

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives in the service of others. Jesus also teaches his apostles that child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God. In the second reading James warns us that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. He advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace. We must become great through humble, self-giving service. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return. During the holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service and for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service. We need to practice humility in thoughts, words and actions. "Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart. I thank all our RE teachers and students. Let us pray for our RE Teachers & Students and Parents.

God bless you! Have a great week.

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021**

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Hulet 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. 22 11:30 AM Mass
Wayne Paulsen+

Fri., Sept. 24 8:30 AM Mass
Tony Straub+

Sun., Sept. 26 8:30 AM Mass
Doug & Linda Hand

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Sept. 21 5 PM Mass

Thur., Sept. 23 11:30 AM Mass
Franklyn Renner+

Sun., Sept. 26 10:30 AM Mass
Raymond & Carole Quade+
For the Parishes

Sunday, Sept. 19, Olive Wood Religious articles
will be sold in the social hall.

Happy & Blessed Birthday to:

Sept. 19 Caitry Godthand
Sept. 22 Nina Bingham
Sept. 24 Alice Okstad
Sept. 25 Paulette Kringlen

Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed

Sept. 21 Jerry & Sus Erdmann
Sept. 25 Jim & Nina Palubicki

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 Parant,
Bruce Donnell, Mark Randall, Brady Jones, Carly
Hammingsen, Clara Masecka, Dorine Schmitz,
Lissa Handy-side , Linda Klinkhammer, Kerry
Gross, Rita Peet (v13) JoAnn Anderson, Paul
Silver (v13) Rev. Paul Magalozan(v13) Gabe
Schouville (v23)

"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 26, 2021

Num 11:25-29, Ps 10:8, 10, 12-13, 14, James 5:1-6,
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**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
<https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>
St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

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).

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 bnobel@crookston.org.

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.

Assisted Listening Devices now available. Use
with your hearing aid or with ear buds
provided. Please try one.

SPEAK LIFE!

Nephesh. That ephemeral combination of body and soul driving us toward wholeness or destruction. There is no middle ground when it comes to our consciences. They steer us in one direction or the other. Experiences shape our moral compasses and yet, the self-appointed moralities of man are flawed. For instance: to abort or not abort? This endless debate cannot negate this truth: we are not the givers of life. The inescapable morality of the value of life resides in the very fact that women have wombs. But at the worldwide rate of an abortion for every one of my heartbeats, how will mankind thrive? Or even survive? -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 crayan@crookston.org.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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 & ever. Amen

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. Applications are at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com. For more information contact Bobbi Marcil at 701-866-5706 or bmarcil@holyrosarycc.org

On Formed: See 7 episodes of *The Search* by Chris Stefanick. 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.

40 Rosaries for Life and Respect Life Month. Wednesday, Oct. 13, there will be a Rosary for Life and Benediction at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's church.

Catholic United Financial wants your **MimiTREE** deeds to earn for the parish the maximum allowed for 2021. Pick up a card by the misc/talettes and put in the collection basket or just email or call the parish office and let Linda know what you have been doing for others or donating.

Listen to RPR 820 AM or realpresencradio.com many good speakers throughout the week.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Sept. 19, 2021

Ushers: Dennis Sanden Tom Weber
Gifts: Kacie Anderson Theresa Anderson
Lector: Margareta Rue
Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden Clyde Kringlan
Servers: Sofia Rue Tyrus Lewis
Hospitality: Ben & Melissa Hemberger

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Sept. 26, 2021

Ushers: John Blaser David Brinkman
Gifts: Rosendahl Family
Lector: Lori Balstad
Eucharist: *Linda Blaser Mark Bingham
Servers: Anna Jackson Olivia Rosendahl
Hospitality: Lynn Jackson Eileen Hegg

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:	
36 Adults:	\$1605.00
4 Youth:	\$ 9.00
Loose:	\$ 100.00
Total Collections:	\$1714.00
Coffee & Rolls:	\$ 44.00
4 Bazaar:	\$ 840.00
Latin America:	\$ 96.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 65.00
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$2167.28

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

Sept. 23, 4 PM Catholic United Financial mtg.

ATTENTION: CARPENTERS & HANDYMEN Our Monstrance that is used to display the Blessed Sacrament needs a home. If you or someone you know would be willing to build a small cabinet to hang on the back wall in the sanctuary, please see Fr. John.

Thank you, St. Mary's parish family for the beautiful prayer shawl. When I wear it, makes me feel like I'm wrapped in prayers. Keep them coming! Lizza Handyside

Sept 22 6-8 PM Confirmation Class Only
Confirmation is Oct. 10, 2021, for Genevive Rue, Kylie Geray, Katelyn Jackson, Chloe McLean and Olivia Rosendahl. Pray for them.

Youth (Grades PreK-6th) Classes begin on Sunday Oct. 3, 2021

Please Register your children for Religious Education (RE). Forms on the table in the social hall. Return to office or put in collection basket.

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 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 36 households who have made donations to our 2021 Bazaar that will not be held this year. 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.

You are invited to Carol Aaland and Phillip Schouwiller's wedding celebration 4PM, Oct. 2, 2021, at St. Mary's. In lieu of gifts or cards, please bring your favorite dish for pot luck reception following the ceremony. Please pray for them.