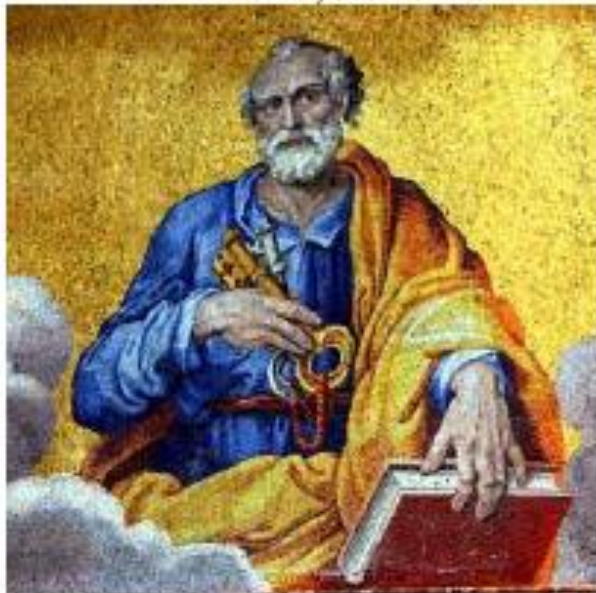


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's gospel tells us that at an appropriate time Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?* He is compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist and Elijah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaims that he is *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the *Anointed One (Messiah and Christ)*. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that no powers would overcome because it is founded on the rock which is Christ himself. The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, unquenchable love and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Savior.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2020**

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener & Valarie Holzer

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
And by appointment also**

St. Mary's Mass with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm
Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.
Wed., Aug. 26 11:30 AM Mass
Delphine Grembowski+
Fri., Aug. 28 8:30 AM Mass
Charlie Aaland
Sun., Aug. 30 8:30 AM Mass
Alisa Aaland

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Thur., Aug. 27 11:30 AM Mass
Franklyn Renner+
Sun., Aug. 30 10:30 AM Mass
for the Parishes

Birthdays

Aug. 25 Augusta Maruska
Aug. 30 Wayne Paulson

No Anniversaries Listed

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
Walker, 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. 30, 2020
Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, Romans
12:1-2, Matt 16:21-27

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

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he
may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of
stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything -
God already owns it all. God made everything.
All we can do is return a portion of God's many
gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts
opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through
your generous sharing, you just may be the
answer to someone's prayer.

On formed.org: Lectio Mary with Dr. Brant
Petri Why is Mary so important to Catholics?
What can we learn about her from sacred
Scripture? 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 content on
formed.org is amazing. Everyone will find
something engaging.

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

Sept. 15th, 4 PM CUF Meeting

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 Gathers**". (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.

MinisTREE update: A note in the collection basket or email stmarysfosston@gmail.com with your deeds and donations along with your name, address and phone number gives the parish \$5 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.

Sept. 17 4pm **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral by invitation only due to COVID-19 protocols

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.

Oct. 13 7pm **MCCL Fall Tour, Pro-Life Gathering**, McIntosh Community Center. Free to the public. Learn about the latest abortion numbers and trends in Minnesota and the effect of the COVID-19 crisis on beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues.

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 is needed for St. Mary's. Please prayerfully consider taking this position.**

Bishop Hoepfner was with us August 15, 2020, to bless the hand-carved marble statue of Blessed Mother Mary located beside the main doors of our church. The rosary was led outside in view of the statue by Jan Hemmingsen beforehand. Bishop Hoepfner blessed the statue and called upon Mary to intercede for us before going inside to concelebrate the Mass with Fr. John. After Mass, Fr. John expressed deep appreciation to all present and to all involved with the completion of this project, noting what a beautiful day God provided for our celebration after a couple days of heavy rain. Fr. John encourages us to pray a Hail Mary each time we look at the statue.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY: To Jerry & Sue Erdmann family. Jerry's mother, Ida Erdmann, recently passed on to eternal life. And, also, to the families of Sharon Rein, Moorhead, niece of Mary Miller and Viola Hand, cousin of Gabe & Phil Schouviller & Doug Hand. *May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace with Jesus.*

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
35 Adults	\$ 1695.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
Holy Day (Aug. 15)	\$ 235.00
Total Collections	\$1950.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 940.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$1494.08

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 is 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**

Touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers, one by main entrance and one on the pillar when you come into the church from the office area, make it easy for you to sanitize. Just extend your hand below the dispenser and it sprays. Stay healthy! Stay safe!

Sept. 2nd, 6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
Sept. 16th, 6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

BAZAAR UPDATE: PRAISE GOD!!

Generous donations continue to come in. Over \$5,000 has been received from 22 households. In previous years, over 80 parishioners donated to the bazaar. It would be great to get that kind of participation in our dinnerless Bazaar fundraiser. No amount is too small or too large. The parish budget relies on the funds earned at our annual Bazaar. This year is no exception and, in fact, it is needed more than ever as Sunday collections are down due to pandemic issues. Donations are always welcome, but Sept. 30 has been set as an ending date. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Silent Auction: Beautiful Queen size quilt (92"x74") made and donated by Florence Nesvold to St. Mary's Church is up for bids. Minimum bid: \$100. Deadline: September 30, 2020, at 9:30 AM. You may bid at the church by the display, call 435-6484 or Email stmarysfosston@gmail.com

Many thanks to Florence for her hard work and donation.

Our 2020 Summer Diocesan Annual Appeal

Today we have taken up the summer appeal as a second collection. Summer sun envelopes are still available. If you would like to support the Summer Appeal you may do so by making an online gift at www.crookston.org/daa, use a summer appeal envelope available here in the parish or use the mailing many of you have received in your home. It's never too late to support the community of Catholic families all of us belong to. God bless you and thank you for your faithful support.

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

Word Among Us, Sept. issue of Mass readings & daily meditations: Take it home; use it daily.

Remember to hold in prayer our farmers. May safety and abundance prevail for all!