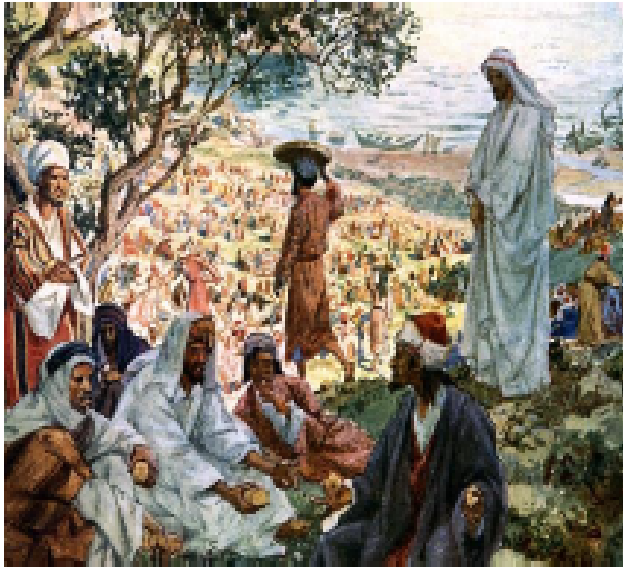


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus never disappoints those who earnestly seek him out. We see a marvelous example of this in today's gospel. The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Jesus very likely wants to test their faith and to give them a sign of God's divine intervention and favor for his people. God never rests in caring for our needs. The miracle is also a sign that prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist.

"Lord Jesus Christ, you satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts and you feed us with the finest of wheat. Fill us with gratitude for your blessings and give us a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me." Amen

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 2nd, 2020**

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7-12: Needed

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 with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm
Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.
Wed., Aug. 5 11:30 AM Mass
Dave Holzer+
Sun., Aug. 9 8:30 AM Mass
for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Thur., Aug. 6 11:30 AM Mass
Harry Kortan+

First Fri., Aug. 7- 8:30 AM Mass & Adoration
(Note time change) Gloria Thul Hacker+

Sun., Aug. 9 10:30 AM Mass
Allen Theis+

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

Birthdays

Aug. 4 David Bauer
Aug. 5 Chuck Agnes
Aug. 5 Tom Holland
Aug. 7 Sarah Chalich
Aug. 9 Florence Nesvold

Anniversaries

Aug. 6 Les & Theresa Anderson
Aug., 7 Anita & Brady Jones

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, Anthony
Perreault, Kim Perreault, Bethany.

"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. 9, 2020
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-
14, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

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

The Transfiguration. Join Tim Gray on the
feast of The Transfiguration for a live Bible
study! You won't want to miss this webinar and
opportunity to ask your questions live
on Thursday, August 6th at 6:00PM ET.
Also, Ignatius of Loyola. With his feast day
was on July 31, check out this modern take on
the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder
of the Jesuits. It is an incisive and thrilling look
at the life of the real man behind the legend.
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.

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for
them to go away; give them some food
yourselves'." (Matthew 14:16)

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the
five thousand men. How often do we really
place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks
grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or
insignificant when offered with love. But, we
have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus
will provide all that we need. We need to believe
that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

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.

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

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.

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. Some of the questions being addressed are: • How can mostly white communities talk about racism? • Steps we can take to focus on positive racial interaction? • Language that leadership can use to equip us to talk about racism appropriately? • Pivoting 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.

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.

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86). Pope Saint John Paul II, 1995.
May the Lord generously provide for the needs of all mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children; We pray to the Lord.

Loving Father, help me to guard my inclinations. Strengthen me with the power of calmness, that “I may go softly all my years,” even though I walk through the bitterness of sorrow. Amen.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adults	\$ 1260.00
Loose	\$ 35.00
Total Collections	\$1295 .00
Grotto	\$ 100.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 120.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1179.08

The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols in compliance with Minnesota may be found at stmarysfooston.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.

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.

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 Casey Holland for three years of service on the Finance Council.

The hydrangeas in front of the altar this week were gleaned from the flower gardens of Bethany Home. Thank you Cathy Godtland and Tyler & Melissa McGlynn. Fresh flowers for the altar are much appreciated. (Hint, hint!)

Blessed Mother Mary, our hand-carved marble statue, was set in place near the main entrance of the church.

Saturday, August 15th:

5pm Rosary and Blessing of the statue of Blessed Mother Mary by Bishop Hoepfner;
5:30pm Mass for Feast of Assumption of Mary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Catholic United Financial provided the beautiful flowers you see beside the statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ST. MARY'S!

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.)

Due to the pandemic, there will be no 2020 St. Mary's fall dinner and bazaar. Because the parish budget relies on bazaar proceeds to meet monthly expenses, we invite you to prayerfully consider what you could give to fill this need. Please be as generous in donating to the Bazaar fund now as you have been in previous years when you not only gave prizes for the raffle, groceries for the dinner, bake walk and country store items, but you also bought raffle & dinner tickets and worked many hours to make it successful. Thank you so much for your sacrificial giving.

Donations may be dropped in the Sunday collection, mailed in or delivered to the parish office between now and September 30.