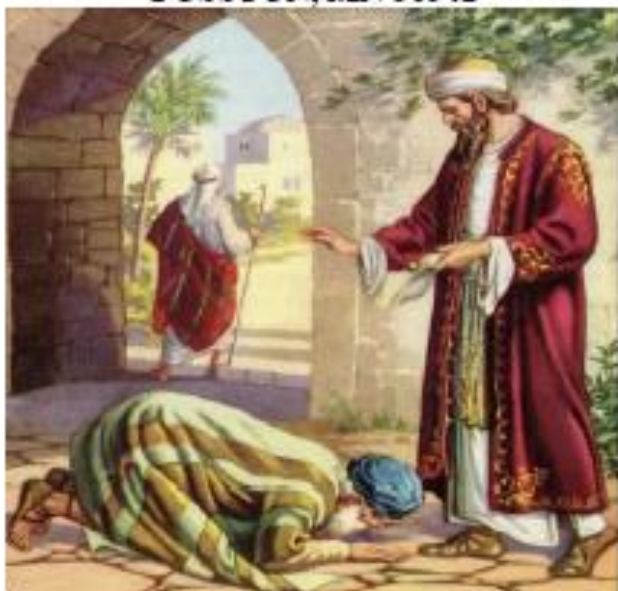


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday liturgy invites us to reflect about forgiving our offenders and getting reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation. In today's Gospel, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day and, hence, we need God's forgiveness every day. We must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching the prayer *Our Father*, "*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you*". We need to forgive, forget and be reconciled. The forgiveness that we offer others helps us to pray meaningfully: "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" What God expects from us is to forgive others without any limits.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Valarie Holzer

**Grades 7-12: Needed**

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Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham  
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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. 16 11:30 AM Mass  
Lynn Cullen+

Fri., Sept. 18 8:30 AM Mass  
Francis Perreault+

Sun., Sept. 20 8:30 AM Mass  
Peggy Desizlets

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

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm  
Tues., Sept. 15 11:30 AM Mass

Franklyn Renner+  
6 PM Mass  
Gloria Thul Hacker+

Thur., Sept. 17 11:30 AM Mass  
Suvakeen+

Sun., Sept. 20 10:30 AM Mass  
for the Parishes

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

### Birthdays

Sept. 16 Lynn Vennes  
Sept. 17 Jim Wille  
Sept. 19 Cathy Godtland

### Anniversaries

Sept. 14 Doug & Michele Schoenborn

### 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 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, Paul Silver, Nancy Silver, Clara Mae,  
Lucille Dufault, Mark Randall, Jodi, Bonnie  
Schirlinger, Michael Killian, Gail Kjos, Scott  
Redder, Bethany, Peggy Desizlets, Connie Smeby,  
Zach Plante

*"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. 20, 2020  
Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, Matthew 20:1-16a

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 if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)**  
This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

On [formed.org](http://formed.org): Augustine Institute Radio Theatre Documentary. It branches out to the immersive world of audio dramas. Explore how captivating stories of great Catholic saints and legends are made. Mary, Mother of God: Discover the Mary of the Bible, discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception. 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).

**MinisTREE 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.



**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.

**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.

**Fish Fry Take Out, TODAY 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.

**Tuesday, 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.

**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).

The Sept. issue of [The Word Among Us](#) is available for you by the bulletins. Not only does it offer the Order of the Mass and the daily Mass readings, but there are commentaries for each day and numerous articles, including one on teaching grandchildren to grow in faith and another on an antidote to chaotic family life. We have Oct., Nov., Advent and Lent issues on order. Please make use of these spiritual aids. Feel free to take to a fellow parishioner who has not been coming to Mass at church due to the pandemic.

**Fatima, the movie,** is showing in Crookston and East Grand Forks at least through Sept 17. Find show times and details at [fatimathemovie.com](http://fatimathemovie.com). It can also be seen online for a fee or purchased. A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, Fatima tells the story of a 10-year-old shepherd and her two young cousins in Fátima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. See it soon!

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
25 Adults	\$ 1245.00
Loose	\$ 23.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1268.00</b>
Votive Candles	\$ 75.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 1550.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 175.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3214.08</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 to Blasars & Maneckes for the beautiful mum plant in front of the altar.

**BAZAAR UPDATE:** "I give thanks to my God every time I think of you..." Phil 1:3 With 39 households participating, the total received in lieu of our annual bazaar is \$8401. That is amazing! With more than two weeks to go until Sept. 30, many others will likely be pitching in as well. Please consider what you might have spent if we were having a bazaar and place in the Sunday offering, mail in or drop off at the office. Every donation makes a difference!

**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. 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)

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM CUF Meeting**

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

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Blessing of Hansville Cemetery after 11:30 am Mass held at the cemetery. Everyone welcome.

R.E. Coordinator for grades 7-12 is needed for St. Mary's. Prayerfully consider taking this position. *"Do not fear, for I am with you";* Isaiah 41:10

Sept. 17, 4pm Christm 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).