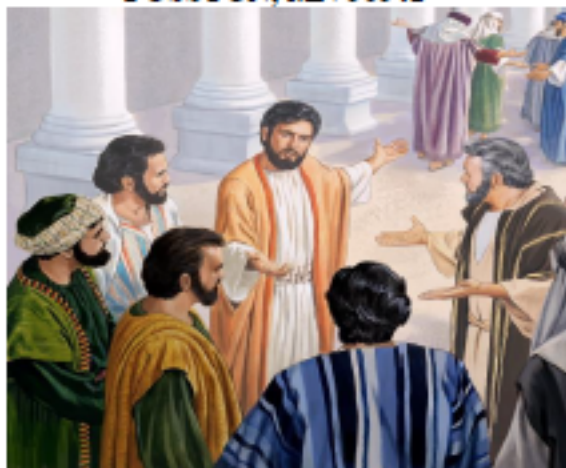


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET NE.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges His audience to make their choice of accepting Him as the true Bread from Heaven who gives His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food. The gospel passage describes the various reactions of the people to Jesus' claims. Jesus gives his twelve apostles the option of leaving him or staying with him. The apostles exercise their freedom of choice by choosing to stay with Jesus. In this Eucharistic celebration, we, too, are called to make a decision, profess our Faith in God's Son and renew the Covenant ratified in Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Let us make our choice for Christ and live it. We need to express without any conditions or reservations our total commitment to Him. That is what we mean by our "Amen" as we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. As we are getting very close to start a new school year, let us pray for the teachers & students of our Religious Education. Continue to pray for more rain.

God bless you! Have a great week.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 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 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. 25 11:30 AM
Herman Burggraf+

Fri., Aug. 27 8:30 AM Mass
Sue Agnes+

Sun., Aug. 29 8:30 AM Mass
Joyce (Klein) Klinkhammer+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Aug. 24 5 PM Mass
Benton Kortan+ & Perry Kortan+

Thur., Aug 26 11:30AM Mass
Special Int. Juvan Family

Sun., Aug. 29 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

Pleading for Rain: Starting Today at 5pm at St. Joseph's in Red Lake Fall, everyone welcome. See inside for more information.

Happy & Blessed Birthday to:

Aug. 25 Augusta Maruska

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) Paul Silver (8/18)
Rev. Paul Magelssen(8/18)

"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 29, 2021
Deutero 4:1-2, 6-8, Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5, James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.

Sept 8 6:30 PM Finance Meeting
Sept 9 6 PM Guild Meeting All are welcome
Sept 9 7PM MCCL McIntosh Community Center
Sept 15 6PM Pastoral Council Meeting

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: Suggested content for the week based on the liturgical calendar, introduces new shows. 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!

I am twenty-four. Twenty-four weeks old. I am experimenting with every single facial muscle. It's a game I play to pass the time. My mouth can stretch wide in an "O" or curve up in a smile or droop down in a frown. My eyebrows can wriggle like furry little caterpillars. My lungs could let me breathe on my own if I needed to, but Momma—just so you know—I like hanging out in here. I probably weigh over a pound now and I have hair on my head, soft as cornsilk. And guess what? I'm as big as an ear of corn this week! *-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 crvan@crookston.org.

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve....As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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

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

Pleading for Rain: A 40 Hours Devotion at St. Joseph's Red Lake Falls, Beginning with Mass on Sunday, August 22, 2021 and concluding with Mass at 8:30 AM Tuesday, August 14th, 2021 invites all people of good will to come and beseech the Lord for rain upon our parched lands. The church will be open for 40 continuous hours during this time with OUR Blessed Lord upon the altar for the faithful to come and pray. At the beginning of each ½ hour, those present will be invited to publicly pray to together a prayer for rain.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 22, 2021

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann David Brinkman
Gifts: Sue DeFrang Lynn Jackson
Lector: Margarete Rue
Eucharist: *Doug & Michele Schoenborn
Servers: Genevive Rue Sofia Rue
Hospitality: Sarah Bjerklie & Doreen Brovold

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 29, 2021

Ushers: Doug Schoenborn Dennis Sanden
Gifts: Dorothy Paulson Carolyn Schmitz
Lector: Kathryn Zierrmeier
Eucharist: *Dorothy Killian Jeanne Sanden
Servers: Tyrus Lewis Olivia Rosendahl
Hospitality: Lisa & Paul Rosendahl Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$2377.48
Last Week's Collections:	
38 Adults	\$2045.00
3 Youth	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 45.00
Total Collections	\$2093.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 34.00
5 Bazaar	\$ 975.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$2158.28

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for HAITIAN RELIEF: Next weekend, August 29. Please be generous to those who have suffered in the devastating earthquake.

Our sincere sympathy to the Clyde Kringlen Family in the loss of Clyde's Father, Robert of Grand Forks, May Robert and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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.

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

Bazaar Appeal: Thank you to 21 households who have made donations to our 2021 Bazaar that will not be held this year. After much deliberation, it was decided to go the safe route and ask for donations rather than attempt to have a dinner and bazaar in these uncertain times. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please let us know in the office. Whether you are giving or not, please return the Guild's request for updating your personal info, including how you prefer to be contacted by Guild leaders. Thank you so much for being a member of our parish family!

YOU ARE INVITED! Jesus has given you an open invitation to spend time with Him sometime Wednesdays between noon and 8pm for Eucharistic adoration. (Closing time varies depending upon church activities.) Make an appointment with the Divine Physician