

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Scripture readings offer us an invitation to the everlasting joy of the Heavenly banquet and a loving warning to stay ever ready by remaining in a state of grace. In today's Gospel, by telling a parable of the wedding feast, Jesus blames the Jewish religious and civil leaders for rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly banquet given through him. They refused to accept God's invitation to righteous living given through John the Baptist and through Jesus. Hence, the sinners and Gentiles accepted the invitation for His banquet, and that is why Jesus is keeping the company of sinners. We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness all the time and appreciate and make use of the provision for God's graces in the Church. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2020

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Youth Group Leader: Savannah Conger
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham
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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. 14 11:30 AM Mass Sharon Rein+

6 PM Rosary for Life & Benediction

Fri., Oct 16 8:30 AM Crystal Aaland

Sundays in October, Rosary at 8:10 AM

Sun., Oct. 18 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Oct. 13 5PM Mass

Harry Kortan+

Thur., Oct. 15 11:30 AM Mass

George & Mae Barry,

Sun., Oct. 18 10:30 AM Mass

Allen Theis+

Wed. Oct. 14, 6pm Rosary for Life & Benediction. Please come!

Birthdays

Oct. 13 Richard Parent
Oct. 13 Amanda Weiner
Oct. 14 Larry Handyside
Oct. 15 David Illies
Oct. 18 Lori Balstad

Anniversaries

Oct. 12 Lisa & Paul Rosendahl
Oct. 15 Jon & Lori Hand
Oct. 15 Craig & Diep Randall

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, Grandma Dorothy, Paul Silver,
Clara Mae, Lucille Dufault, Mark Randall, Jodi,
Bonnie Schirlinger, Michael Killian, Gail Kjos,
Scott Redder, Bethany, Peggy Desizlets, Zach
Plante, Msgr. Mike Patnode, Susan Becker
"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. 18, 2020

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matt 22:15-21

**Oct. 15th 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. 12th. 435-1230 or 435-
1140

FAITH FORMATION:

WELCOME to our new Wednesday Evening
Religious Education Leader **SAVANNAH
CONGER!** Savannah is the daughter of Deacon
Aaron Kaiser.

Special THANKS to Lori Balstad for her many
years of great service as our RE Coordinator.

Grades PreK-6th Sunday School Class Today and
November 1, after Mass. Materials have been
distributed to families for their home use in lieu of
Friday school.

Confirmation & Theology of the Body classes
after Mass today.

Grades 7-12: The Diocese of Crookston **requires**
students to join the live virtual **"Together in
Spirit"** program which began 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

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

Webinar Recording Now Available: "Open Wide
Our Hearts: The Catholic Church Confronts
Racism". The video is available at
www.MNCatholic.org/OpenWideOurHearts.

On formed.org: Lectio: Prayer; St. Francis of
Assisi; Sign of Contradiction; Ocean of Mercy
(3 saints from Poland). Go to 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 with friends and family not
yet on FORMED to get them started with a
complimentary subscription. The content on
formed.org is amazing.

*"Let us pray that God's people exercise their right
and responsibility to vote with an informed
conscience. Let us also pray for civility and peace
among all." Msgr. Mike Foltz, General Mail*

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

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

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 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in Oct. Please call Sandy at 218-431-1558 or 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.

Distanced Baby Shower for Karl David continues today, Oct. 11, by St. Mary's Guild 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. Congratulations to Molly and Paul and blessings to their growing family.

Observe the Respect Life display in the social hall. Fetal models tell it all. Cherish LIFE!

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. There will be a short meeting of the local MCCL afterwards. Please come with your mask and expect to social distance as required by the State of Minnesota.

Real Presence Radio held their fall Live Drive this past week. Donate online at www.realpresenceradio.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.

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 19th. 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
31 Adults	\$ 1230.00
1 Youth	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 60.00
Total Collections	\$ 1292.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 250.00
Catholic United Financial	\$ 1525.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 290.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3604.08

World Missions Collection Oct. 18, 2020

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

PRAISE BE TO GOD AND THE 51 HOUSEHOLDS OF ST. MARY'S for the \$10,351.00 that has been donated in lieu of our annual parish fall dinner and bazaar. Who could have guessed we would reap so richly? May each one of you be blessed beyond expectations as the parish has been. To those who may have overlooked this opportunity to give generously to this fundraiser which is used for meeting our monthly expenses, your donations are still most welcome. To those unable to contribute at this time, may you, too, be blessed with abundance.

THANK YOU SO MUCH CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL for \$1525 from the Bakeless Bake Sale & the MinisTree project.

MinisTREE: HELP US EARN THE MAX!

Just drop a note in the collection or email the parish office with your deeds, donations, etc. that will each earn \$5 for the parish from Catholic United Financial. Thank you so much!

To help those suffering from hurricanes or fires: 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.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, our parish will observe one day in the 40 Rosaries for Life campaign as designated by the Diocese. 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 life.

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.

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

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 TODAY. If you need help please call Marge at 435-6484.

Go to www.crookston.org/secertification.

The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols in compliance with Minnesota may be found at stmarysfosston.org or 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>