing, singing, or celebrating Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
34 Adults	\$ 2330.00
Loose	\$ 36.00
Total Collections	\$ 2366.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00
Grotto	\$ 634.85
Flowers for Grotto paid by CUF	\$ 120.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1059.08

The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols in compliance with Minnesota may be found at stmarysfosston.org or www.crookston.org

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's will be held in the church sanctuary with overflow seating in the social hall. Pews in church have been taped off to allow for social distancing. A big screen TV is available to allow participation from the social hall if more space is needed or by those who prefer to be spaced farther apart. Let us continue to respect each other's space so we can all stay healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually.

As of July 25, 2020, per the request from Bishop Michael Hoeppner, everyone over the age of 5 years old is to wear face coverings while in the church and the hall. (with some exceptions) Remove it during communion and replace it after communion.

Church is open for visits and personal prayer
Wednesdays 9am – 8pm and Fridays 9am -1pm
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The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains indefinitely suspended in our Diocese and the rest of the MN dioceses. Please find a way to keep Sundays holy. Join Mass on TV or at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

THANK YOU to Mark Bingham & Carol Broadwell for six years of service on the Finance Council. Mark has served recently as Chairman and Carol as Secretary.

WELCOME Michele Schoenborn and Randy Rue who have agreed to serve for the next three years on St. Mary's Finance Council.

Safe Environment Training certification module for the Diocese of Crookston for 2020-2021 runs through June 30th, 2021. It 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 virtually, to be certified each year. This training module focuses on recognizing child abuse and recommended technology guidelines. Component C. Go to www.crookston.org/secertification. (Not compatible with cell phones or ipads.)

Our hand-carved marble statue of The Blessed Mother Mary, was set in place near the main entrance of the church. Check it out. Take a minute to pray "Hail Mary".

Overcoming Fear & Anxiety:

"Heaven and earth will pass away before my Word will pass away" (Mt 24:35)

Recover your confidence in God's Word.

It's our lifeline in the midst of what we're experiencing.

Fear and anxiety are gripping the world right now. Jesus told us not to be gripped by anxiety about finances or health. It's normal to be anxious or worried. It is not normal to let anxiety and worry make us their slaves, to keep us from the freedom Jesus wants us to have. (Ralph Martin)