

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme of this Sunday readings is the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. In the Gospel, Jesus answers to the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" by stating, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With this answer, Jesus reminds his questioners that if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws. With God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and Heaven. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations and find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in Faith and morals. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2020

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Youth Group Leader: Savannah Conger
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. 21 11:30 AM Mass
Francis Perrault+

Fri., Oct 23 8:30 AM
Seth Johnson

Sundays in October, Rosary at 8:10 AM

Sun., Oct. 25 8:30 AM Mass
Annammal+, Suvakeen+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Tues., Oct. 20 5PM Mass
Franklyn Renner+
Rosaries for Life after Mass

Thur., Oct. 22 11:30 AM Mass
Earl & Pearl Madre & Perry Levett+

Sun., Oct. 25 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

Birthdays

Oct. 23 Tony Haugen
Oct. 25 Fr. John

Anniversaries

Oct. 21 Jim & Debbie Wille

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. 25, 2020
Exodus 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Matt 22:34-40

Minnesota Catholic Conference 2020 Election
Resources provides a wealth of resources that
help Catholics form our conscience and inform
our vote. There is a direct link to these resources
on our Diocese of Crookston home page,
www.crookston.org or by going directly to
<https://www.mncatholic.org/resources/election/>.

FAITH FORMATION:

WELCOME to our new Wednesday Evening
Religious Education Leader SAVANNAH
CONGER! Savannah is the daughter of Deacon
Aaron Kaiser. Youth grades 7-12 are welcome Oct.
21st & Oct. 28th, 6-8PM.

Grades PreK-6th Sunday School Class
November 1, after Mass.

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

Confirmation & Theology of the Body classes
after Mass Oct. 25th.

Grades 7-12: The Diocese of Crookston requires
students to join the live virtual "Together in
Spirit" by Zoom. . (7-8:15 PM) Sessions are
November 4th, Dec. 2nd, Dec. 16th, (2021) Jan. 6th,
Jan. 20th, Feb. 3rd, Feb. 10th, Mar. 3rd last session
Mar. 17th. 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: Feeling Lost? Wondering if life
has a purpose? Check out the new video-based
program "The Search". 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.

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

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf: Volunteers from St. Mary's are needed for the 3rd Wed. 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.

The Diocese of Crookston Office of Communications is seeking a Multimedia Journalist for its multiplatform news source: *Our Northland Diocese*. The position serves as the primary writer, print designer, and manager of online content, archives and records. Apply by Nov. 30th, 2020. Contact jgergen@crookston.org.

Crookston Cathedral Church's Harvest Festival on **Sunday, Oct. 25th**. 11am-2pm. \$14 Fish Fry **Drive through takeout meal** delivered to your vehicle. As vehicles are waiting in line for their meal, play "Seek and find" bingo, vehicle trivia, & free kids' activity bags, prizes, lively music, and inflatable characters walking around the parking lot. Also raffles and a virtual silent auction. www.crookstoncathedral.com Tickets call 218-281-1735

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** concludes 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.

Catholic Apologetics Virtual Conference Oct. 23-25 with 50 on-demand presentations, live Q & A, music, etc. with Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn, Lila Rose, Steve Ray, Patrick Madrid and many more. Register online at virtualcatholicconference.com. Watch as little or as much as you wish from the comfort of your home. It's FREE!!

"Minnesota, Our Common Home" 6-week study, is designed to explain the message of Laudato si' in terms of its significance for Minnesotans today. Study participants will gain a greater understanding of "integral ecology" and how care for all of God's creation is connected. www.MNCatholic.org/ourcommonhome.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
33 Adults	\$ 1870.00
1 Youth	\$ 1.00
Loose	\$ 18.00
Total Collections	\$ 1889.00
Bazaar Donations	\$ 25.00
World Mission	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3604.08

BAZAAR UPDATE: With the proceeds from the quilt made & donated by Florence Nesvold, we have now had 53 households contribute \$10,576 to our Bazaar fundraiser. This is outstanding! Thank you so much!

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!

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.

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

Thank You to everyone who participated in the "Distanced Baby Shower" for Karl David, Son of Molly and Paul Peltier. Congratulations to Molly and Paul and blessings to their growing family.

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) has started. 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 <http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

Bishop's Guild, Diocese of Crookston cards: Bishop's Guild information cards with a Stewardship prayer included is available by the church entrances. Take one home. The bishop's Guild members support diocesan ministries. The cards underscore the generosity, strength and support the Diocese of Crookston has had from its major donors over these past few difficult months.

A \$300 tax deduction for all taxpayers is effective for 2020 as provided in the CARES Act as an incentive to give to charity. Also, the cap for those who itemize was raised from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%. This may be a consideration for you in your 2020 stewardship plans and when you file you file your taxes for this year.