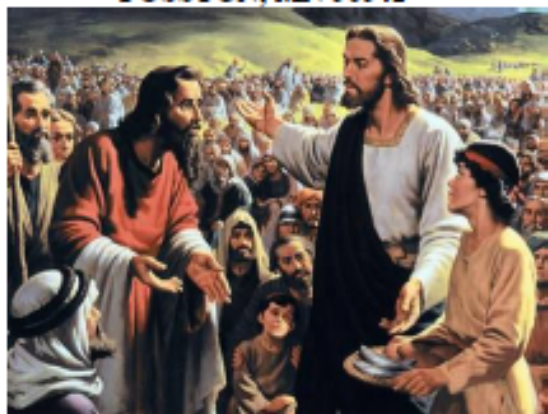


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings invite us to become humble instruments of God's love by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. The Gospel also calls us that if we are blessed with an abundant food supply, we need to share it with the hungry and poor people. Once physical hungers are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper hungers, for love, mercy, forgiveness, companionship, peace and fulfillment. Jesus' miraculous feeding of five thousand people by using five barley loaves and two fish, as described in today's Gospel, was associated with the Holy Eucharist early in the Church's tradition. This miracle teaches us that God works marvels through ordinary people. Elisha's servant and Jesus' disciples distributed the bread provided by God through generous people who were willing to share their food with the hungry. Thus, God meets the needs of people through the good will and services provided by members of His community. Please continue to pray for rain.

God bless you. Have a great week!

**Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021**

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PreK-6: Amanda Wiener & Valarie Holzer
7-12 grades: Margarete Rue & Tricia Proulx
Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schoenborn
Trustees: Dennis Sanden and Paulette Kringle
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., July 28 11:30 AM Mass

Jodi Nelson+

Fri., July 30 8:00 AM Mass (Note Time)

Lawrence Stassen+

Sun., August 1 8:30 AM Mass

Martha Agnes+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., July 27 5 PM Mass

Molly Carter+

Thur., July 29 11:30 AM Mas

Earl & Pearl Madre & Perry Levet+

Sun., Aug. 1 10:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

Birthdays

July 27 Todd Daniels
July 27 Kathryn Ziermeier
July 31 Andy Shimpa
August 1 Jim Palubicki

Anniversaries Listed

July 29 Mary & Danvy Jacobson
July 30 Paul & Molly Peltier

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, Clara Manecke, Dorine Schmitz (6/4) Cole Matecjek (6/27) Marge Donnell, Jerry Garding, Kerry Gross (7/13)
"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, August 1, 2021
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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.

On Formed: This week, enjoy an episode of The Slugs and Bugs Show – an engaging kids show that makes the faith fun for children. Go to formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542. No password needed. Return often and explore all the great programs. Share with others to get them started with a complimentary subscription.

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 the 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.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 25 – 31, 2021. This session, meant for both married as well as engaged couples, will introduce you to God's natural options for family planning. This will be a zoom session; just sign up through the link found below. The session will be held on July 20th at 8:00 p.m. for one hour. There is no charge for couples from the Diocese of Crookston or those getting married in the diocese. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/3vmdOaZ> Repeat

The Diocese of Crookston Women's Cursillo is the weekend of September 23-26, 2021 and the 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@holyrosarycc.org

SPEAK LIFE!

I am twenty-one. I'm so glad to be twenty-one weeks old! I'm bigger than my placenta which feels like it's going to stay where it belongs now. How do you like my 3 a.m. stretching routine? I notice you get up, too, and then I hear the toilet flush. Why? Oh, and I can also taste the differences in my amniotic fluid because of what you eat, Mom. I'm pretty sure your salad at lunch had red onions. Didn't it? Remember, I like sweet things. And speaking of sweet; this week I'm as big as a sweet potato!

-a.m.opdahl

The USCCB is calling our attention to attempts in Congress to repeal the Hyde Amendment, the federal legislation that prevents the use of federal taxpayer funds to pay for abortions. It is expected that the vote to exclude the Hyde Amendment may pivot based on one or two votes in congress. Add your name to the petition at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/> Also, <https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion> is a site where you can get good info.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

PLEASE PRAY that the Lord will provide our area with abundant gentle rains to replenish our parched earth. *Lord, have mercy on us and on the whole world.* For drought relief resources, go to: www.fischbach.house.gov/drought

Middle/high school boys and young men (college or older) are invited to a Red Hawks game with the seminarians. Gather at St. Joseph's in Moorhead at 6:15pm for evening prayer and then travel to ballfield. RSVP Fr. Matt Schmitz mschmitz@crookston.org or call 218-773-0877. Ticket provided; bring money for dinner at the ballpark. Bring a parent and friend. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. Tell those in whom you sense the possibility of a priestly vocation. Sometimes all it takes is just a little encouragement for someone to discern their calling.

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

Cathedral School in Crookston, MN is hiring
*Pre-Kindergarten Aide, *Two full-time teaching positions in 3rd & 5th grades *After School Care Aide, *After School Care Coordinator ~Please Contact Stephanie Webster at 218-281-1735 or swebster@crookstoncathedral.com

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).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – July 25, 2021

Ushers: Doug Schoenborn, Dennis Sanden

Gifts: Steve Chalich Family

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Valarie Holzer

Servers: Jesse Worshek, Darien Holzer

Hospitality: Tom & Rita Holland

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 1, 2021

Ushers: Mark Bingham, Doug Hand

Gifts: Jerry Erdmann & Phil Schouville

Lector: Lori Balstad

Eucharist: *Kathryn Ziermeier & Gabe Wiener

Servers: Tessa Zitzow & Ellis Wiener

Hospitality: Tennis Balstad Family

If you are not available for your scheduled Sunday, please call someone to fill in for you.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2377.48

Last Week's Collections:

29 Adults \$ 1050.00

Youth \$.00

Loose \$ 25.00

Total Collections \$ 1075.00

Coffee & Rolls \$ 35.00

Capital Improvement \$ 50.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 3158.80

2021 Diocesan Summer Appeal July 25

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Diocese. Envelopes are available by the entrances. Our goal is \$8723. Received: \$8410. Unpaid pledges: \$675. When all pledges are paid, we will have exceeded our goal by \$362. This is from 40 households. Thank you so much for your contributions.

Catholic United Financial urges you to submit your deeds of kindness and charity to receive \$5 each for the parish for the MiniTree project. Email the parish office, call or text Linda at 218-280-2211 or fill out a card located by the missalettes. If this is your first submission, please include your address and phone number. The age requirement is 18.

HELP WANTED

**Parish Secretary to start August 1, 2021
Wednesdays & Fridays 9 to 1.**

**Youth Group Leader: Wednesday evenings
during the school year.**

See Fr. John for details.

WANTED: A volunteer to work with Deb Wille planning &/or serving food at funerals. Training available. Call 668-2096 for information.

THANK YOU TO ALL who made the joint parish Mass and picnic the place to be last Wed., July 21. Your presence is always appreciated.

The 2021-2022 Safe Environment training module for the Diocese of Crookston is now available. Our Safe Environment year begins on July 1, 2021, and runs through June 30, 2022. This year's module is Component A, "Reporting Child Abuse and Boundary Violations." Safe Environment certification is necessary for every adult, age 18 and over, clergy, employee, independent contractor, and volunteers in the Diocese of Crookston who has the potential for unsupervised contact with children or vulnerable adults.

NOTICE: CEMETERY DECORATIONS NOT ATTACHED TO GRAVESTONES WERE RECENTLY REMOVED. If there was something you valued, you may find it in the blue barrel at the cemetery.

This past week three deteriorating windows were replaced in the office, confessional and sanctuary by Wayne & Brian Zachariason. Some staining and painting will be needed to finish the project.

Aug. 1: 2nd collection for capital improvements