

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will, and an unwillingness to forgive. The love of Christ both purifies and sets us free to do good to all - even those who cause us grief. The call to accountability for what we have done and have failed to do is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up on praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. It is our obligation to forgive our offenders and to ask forgiveness from others for our offenses. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are to one another. One in Christ, our community can use God's power to make His healing, life-giving love more effective among His people. Lord Jesus, make us an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give us wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration.

God Bless You!

Have a Happy Labor Day Weekend.

**Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**PARISH STAFF:**

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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 – 8 pm

Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.

Wed., Sept. 9 8:30 AM Mass (Time change)  
Wes Laughery+

Fri., Sept. 11 8:30 AM Mass  
Dave Holzer+

Sun., Sept. 13 8:30 AM Mass  
Lawrence Westerlund+

**St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions**

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., Sept. 10 11:30 AM Mass

Earl & Pearl Madre+ & Perry Levett+

Sun., Sept. 13 10:30 AM Mass  
for the Parishes

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting**

### Birthdays

Sept. 8 Jerome Schmit  
Sept. 9 Doug Hand  
Sept. 10 Margarette Rne  
Sept. 12 Don Drydahl

### 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, Brady Jones, Kristi Maruska,  
Wayne Paulson, Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh  
Martinson, Roger Scharendroich, Nora Ann Leutz,  
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, Paul Silver, Nancy Silver, Clara Mae,  
Lucille Dufault, Mark Randall, Jodi, Bonnie  
Schirlinger, Michael Killian, Gail Kjos, Scott  
Redder, Bethany, Peggy Desizlets, Connie Smeby  
*"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. 13, 2020  
Sirach 27:30-28:7, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12,  
Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

**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

"You, son of man, I have appointed  
watchman for the house of Israel..."

(Ezekiel 33:7) Many of us are generous with  
our gifts. However, many of us are not generous  
in proportion to the gifts we have been given.  
How often do we give at the minimum level  
required? Remember, the Lord calls us to  
nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be  
generous with all the gifts He has given us,  
especially the one that means the most to us.

On [formed.org](http://formed.org): This week, the Church  
celebrates the feast of Mother Teresa! Don't  
miss this film portraying the missionary who  
brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.  
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://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](http://formed.org/faithathome) with friends and family  
not yet on FORMED to get them started with a  
complimentary subscription. The content on  
[formed.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Gatherings**”. (Both are posted on the bulletin board.) Or go to [www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org).

**Mini:TREE update:** A note in the collection basket or email [stmarysfosston@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 **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.

**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 with Helpful guidance, resources and suggestions are available to help you. *“Do not fear, for I am with you”*; Isaiah 41:10 Faith Formation plans are done in consultation with our Pastor.

**OOPS, Date Misprint:**

**Fish Fry Take Out, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Immigration Sunday Minnesota – World Day of Migrants and Refugees –** the Catholic bishops of Minnesota have designated September 27, 2020, to mark Immigration Sunday Minnesota. Minnesota's Bishops join with Catholics around the globe to mark World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme is Forced to flee like Christ. Immigration Sunday is an important moment for Minnesota Catholics to show their commitment to welcoming migrants and refugees in our communities through our prayers, education, and actions. By accompanying them in person and in prayer, we can not only help them integrate into our communities but show that we see and welcome Christ in them.

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
26 Adults	\$ 1290.00
Total Collections	\$1310 .00
Votive Candles	\$ 75.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 900.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 45.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$3039.08</b>

The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols in compliance with Minnesota may be found at [stmarysfosston.org](http://stmarysfosston.org) or [www.crookston.org](http://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.

Thank you from the 2020 Graduation students for the special, beautiful quilts given to them from St. Mary's Church.

**BAZAAR UPDATE:** Thank you to the 31 donors who have already given over \$7,000 to our Bazaar fund. Your donations are so appreciated at this time. With three weeks to go until our usual Bazaar Sunday, the rest of you have plenty of time to decide what it might have cost you this year and donate accordingly. Sorry! No turkey dinner this year!

**Silent Auction:** The high bid at this writing is \$175.00. The donation is to St. Mary's Church for a beautiful hand-made Queen size quilt (92"x74") and is up for bids. 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](mailto:stmarysfosston@gmail.com)

### **Our 2020 Summer Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Thanks to everyone who gave to the DAA Summer Appeal! Our diocesan ministries impacting all the parishes cannot happen without the generosity of so many of God's people. We are humbled by the support given during such a difficult year. God Bless You.

Summer sun envelopes are still available by the doors or you may donate by making an online gift at [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa)

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM CUF Meeting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection September 13<sup>th</sup>,** for Christians living in the Holy Land (postponed from Good Friday.)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection September 20<sup>th</sup>** for Latin America

**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](http://www.crookston.org/secertification).

**Labor Day, this year especially, is dedicated to the American "Essential Workers" who went to work in spite of adversity. God Bless You.**