

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time. This Sunday's readings are all about the sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often overrides His justice and, hence, God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously by opening Heaven for us. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us the strange parable of a landowner who hired laborers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard but paid the same living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity to all of us. It illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible Divine supply. This story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs generously and mercifully. Let us follow God's example and show grace to our neighbor.

**God Bless You! Have a Good Week.**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**September 20, 2020**

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**Bookkeeper:** Linda Hand Cell 218-280-2271  
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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. 23 11:30 AM Mass**  
**at Hansville Cemetery\*** Herman Burggraf+  
(\*If inclement weather, Mass will be at Church.)

**Fri., Sept. 25 8:30 AM Mass**  
Ernest Agnes Jr.

**Sun., Sept. 27 8:30 AM Mass**  
Peggy Desizlets

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

**Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm**

**Thur., Sept. 24 11:30 AM Mass**  
Margie Galli+

**Sun., Sept. 27 10:30 AM Mass**  
John & Adeline Wolfdorf+

**Hansville graves will be blessed after Sept. 23  
Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!**

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**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 – September 27, 2020.** 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. 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.

Prompted by recent hurricanes and the wildfires ravaging the west coast states, Archbishop Jose Gomez (USCCB President) requests donations to the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund. Mail to **USCCB office at Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund, PO Box 96278, Washington, DC 20090-6278** or drop in the collection basket with a memo for Emergency Aid.

**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).

**REACHING OTHERS FOR CHRIST:** You may have heard Pope Francis' call for all Catholics to be "Missionary Disciples" but wonder "What does this mean for me?" or even "How do I do this?" Join Deacon Mark Krejci for this six-session online course which will prepare you for sharing the good news of the Gospel with anyone in your life. This course will help you figure out how to share your faith with family members, others in your parish, people at work or even someone you meet in the grocery store. The course is a practical approach to discovering how Jesus is calling you to be a missionary disciple for we are all, in our own way, sent on mission. The workshop will be offered via zoom and will occur from 7:00 to 8:15 on Thursday nights beginning on October 15th and concluding on November 19th (the week before Thanksgiving). Because this course is offered online people from across the Diocese of Crookston can participate from the comfort of their homes. Please go to the Diocese of Crookston website to register for the course or use this link to access the registration form <https://bit.ly/3kiWP49> If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Krejci, Office of Formation in Discipleship for the Diocese of Crookston, at [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org).

**Fatima, the movie,** is showing in Crookston and East Grand Forks at least through Sept 24. Find show times and details at [fatimathemovie.com](http://fatimathemovie.com)

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