

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember that Mary was taken into heaven with body and soul. Her Assumption is her heavenly birthday. On this day she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we also be received into paradise. The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: *God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry.* Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph.

Happy Feast of Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

God bless you! Have a great week.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

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PreK-6: Amanda Wiener & Valarie Holzer
7-12 grades: Margarette Rue & Tricia Proulx
Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schoenborn
Trustees: Dennis Sanden and Paulette Kringlen
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., Aug. 18 11:30 AM

Harold Agnes+

Fri., Aug. 20 8:30 AM Mass

Bob & Rick Miller+

Sun., Aug. 22 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Aug. 17 5 PM Mass

Franklyn Renner+

Thur., Aug 19 11:30AM Mass

Earl & Pearl Madre & Perry Levet+

Sun., Aug. 22 10:30 AM Mass

Allen Theis+

Pleading for Rain: Starting Aug. 22 at 5pm at St. Joseph's in Red Lake Fall, everyone welcome. See bulletin board for more information.

Happy & Blessed Birthday to:

Aug. 22 Linda Blaser

Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed:

Aug. 16 Angie & Andy Shimpa

Aug. 19 Gabe & Amanda Wiener

Aug. 22 John & Audrey Schmit

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 (8/4) Kerry Gross (7/13) Lissa Handyside (7/30) Linda Klinkhammer (8/4) Chris Hove (8/11) Rita Peet (8/13)

"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 22, 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Ps 34:2-3, 16-21,

Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69

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.

The Office of Formation is looking to put together a youth advisory cohort that will help shape ministry in the Diocese of Crookston. It is important to have our young Church be an active part of shaping ministry. If you know someone who would be excellent at taking leadership and shaping ministries such as youth rallies, retreats, or other youth-focused ministries, please share their name with Bob Noel at bnoel@crookston.org

On Formed: What does it mean to say Mary is the mother of the church? Anyone can 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.

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).

SPEAK LIFE!

What compels us to procreate? An irrational desire to spend sleepless nights for the next year or two? The craving to juggle five times the laundry, trip over baby paraphernalia and learn how to eat standing up? Parenting is a craziness all its own. And yet the connection with our children is profound. We feel it when they curl into us with trust, in the moment they utter their first words. We may lose our minds some days, and our patience—but children are a delight like no other: our lasting legacies. Speak LIFE to one today. -a.m.opdahl

The Diocese of Crookston has an opening for a full-time clerical support specialist. The person who fills this position will provide clerical support to various offices at the diocese; duties include assisting with organizing and planning events, creating online registration forms, tracking registrations and payments, and formatting pamphlets, brochures, and worship aids. We are looking for a motivated team player who is friendly and organized and has lots of initiative. Expertise with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher) is required. The position is 40 hours a week. Compensation includes a competitive benefit plan with health and dental insurance, life insurance and long-term disability, paid leave and pension. **To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to Chad Ryan at cryan@crookston.org.**

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46 After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.

2021 is a milestone year for Bishop Emeritus Balke. On Sept. 2 he will celebrate the 45th anniversary of his episcopal ordination and on Sept. 29 he turns 90 years old. An open house to recognize these milestones will take place at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston, on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All Diocese of Crookston faithful are invited.

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

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 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@holynosarycc.org

2021 High School Graduates: Belong to something great in college: On your phone: app.newmannministry.com

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Augusta Maruska for washing church windows inside & out and **Dennis Sanden** for cleaning and applying finish to the rectory deck!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 15, 2021

Ushers: Harlee Bingham, Phil Schouviller
Gifts: Florence Nesvold & Dorothy Killian
Lector: Nina Bingham
Eucharist: *Mark Bingham, Clyde Kringlen
Servers: Jesse Worshek, Isabel Klinkhammer
Hospitality: Sarah Bjerklie & Doreen Brovold

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 22, 2021

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, David Brinkman
Gifts: Sue DeFrang, Lynn Jackson
Lector: Margarette Rue
Eucharist: *Doug & Michele Schoenborn
Servers: Genevive Rue Sofia Rue
Hospitality: Randy & Margarette Rue Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2377.48
Last Week's Collections:	
35 Adults	\$ 2350.00
6 Youth	\$ 28.00
Loose	\$ 203.00
Total Collections	\$ 2581.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 56.00
11 Bazaar	\$ 2125.00
Guild Donation	\$ 300.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 2158.28

A letter to St. Mary's Guild dated 7-23-21:

There are not enough words to let you know how much we appreciated all the food delivered to our home when I broke my shoulder, house cleaning help, shopping volunteers, rummage sale helpers, hauling tables to and from the church. We were so humbled by all of the helpers that God sent to us in our time of need. In our daily prayers, we pray to trust in God and look what happened! How could we ever leave Fosston with so many great friends in our parish family. There is no way to thank each and every one for their generosity so Gene and I want to give the Guild a donation to say Thank You from the bottom of our hearts. May God's blessing generously touch this parish family.

Lovingly, Gene & Clara Manecke

HELP WANTED

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.

The 2021-2022 Safe Environment training module for the Diocese of Crookston is now available. Our Safe Environment year began 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. **Please complete at your earliest convenience.**

QUILT FUND RAISER: Florence Nesvold has made and donated a beautiful quilt that can be yours if you have the highest bid at 10am on Sunday, September 26, 2021. See it in the social hall. Funds raised will be added to the Bazaar "dinnerless" Appeal. Minimum bid is \$100.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RETIRING SECRETARY, MARGE DONNELL! What a blessing it has been for the past seven years to have Marge taking on the many responsibilities that come with being the secretary of a small parish. It's not just the weekly bulletin; it's handling whatever comes up, being the face of the parish to the community, keeping the plants alive, getting the rolls for Sunday coffee, scheduling the liturgical ministers and on and on. We are so grateful for the special touch you brought to our parish, Marge! May you be blessed with abundant graces in your retirement!