

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's gospel, Jesus praises a Canaanite woman for her faith and love. Jesus tests her faith to see if she is earnest in receiving *holy things* from the hand of God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs". She also had strong persistence. Her faith grew in contact with Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever seeks Jesus with earnest faith, whether Jew or Gentile, is refused his help. Let us seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith.

Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May we trust you always and pursue you with unconquerable persistence as this Canaanite women did. Increase our faith in your saving power and deliver us from all evil.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 16th, 2020

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PARISH STAFF:

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener
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. 19 11:30 AM Mass
Francis Perreault+
Fri., Aug. 21 8:30 AM Mass
Lawrence Westerlund+
Sun., Aug. 23 8:30 AM Mass
for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Tues., Aug. 18 11:30 AM Mass
Earl & Pearl Madre & Perry Levet+
Thur., Aug. 20 11:30 AM Mass
Shereck & Staehnke Families
Sun., Aug. 23 10:30 AM Mass
Jim Vorderbruggen+

Birthdays

Aug. 22 Linda Blaser
Aug. 22 Lucille Dufault

Anniversaries

Aug. 19 Gabe & Amanda Wiener
Aug. 22 John & Audrey Schmit

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, Ralph Perreault, Bethany,
Peggy Desizlets

"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. 23, 2020
Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6, 8, Romans
11:33-36, Matt 16:13-20

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

"For the gifts and the call of God are
irrevocable." (Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of
us. He has given us the gifts we need to
accomplish that mission. We are called to be
good stewards by using those gifts to do the
work that He has planned for each of us. If we
deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us
to use them, then some part of His work will be
left undone.

Stealing Home: Mike Sweeney is a devout
Catholic who appeared in five All-Star Games
with the Kansas City Royals. In this talk, he
draws parallels to living one's faith well to the
end. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** "Have mercy on us
and on the whole world." Join the Franciscan
Friars of the Renewal in praying the Divine
Mercy Chaplet and asking God to shower his
mercy upon us. 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.

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

Did you notice the photo used for the Diocesan Summer Appeal? Blue & Yellow Rosary floating up in the sky above St. Mary's Church.

How to Talk About Racism. Our Diocese is hosting a virtual dialogue on race relations for grades 9-12, Thursday, August 20 at 7 PM. Three presenters will discuss how Catholics can combat racism and discrimination. Register in advance; <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?z=02pplMsHNPo8cCiENvijcglpY9lyH28>. A confirmation email about the meeting will be sent. Questions: bnuel@crookston.org

Guidelines, for activities and events, protecting ourselves from COVID-19 while indoors. (<https://mn.gov/governor/news/executiveorders.jsp>) "**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.

Safe Environment Certification module 2020-2021 for the Diocese of Crookston. Every person, age 18 or over, who has the potential for contact with children or vulnerable adults physically or virtually, is to be certified each year. Component C. Go to www.crookston.org/secertification.

Mini:TREE update: Please put a note in the collection basket or email to stmarvfosston@gmail.com your special deeds and donations along with your name, address and phone number so that the parish can collect \$5 for each item from Catholic United Financial. We are about half way to the maximum that we can earn for the second half of 2020. Bazaar donations can be used for this purpose, but your note or email is needed to validate the submission. Thanks so much for all those already received.

Silent Auction: Beautiful Queen size quilt (92"x74") has been donated to St. Mary's Church to be used as a Silent Auction Bazaar fund raiser ending September 30th at 9:30 AM. Hand Made donation by Florence Nesvold. Minimum bid of \$100. You may bid at the church by the display or Email stmarvfosston@gmail.com or Call 435-6484

The 25th Annual Marriage Celebration Day will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Bishop Hoepfner will be presiding at a 2:30 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to honor all married couples and to recognize the annual Senior Couple and Newlywed Couple.

Faith Formation 2020-2021 – Preparation, Guidance & Recommendations: As planning for the 2020-2021 begins, the Diocese of Crookston can provide helpful recommendations, guidance and resources to help facilitate the process of preparing and planning. Collaborations with other Diocesan Directors across the state and region, develop guidance for Faith Formation during Covid-19. Please note, this will simply be helpful guidance, resources and suggestions, at the request of Youth Ministers and Directors of RE. Faith Formation plans are done in consultation with your Parish Pastor.

R.E. Coordinator for grades 7-12: Needed for St. Mary's. Please prayerfully consider taking this position.

Two touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers are now ready to use. One is just west of the main entrance and the other is on the pole when you come into the church from the office area. It will spray sanitizer when you hold your hand below the dispenser. Thanks for all your efforts to keep everyone healthy.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
28 Adults	\$ 2170.00
Loose	\$ 58.00
Total Collections	\$2228.00
Cemetery Memorial, (Ida Erdmann)	\$ 100.00
Bazaar Donation	\$ 4161.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 90.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1494.08

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

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

Our condolences to David Bauer and the family of Darrel Johnson, McIntosh, who recently passed on to eternal life. Darrel was the brother-in-law of David Bauer. May Darrel's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace with Jesus.

BAZAAR UPDATE: We are off to a great start! Since it might not be prudent to have a meal for the public in September, a letter was sent out by the Bazaar Committee asking for donations that are equivalent to what might be given to this annual event, and even putting a dollar value on all those volunteer hours. Thank you to the 15 donors who together have already donated over \$4,000. With our annual property/liability insurance premium due this month, it couldn't have come at a better time. **God provides!** Donations are always welcome, but Sept 30 has been set as a wrap-up date for this important fundraiser. If circumstances do not allow you to donate at this time, that is understandable and the hope is that you, too, will find that **God provides!** No donation is too small or too large. Think of the widow's mite.

Our 2020 Summer Diocesan Annual Appeal Typically, at this time of year, we, as a diocesan family have nearly made our DAA goal. Some parishes meet their goal early and some later in the year, but in every year (99% of goal in 2018) we have provided the necessary resources to sustain diocesan ministries. Ordinarily the Office of Stewardship and Development would look to the Summer Appeal to put us over the top! In this extraordinary year, we are asking for your help to get to 90% of our \$900,000 goal. We need your sacrificial gifts to continue ministries that touch all of our lives – the Office of Worship, the Office of the Formation of Youth and Adults, Vocation, and Tribunal and Safe Environment Offices, the Office of the Bishop and critically, the office of Communications have been so important during these past months. Please pick up a Summer Appeal envelope today and prayerfully consider making a gift, even if your parish has made or is near its own goal. The most modest gift shared today is more important than ever. The Summer Appeal envelopes (with the sun logo) will be collected on August 23rd. You may make an online gift at www.crookston.org/daa. Thank you.