

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday readings are about the birth and growth of the Kingdom of God. The gospel talks about the huge growth of the Church & growth of human lives from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the growth of a wheat seed & of a tiny mustard seed. Both have very small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual, but steady growth, give the farmer a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts, and the growth of the Church in the world, also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent and gigantic growth, provided we cooperate with His grace. The Kingdom of God is the growth of God's rule in human hearts that occurs when man does the will of God and surrenders his life to God. We need to cooperate in the growth of God's Kingdom. God bless you! Have a great week.

We are re-instating the Sunday obligation to attend Sunday Mass effective from July 4th.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 13th, 2021

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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
Wed., June 16 11:30 AM Mass
Joe, Mark & Chris Fesko+
Fri., June 18 8:30 AM Mass
Nicholas Agnes+
Sun., June 20 8:30 AM Mass
For the parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Tues., June 15 5 PM Mass
Franklyn Renner+
Thur., June 17 11:30 AM
Jim Vorderbruggen+
Sun., June 20 10:30 AM Mass
Lillian Haider+

June 16, 6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Birthdays

June 14 Theresa Anderson
June 20 Tom Hegg

Anniversaries Listed

June 18 Ruth & Troy Palmer
June 20 Nick & Shawna Geray

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, Richard Parent, Bruce Donnell, Mark Randall, Brady Jones, John Blaser, Carly Hemmingsen, Brett Schulz (5/16), Clara Manecke, Jerry Garding (5/26), Dean Vikan (6/2) Dorine Schmitz (6/4)

"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available. Take one from the table in the hall for someone in need or 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, June 20, 2021

Job 38:1, 8-11, Ps 107:23-26, 28-31, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

Keep up on the Year of St. Joseph at
<https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>

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

Our local MCCL chapter will be having a booth at the Fertile fair July 7-11. Please consider taking a two-hour shift to man the booth. Call Linda for details or to schedule a time. 218-280-2271 or 218-435-6255.

Diocese of Crookston Summer Camp. At Oak Hills College in Bemidji. **The St. Teresa of Calcutta Camp** for youth who are entering grades 9 and 10. June 20-24. Register at: www.crookston.org/toccamp.

The St. John Paul 2 Camp July 18-22, 2021. For youth entering grades 7 & 8 only. Registration at: www.crookston.org/jp2camp Looking for Staff for Summer Camps. Contact Bob Noel.

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 **deadline June 21, 2021** at crookston.org/estovir

Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877
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Applications now open for the next Deacon Formation group. Deacon Mark Krejci has hosted several "Discerning the Diaconate" sessions over the past seven months and anyone who participated in one of these sessions has been notified that applications for the next group to enter Deacon Formation for the Diocese is now open. If you or someone you know has been discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate but was not able to attend one of the discernment sessions you may still apply for this next group beginning formation in the Fall of 2021. Those interested in learning more and/or applying should email Deacon Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Personnel and Formation (mkrejci@crookston.org) for information.

On Formed: "The Search" tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Go to formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password needed. Share with others to get them started with a complimentary subscription.

Prayer: "The time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practical realities of life, and faith in turn nurtures prayer without interruption," said Pope Francis.

SPEAK LIFE!

I am seventeen. Seventeen weeks old. You know the phrase, "There's a 'bum' in the oven?" Well, there's a potato in your oven, Mom. That's right! I'm as big as a regular baking potato. And I can react to even more sounds and light because my central nervous system is sending all kinds of messages to me. My skeleton is turning from cartilage to bone and my limbs are even longer. Hey, you know what goes good with a baked potato? Cheese and sour cream. Remember, I am trying to double my size! a.m.opdahl

Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal: If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life?

Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo weekend. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 23-26, 2021 and a Men's weekend October 28-31, 2021 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. Applications are at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com. For more information contact Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706 or bmercil@holyroarycc.org

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 25 – 31, 2021 The Office of Formation in Discipleship, as part of Marriage and Family Life ministry as well as Respect Life ministry, is sponsoring free quarterly NFP introduction sessions to engaged and married couples from the Diocese of Crookston via Zoom. Presented by Laura Golden, RN, who is a member of Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Warren and who is trained in the Creighton Model. The first session will be held in July.

Covid-19 Protocols: May 13, 2021 Minnesotans who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear face coverings indoors.

The Diocese of Crookston's return to Liturgical Practices: Guidance and Recommendations effective May 28, 2021, regarding liturgical practices and protocols:

No capacity limits for religious services. No requirements to wear masks, nor keep six feet apart. Continue to maintain schedule of sanitation and have hand sanitizer available at entryways. Holy water in fonts and receptacles is allowed. Singing is permissible. Hymnals and prayer cards may be placed in the pews. Collection plates may be passed person to person. Physical touch at the Sign of Peace is permissible. Alter Servers and all other liturgical ministers are permissible.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended in our Diocese until July 4th. You can join Mass on TV or at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP for the Diocese of Crookston: Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your love, grant the Diocese of Crookston a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart emphasizes the vastness of God's concern and love for struggling humanity. It serves as a reminder to sinful and hurting people to trust in His Heart, which so tenderly loves each of us.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adults	\$ 1420.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 72.00
Total Collections	\$ 1492.00
Coffee	\$ 16.00
Retired Priests	\$ 0.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 140.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 2453.80

YOU DID IT!! St. Mary's made the list of parishes that have reached their goal for the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal. In fact, we have surpassed the goal of \$8723 by \$112 for a grand total in donations of \$8835 from 39 households which is 33.05% of the parish membership. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

St. Mary's Church needs your help: A volunteer person is needed to work with Deb Wille planning &/or serving food at funerals. Training available. Call 668-2096 for information.

One person cannot be available all the time.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Lucille Dufault funeral. God Bless you.

If you have flowers from your gardens to share, please call the church and bring them Friday 9AM-1PM or Sunday AM ready to display before Mass.

Mark your calendar: Mass and joint parish POTLUCK picnic at Lengby Lake Pavilion July 21. St. Mary's will sponsor it this year.

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

Sunday, June 13 Kathryn Ziermeier

Sunday, June 20 Lori Balstad

Sunday, June 27 Nina Bingham

"You have been chosen" to serve the Lord. July we will start back with Liturgical Schedule. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Bring Offertory Gifts, Servers, Ushers, & Lectors/Commentators. Let the office know if you can participate.

Huge Thankyou to Everyone who helped in any way with VBS; VBS was an amazing faith-filled experience for our Kids and volunteers.

Thank you to all of our wonderful youth & adult volunteers who donated their time and talents to make our VBS successful. Thank you, also, to all of St. Mary's for your generous monetary donations so our kids could attend, worship with their own music CDs and eat supper every night free of cost. We appreciate all of you!

Check out the video St. Mary's web site or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcxGx61WY7A> **ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS** will have to be **cancelled** if no one volunteers to serve them. Today, June 13th, Kathryn Ziermeier and Tricia Proulx will serve. Jan & Dennis Hemmingsen will serve June 20th. Doug & Michele Schoenborn will serve June 27th & July 4th. Volunteers needed for rest of month of July. **Please call or email the parish office with the date you can serve.** We do not want to assign people without their expressed consent.

Next week, June 20, 2021, is the Father's Day collection for Retired Priests. This special collection provides funding for medical, dental, and other miscellaneous and continuing education expenses for our retired priests. Please take this opportunity to give generously to those who have devoted their lives to caring for us. Use your offertory envelope or donate online at www.crookston.org/stewardship/fathersday

Thank you to everyone from the St. Mary's family for thinking of us on our graduation. Special thank you to Fr. John for all the blessings and gifts and also to the quilting ladies for the quilts. We will use these gifts at UND this Fall. Thank you again, Grant and Logan Hemberger.

Thank You so much for the goodies and plant brought to our home in memory of our son, Craig. It was much appreciated by our family! Sincerely, Grace Burggraf.