

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
725 6<sup>th</sup> STREET N.E.  
FOSSTON, MN 56542



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically for hypocrisy. They appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enable us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Let us allow God's words to shape our hearts and intentions. Let us uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow. Only Jesus can free us from sin and guilt. Let us allow the power of God's love to change and transform your heart. Please continue to pray for more rain. God bless you! Have a great week.

**Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 29, 2021**

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**PARISH STAFF:**

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**Religious Education:**

Pr&K-6: Amanda Wieser & Valarie Holzer  
7-12 grades: Margarette Rne & Tricia Proulx  
Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schoenborn  
Trustees: Dennis Sandan 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., Sept. 1 11:30 AM

Dave Holzer+

Fri., Sept. 3 5:30 PM First Friday Mass

Floyd Kaiser+

Sun., Sept. 5 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

**St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions**

Tuesdays: Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Aug. 31 5 PM Mass

Doug Essig+

Thur., Sept. 2 11:30AM Mass

Jim Vorderbruggen+

Sun., Sept. 5 10:30 AM Mass

Frank & Minnie Shreck+

**Today: SPECIAL COLLECTION for**

**HAITIAN RELIEF:** Please be generous to those who have suffered in the devastating earthquake.

**Happy & Blessed Birthday to:**  
Sept 2 Gabe Wisner

**Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed**  
Aug 22 John & Audrey Schmit (Belated Happy  
50<sup>th</sup>!)

**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, Carly  
Hammington, Clara Manecke, Dorine Schmitz (84)  
Kerry Gross (713) Lissa Handyside (700) Linda  
Klinkhammer (84) Chris Howe (811) Rita Peet  
(817) JoAnn Anderson, Paul Silver (818) Rev. Paul  
Magnessa(818) Gabe Schouviller (828)

*"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, Sept 5, 2021

Isa 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6b-7, 8-9a, 9b-10  
Jas 2:1-5; cf. Matt 4:23; Mark 7:31-37

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

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

You are invited to Carol Aaland and Phil  
Schouviller's wedding celebration 4PM, Oct.2,  
2021, at St. Mary's. Keep them in prayer.

**Confirmation classes start in September.**

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).

**Cursillo weekend** The Diocese of Crookston is  
offering a **Women's Cursillo** the weekend of  
September 23-26, 2021 & a **Men's** weekend  
October 28-31, 2021 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp  
south of Fosston. Applications are at  
[crookstoncursillo.weebly.com](http://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com). For more  
information contact Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-5706  
or [bmercil@holyrosarycc.org](mailto:bmercil@holyrosarycc.org)

The Office of Formation is looking to put together  
a youth advisory cohort that will help shape  
ministry in the Diocese of Crookston. 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](mailto:bnoel@crookston.org)

### **SPEAK LIFE!**

I am twenty-five. Twenty-five weeks old. I can sense colors in bright conditions. My nose is sending smells from my amniotic fluid to my brain. I'm collecting baby fat under my skin. It will help me regulate my own body temperature after I leave your cozy womb. My hair color is showing but I don't have a mirror—so that will be a surprise for both of us. And I have grown almost two inches since last week. Remember when I was seven weeks old and as big as a cucumber seed? Well now—I am as big as a whole cucumber! -*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](mailto:cryan@crookston.org).

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22*

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

2021 is a milestone year for Bishop Emeritus Balke. On Sept. 2 he will celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> 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

Catholic United Financial is a great place to put your investments, to buy insurance or even get a loan. Last month Nina Bingham, Doug & Linda Hand represented our local council at the CUF conference in St. Paul for two Masses with retired Bishop LeVoeir, workshops, a business meeting, fun, food and fellowship. If you care about what your treasure is being used for, Catholic United Financial can help. Becky King is the rep in our area. Reach out to her at 218-841-4600 or [bkking@catholicunited.org](mailto:bkking@catholicunited.org).

RPR Network-Inspiring Faith and Hope for 20 years. Please tune in at 820, 1280 or 1370 and support the Anaken Fall Live Drive! Sept. 15-17, 2021 from 7 AM to 7 PM. Ask your device to play Real Presence Radio.

*Pray for people in Afghanistan.*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 29, 2021**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Sept. 5, 2021**

Ushers: Phil Schouwiller Gary Drollack  
Gifts: Randy Rue Family  
Lector: Margaretta Rue  
Eucharist: \*Mark Bingham Eileen Hegg  
Servers: Genevieve Rue Iziah Lewis  
Hospitality: Mark and Nina Bingham

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

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| Budget Needed Weekly:       | \$2377.48 |
| Last Week's Collections:    |           |
| 30 Adults                   | \$1130.00 |
| 3 Youth                     | \$ 3.00   |
| Loose                       | \$ 50.00  |
| Total Collections:          | \$1183.00 |
| Coffee & Rolls              | \$ 24.80  |
| 25 Bazaar                   | \$1960.00 |
| Capital Improvement         | \$ 10.00  |
| Capital Improvement Balance | \$2012.28 |

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

Sept 8 6:30 PM Finance Meeting  
Sept 9 6 PM Guild Meeting All are welcome  
Sept 9 7 PM MOCL Mt. Carmel, McIntosh  
Sept 15 6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

**BLOCK PARTY--St. Philip's, Bemidji, MN**  
Sept. 11, 3-9 pm Rain or Shine!!! See bulletin boards for more information or [stphilipsbemidji.org](http://stphilipsbemidji.org)

**September 12: Special Collection for the Church in Latin America**

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.**

Have you seen this beautiful quilt?

**QUILT FUND RAISER:** Florence Nevold 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.

**Bazaar Appeal:** Thank you to 25 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 3pm for Eucharistic adoration. (Closing time varies depending upon church activities.) Make an appointment with the Divine Physician