

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel passage reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control ("Deny yourself"), the willingness to suffer ("take up your cross"), the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God. Today's readings explain how we should practice true and dynamic Christian discipleship. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he "must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me." True Disciples of Christ are a) truly compassionate, b) truly humble, c) truly patient, d) truly forgiving, e) truly loving and f) truly faithful. Let us follow Jesus to become true disciples.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30th, 2020

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PARISH STAFF:

Pastor: Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener &
Valarie Holzer

Grades 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 – 5:30 pm
Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.

Wed., Sept. 2 11:30 AM Mass
Ernest Agnes Family
6 PM Mass
Lynn Cullen+

First Fri., Sept. 4 5:30 PM Mass
Dave Holzer+

Sun., Sept. 6 8:30 AM Mass
for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., Sept. 3 11:30 AM Mass
Mary Muckala+

Sun., Sept. 6 10:30 AM Mass
Jim Vorderbruggen+

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

Birthdays

Sept. 2 Gabe Wiener

Sept. 6 Patricia Lynch

Anniversaries

Sept. 6 David & Debbie Illies

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, Sept. 6, 2020
Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9, Romans
13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

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

"What profit would there be for one to gain
the whole world and forfeit his life?"
(Matthew 16:26)

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you
are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing
else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom
when we spend all of our time, talent, and
treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We
need to set our priorities based on God's values
and not the values of the material world.

On formed.org: What to watch? Restless
Heart. This week the Church celebrates the
feast days of Saints Monica and Augustine.
Don't miss the true story of two of the Church's
most beloved and well-known saints. 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

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. 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 Mass will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/DioCrookston. Each year, the oils for sacramental anointing used in the diocese are blessed at the Chrism Mass. These oils include: the oil of the infirm, used for the sick and dying to give them strength to bear their suffering, resist evil and obtain forgiveness for sin; the oil of the catechumens, used to give strength to renounce sin and the devil; and the Sacred Chrism, the chief anointing oil used at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination as well as the anointing of altars and walls of churches being dedicated for Christian worship.

The 15th 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.

R.E. Coordinator for grades 7-12 is needed for St. Mary's. Prayerfully consider taking this position.

Faith Formation 2020-2021 – Preparation, Guidance & Recommendations: Helpful guidance, resources and suggestions, at the request of Youth Ministers and Directors of RE are available. Faith Formation plans are done in consultation with your Parish Pastor.

The beautiful hand-carved marble statue of Blessed Mother Mary is located beside the main doors of our church. Fr. John encourages us to pray a Hail Mary each time we look at the statue. **Fish Fry Take Out, Sunday, September 3rd** from 11AM-2 PM. It will be held at the parking lot of St. Michael's Church. \$15, Two Walleye Fillets, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread and mints. All proceeds go to the Catholic School in Mahanomen.

The local Loaves and Fishes food shelf needs are greater than ever. Please keep them on your donation list. (PO Box 152, Fosston) Usually 30 families were in need of food, this past week 45 families needed help. Food shelf will be open Wed., Sept. 2nd, 11AM-2PM

STEWARDSHIP

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| Budget Needed Weekly: | \$ 2218.04 |
| Last Week's Collections: | |
| 28 Adults | \$ 1460.00 |
| Loose | \$ 70.00 |
| Holy Day (Aug. 15) | \$ 20.00 |
| Total Collections | \$1550 .00 |
| Bazaar Donations | \$ 700.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$1500.00 |
| Capital Improvement Balance | \$2994.08 |

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

Two Touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers for your use. One by main entrance door and one on the pillar when you come into the church from the office area.

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

BAZAAR UPDATE: Twenty-five parishioners have now contributed over \$6000 with the largest donation being \$1000. Your generosity comes at a great time so that we can refrain from tapping into savings for the ordinary expenses of St. Mary's. Even though we are not having a dinner, raffle, etc., we can have a little fun with the silent quilt auction. The high bid at this writing is \$150. Bazaar donations and quilt bids are most welcome by Sept. 30. Thank you so much for your participation at whatever level works for you!

Silent Auction: Donation to St. Mary's Church of a beautiful Queen size quilt (92"x74") hand-made is up for bids. Minimum bid: \$100. Deadline: Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 9:30 AM.

You may bid at the church by the display, call 435-6484 or Email stmarysfosston@gmail.com

Our 2020 Summer Diocesan Annual Appeal Summer sun envelopes are still available by the doors. If you would like to support the Summer Appeal you may do so by making an online gift at www.crookston.org/daa or use a summer appeal envelope. 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.

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!

Sept. 15th, 4 PM CUF Meeting

2nd Collection September 13th, for Holy Land that was postponed from Good Friday.

2nd Collection September 20th for Latin America