

**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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the gospel today Jesus speaks about the Parable of the Tenants. This parable tells us of God's generosity and trust. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also richly conveys us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times, he forgives the tenants & their debts. But, while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. He entrusts his gifts, graces and blessings to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labor for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**PARISH STAFF:**

**Pastor:** Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen  
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**Secretary:** Marge Donnell 218-930-0520  
Office Hours: Wed. & Fri. 9am -1 pm  
**Bookkeeper:** Linda Hand Cell 218-280-2271  
Office Hours: Wed. 1-5 PM  
**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 – 8 PM**

Social distanced Adoration is encouraged.

**Wed., Oct. 7 11:30 AM Mass**  
Peggy Desizlets

**Fri., Oct 9 8:30 AM**  
Lynn Cullen+

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

**Sun., Oct. 11 8:30 AM Mass**  
Dave Holzer+

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

**Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm**

**Tues., Oct. 6 5PM Mass**  
Norman Larsen+

**Thur., Oct. 8 11:30 AM Mass**  
Theres O'Neil

**Sun., Oct. 11 10:30 AM Mass**  
For the Parishes

**Church is open for visits and personal prayer**  
**Wednesdays 9am – 8pm and Fridays 9am -1pm**

### Birthdays

October 6 Lynn Jackson  
October 8 Michael Lynch  
October 9 Sue Erdmann  
October 11 Viola Hand

### 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 Lentz,  
Allie St. Pierre, Richard Parent, Dennis Omang,  
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, Clara Mae, Lucille Dufault,  
Mark Randall, Jodi, Bonnie Schirlinger, Michael  
Killian, Gail Kjos, Scott Redder, Bethany, Peggy  
Desizlets, Zach Plante, Butch Klinkhammer  
*"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. 11, 2020  
Isaiah 25:6-10a, PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

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

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30 PM. Sons of Norway "Torsk  
& Meatball Dinner" Drive through/Pick up at  
Embassy Community Center. \$10. Reservations  
required by Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Call 435-1230 or 435-1140

### **FAITH FORMATION Excitement!**

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

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

**Confirmation class** will start Oct. 11, after Mass.  
**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.  
Contact Bob Noel at [bnoel@crookston.org](mailto:bnoel@crookston.org)

**On formed.org: Lectio: Mark,** Join Tim Gray in  
this powerful fourteen-part series to discover the  
Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself  
in the Gospel that offers St. Peter's account of  
Christ's life and teaching. 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)

**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.

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:** 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.

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.

*“The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens.

Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

**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.

Real Presence Radio is holding their 15<sup>th</sup> annual Fall inspirational stories of faith and hope. Tune in to find out which parish will win the Incredible Parishes Challenge. Donate and you’ll be entered in a chance to win prizes call 877-795-0122 7am-7pm Oct 6-9 Donate online at [www.realpresencerradio.com](http://www.realpresencerradio.com). Your gift helps to support one of the greatest resources we have, to share the truth about the Catholic faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

**TODAY Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:** St. Mary’s Guild will host a “social distancing” baby shower 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).

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
15 Adults	\$ 1180.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 27.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
Bazaar Donations	\$ 700.00
<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)

Masses at St. Mary's are 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 located by each door.

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.

The successful bidder on the beautiful quilt made and donated by Florence Nesvold was Lori Balstad who bid \$200.

Thank you Florence and Lori!

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

The 40 Rosaries for Life campaign started September 23 and goes 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 Wednesday, 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.

**World Missions Collection Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Safe Environment Certification module 2020-2021 for the Diocese of Crookston. Every person, age 18 or over, who is in contact with young people in the church under the age of 18 years or vulnerable adults, physically or virtually, must certify each year. Religious Education (RE) is starting October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you need help please call Marge at 435-6484. Go to [www.crookston.org/secertification](http://www.crookston.org/secertification).

If you did not register your children for RE yet, you are welcome to do so at anytime. Registration forms are located by the bulletin board.

There are Rosary instructions on Blue paper to help everyone follow along. They are located by each entrance of the church. Take one home.