

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Liturgy helps us to obey our God gracefully by doing His will which will decide our eternal reward. It is we who choose our eternal destiny. In the parable in today's Gospel, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. The first son says he won't go, but later regrets it and works. The second son says he will go but does not. In each case, it is the final decision that is more important. Jesus teaches through this short parable that repentant tax-collectors and prostitutes, represented by the first son who initially refused to go, will make their way into the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and the elders, represented by the second son in the parable. By their pride and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance, the scribes and the Pharisees are excluding themselves, while the tax-collectors and sinners whom they despised are repenting of their sins and will be accepted into God's Kingdom. We need to do God's will every day by saying "Yes," to God by doing His will. It is never too late for us to repent, be converted and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our life.

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

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**PARISH STAFF:**

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

Valarie Holzer

**Coordinator for 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 also by appointment**

**St. Mary's Mass with Intentions**

**Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 6:30 pm**

Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.

**Wed., Sept. 30 11:30 AM Mass**

Bernice Fesko Family

**Sundays in October, Rosary at 8:10 AM**

**Sun., Oct. 4 8:30 AM Mass**

For the Parishes

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

**Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm**

**Starting in October, every Tuesday there will be Mass at 5PM.**

**Thur., Oct. 1 11:30 AM Mass**

Katherine Scheuer+

**First Fri., Oct 2 5:30 PM Mass**

Larry Kliner Sr.+

**Sun., Oct. 4 10:30 AM Mass**

Jim Vorderbruggen+

**Church is open for visits and personal prayer**

**Wednesdays 9am – 8pm and Fridays 9am -1pm**

<u>Birthdays</u>	
Sept. 30	Craig Randall
Oct. 1	Leslie Haugen
Oct. 1	Ray Roy
Oct. 3	Nick Geray
Oct. 4	Nancy Schmit
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Sept. 2	Jerome & Linda Klinkhammer
Oct. 4	Melissa & Tyler McGlynn

**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, 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, Oct. 4, 2020  
Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 80:9, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20,  
Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

Inter-County Community Council offering energy  
assistance to East Polk Co. residence. Call 218-  
796-5144 Ext 4 or [esp@intercountycc.org](mailto:esp@intercountycc.org) Check  
out the bulletin board for brochures and income  
guidelines.

**FAITH FORMATION Excitement!**

Grades K -6: Ms. Amanda & Ms. Valarie will  
welcome PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School on  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, after Mass.

Materials have been distributed to families for their  
home use in lieu of Friday school.

Grades 7-12: The Diocese of Crookston **requires  
students** to join the live virtual "**Together in  
Spirit**" program beginning at 7pm, Oct. 7. Sessions  
are planned through March 17. These interactive  
online events will include guest speakers, breakout  
sessions, Q & A, door prizes and shout outs.

Check out the insert in the bulletin this week.

**On formed.org:** Gospel of Matthew, Celebrate St.  
Matthew the Evangelist by learning more about his  
remarkable Gospel. (His feast day was Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>)  
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 is amazing. Everyone will  
find something engaging.

**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)

**"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather,  
humbly regard others as more important  
than yourselves..."** (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see  
how others act or dress and think we are superior  
to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if  
we truly believe everything is a gift from God,  
we recognize all the people that God has put into  
our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they  
enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in  
your life: your family, your friends, and those  
who make you angry.

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

**MinisTREE:** A note in the collection basket or email [stmarvsfosston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvsfosston@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.

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).

St. Mary's Guild will host a 'social distancing' baby shower Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for Molly and Paul Peltier to welcome their fourth child, their first son, Karl David. You may drop cards and monetary gifts in the special boxes that will be located by the entrance doors of the church. You may also drop-off or mail your gift to the church office and it will be added to the box before being delivered to the family. Congratulations to Molly and Paul and blessings to their growing family.

**REACHING OTHERS FOR CHRIST:** 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. The course is a practical approach to discovering how Jesus is calling you to be a missionary disciple. The workshop via zoom, 7-8:15 PM on **Thursday nights beginning on October 15th** and concluding on November 19<sup>th</sup>. People from across the Diocese of Crookston may participate. 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).

#### **Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf:**

The months of Feb. & Oct. we pay for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf utilities. Volunteers from St. Mary's are needed for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in Oct. Please call Sandy at 218-431-1558 or [sjohnson@gvtel.com](mailto:sjohnson@gvtel.com). Thank you for volunteering. Send monetary donations to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated.

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
32 Adults	\$ 1585.00
Youth	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1600.00</b>
Latin America collection	\$ 20.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 475.00
Votive Candles	\$ 40.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3314.08</b>

**BAZAAR UPDATE:** With 46 households donating, the total received is \$9401! That is more than we have cleared at any of the Bazaars we have had in recent years and exceeds all expectations for this fundraiser. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!** For those who haven't given yet, we welcome your donation when most convenient for you.

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. We have plenty of space for all to worship while being spaced apart from other households. **Please come, wear masks (if over 5 and not medically challenged), use touch-free hand sanitizer and worship the Lord.**

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>

Living Faith books and The Word Among Us books for October are available by the entrance of the church. Take one home to use.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY** Catholic United Financial of St. Mary's will lead the Rosary at 8:10 AM every Sunday in October.

**Silent Auction:** The high bid at this writing is \$200.00. The beautiful hand-made Queen size quilt (92"x74") donated to St. Mary's is up for bids. Proceeds go into our Bazaar fund raiser. Deadline: Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 9:30 AM. You may bid at the church by the display, email [stmarysfosston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfosston@gmail.com) or call 435-6484. **This is the last Sunday to bid on the quilt.**

**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

The **40 Rosaries for Life** campaign will run from September 23 to November 1. As in past years, the parishes of the Diocese are invited to participate in the "40 Rosaries for Life" campaign with each parish (as well as Chancery staff on their designated day) asked to pray a rosary with the intention of Respect for Life from conception to natural death. **Our designated day is Oct. 14.** We will pray the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament at **6pm** with Benediction following. If you cannot attend, please offer a rosary for this intention.

#### **Flowers on the Cemeteries:**

Many of the Hansville and St. Mary's cemetery flowers have been removed. They are stored in the "Blue Barrels" located at each cemetery. After Oct. 1 they will be disposed of. If you have not done so already, please remove all flowers and decorations.

**Today, September 27 is Immigration Sunday in Minnesota – World Day of Migrants and Refugees.** 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.

**Collections Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Capital Improvement And Peter Pence Collection. World Missions Collection Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**