

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
35 Adults	\$ 2415.00
Youth	00.00
Loose	\$ 55.00
Total Collections	\$ 2470.00
Church in Africa	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 80.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 4377.97

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 and keep yourself socially distanced.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains indefinitely suspended in our Diocese and the rest of the MN dioceses. If you cannot be with us for Sunday Mass, please find a way to keep Sundays holy. You can join **Mass on TV or at** <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

In case of emergency while Fr. John is gone. Please call: Deacon Aaron Kaiser at 218-280-4707

Please take a moment to visit the Life Display in the social hall. The fetal models remind us of our beginnings and the need to work toward a day when abortion is unthinkable. Human life is to be revered at all ages and stages.

Thank you, Eileen Hegg, for last Sunday's invitation to join the Jan. 23 March for Life in Bagley and Crookston and to become a member of the local chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. To join MCCL, call Eileen at 218-563-3152.

You can participate in the national March for Life this year without leaving your home. Register now at marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events. Then on Friday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. join the nation in celebrating LIFE. Together Strong – Life Unites is the theme.

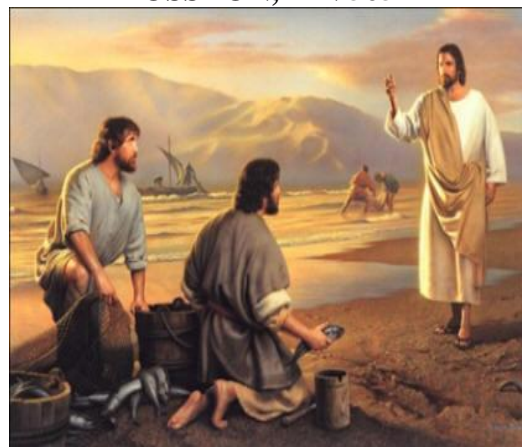
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities on vaccines: What can those who uphold the sanctity of life do to protest against the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for ethical vaccines? First, inform yourself and others about how some vaccines are connected to abortion through the use of abortion-derived cell lines, and about which vaccines use such cell lines. Second, inform your doctor about this connection and ask him or her to provide ethical vaccines, when possible. Third, urge pharmaceutical companies and medical researchers to discontinue using abortion-derived cell lines, and thank them when they do.

The meeting of Catholic United Financial was changed to February 9 at 4pm.

Catholic United Financial invites you to participate in the MinisTree project to earn funds for the parish. Simply let your good deeds be known by a note in the collection basket or email to stmarysfosston@gmail.com. Include the deed, your name, address and phone number. It can be a donation you have made to a charity, a gift or deed for a neighbor, a task for the parish that is out of the ordinary (not usher, lector, etc.). Together we can earn the max of \$250 for the first half of 2021!

Email from Fr. John: "I am so happy that everything is going on well. Wedding celebration was very great. Thank you so much for your prayers. God bless you."

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542**



Greetings from Deacon Aaron Kaiser:

When first called by God to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh, Jonah rebelled: reasoning that the pagan Ninevites were unworthy of his time and trouble to reach out to them and that God's mercy should be reserved for only the chosen people of Israel (Jonah Ch. 1 and 2). Why did Jonah have to learn obedience the hard way? Wouldn't it have been easier and less painful for him to follow God's call? How easy it is for us to make this hindsight judgment!

When Jesus called, in today's Gospel, the disciples not only walked away from their profession but left family, friends, and equipment behind. Jesus invites with authority, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1: 17).

The timing of someone else's conversion experience is beyond our control and impossible for us to predict. However, we do have control over our own conversion. We can embrace discipleship by responding quickly to God's love. Are we still in awe of God's word and the Word made flesh? What weight or impact does Jesus have on our choices and decisions? How radically are we willing to embrace his call to change?

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021**

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: AmandaWiener & Valarie Holzer

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

St. Mary's Mass with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 PM

Sun., Jan. 31 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Sun., Jan. 31 10:30 AM Mass

Earl & Pearl Madre+ & Perry Levet+

PreK-6th grade Sunday School resumes in-person today. WELCOME BACK!!

TODAY IS "WORD OF GOD" SUNDAY

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

January 24: Nina Bingham

January 31: Jan Hemmingsen

February 7: Margarett Rue

Birthdays

Jan 31 Erv Wickham

Anniversary

Jan 25 Tom & Eileen Hegg

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.

Prayer List Policy: Names from outside our Parish will be removed from the list after one month. Additional months may be requested as needed or desired.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Richard Parent, Bruce Donnell, Lucille Dufault, Mark Randall, Peggy Dessizlets(10/28), Lynn Vennes,, Jodi Nelson, Doug Holcomb(1/24)
“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, Jan. 31, 2021
Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9,
1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28

Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and Men “Project Rachel” is offered from the Diocese of Crookston. The confidential phoneline is 218-470-0112.

First Link Suicide Prevention: Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 from anywhere in our service area <https://myfirstlink.org/>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Sunday School is back in person today after Mass for Pre-K through 6th grade.
Savannah Conger had sessions with the Youth Group the last two Wednesdays.
Upcoming **Together in Spirit** online events for Middle School and High School:
February 3: Coach Anthony Simon MS & HS
February 10: AMA – DOC Priests MS
March 3: Katie Prejean MS & HS
March 17: Jonathan Roumie MS & HS

Diocese of Crookston Summer Camp. The Office of Formation in Discipleship is excited to announce that we are moving forward with plans to hold two summer camps this year at Oak Hills College in Bemidji. The (new) Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp for youth who are entering grades 9 and 10 will take place June 20-24. The theme for this camp is EXTRAordinary. Registration opens January 26 at 9:00 AM at: www.crookston.org/tocamp.
The Saint John Paul 2 Camp will be from July 18-22, 2021. The theme is “Into the Deep”. Open to youth entering grades 7 & 8 only. Registration opens Tuesday, February 2 at 9:00 AM at: www.crookston.org/jp2camp

Estovir! Be a man! July 7-9, 2021, at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston. A chance for Catholic guys, 18 years+, to hang out, Pray, Plan and Discuss. Free. Register: crookston.org/estovir
Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877
mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net

Looking for Service, Staff and Leadership Team Members for this summer’s camps. If you know of any exceptional juniors, seniors, or college students from your parish that you would recommend for service team, staff, or to be a part of leadership for the upcoming St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul 2 Camps, please share those names and contact emails with Bob Noel. Applications open on the same dates as participant registration opens for each camp.

Catholics at the Capitol – “On Mission for Life and Dignity” April 15, 2021. Speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials. “CatCap” will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers. For information visit <https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org>

On formed.org: “John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You,” an incredible documentary on the impact John Paul II had on the Church and the World. **Also,** New live show every Tuesday at 6PM featuring Dr. Tim Grey discussing topics relating to Catholic life style. Go to formed.org/signup. “Find Your Parish,” type in Fosston’s zip code of 56542 No password needed. Be an evangelist and share this link formed.org/faithathome with friends and family not yet on FORMED to get them started with a complimentary subscription.

Guidelines for activities and events, protecting ourselves from COVID-19 while indoors. Changes announced by Gov. Walz starting Nov. 27th affect only receptions, celebrations, parties or gatherings held at the church and not the capacity of religious services. The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols found at stmarysfosston.org or www.crookston.org/statments. Stay Safe.

Beginning Jan. 20, 7-8 PM, every Wednesday for 4 weeks through Feb. 10th, Deacon Aaron Kaiser, Pastoral Associate for the Office of Formation in Discipleship, will host a free online adult formation class titled “**Serving the Lord with our Lives**”. The class, open to any adults in the Diocese of Crookston, will meet via Zoom. The course will help participants understand generational divides and offer simple, easy to use techniques to confidently witness and proclaim the Gospel to others. It will also provide a greater understanding of the baptismal call and how to fulfill the responsibility of living as a missionary disciple.

Men of the Diocese of Crookston Are you being called to be a Deacon? If you wish to explore a vocation as a Permanent Deacon, the next formation group will begin in the Fall of 2021. The Diocese will be holding two more Discerning the Diaconate zoom sessions for men who want to find out more about diaconate discernment and ministry. Each session will be an opportunity for men, and their wives if married, to hear from deacons, wives of deacons, and the Director of Formation (Dcn. Mark Krejci) about the ministry of the deacon and the formation program. They will be held via zoom on: Saturday February 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday April 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you wish to join one of these sessions, or if you have any questions about the diaconate, email Dcn. Mark at mkrejci@crookston.org. You are also strongly encouraged to talk with your pastor as well as deacons you may already know.

PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, urges us to see this movie in 2021. It is coming available on DVD and Blu-ray in February. www.HCFMstore.org

God, our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother’s womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Jan. 22 Mass Collect)

Let us pray for the soul of **Vickie Berndt**, mother of Rick Litzinger who is Theresa Zitzow’s son-in-law. *May Vickie and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

God Bless Fr. Duane Pribula for his sacrifice in celebrating the Mass with us for two Sundays, Jan. 17 & 24.