

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Scripture readings are about the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and a woman, a bond that God intends to be permanent. The readings today invite the spouses to practice the fidelity of their holy covenant marriage commitment before Him. The Gospel teaches that family life is sacred, that husband and wife are partners with equal rights. The spouses need to work hard to create a good marriage. Marriage demands that they should become the right persons for each another. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, and forgiving, sacrificial *agape*-love. It requires many mutual adjustments; much generosity and great good will to forgive and ask for forgiveness; sincere cooperation in training children and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians; and daily strength from God obtained through personal and family prayers and punctual participation in the parish liturgy. God bless all the married couples.

God bless you! Have a great week.

Sundays in October 8:10 AM Rosary except for Oct. 10 when preparing for confirmation.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

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PreK-6: Amanda Wisner & Valaris Holzer
7-12 grades: Tricia Proulx & Margarette Rose
Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schoenborn
Trustees: Dennis Sanden and Paulette Kringlen
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Halst 218-281-7893
24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass with Intentions:

Wednesday: Adoration Noon - 8 PM

Wed., Oct. 6 11:30 AM Mass
Dave Holzer+

Fri., Oct. 8 8:30 AM Mass
Lawrence L. Dufault+

Sun., Oct. 10 8:30 AM Mass
Annammal & Stravskan+

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

Tuesdays: Adoration Noon - 5 pm

Tues., Oct. 5 5 PM Mass
Franklyn Reamer+

Thur., Oct. 7 11:30 AM Mass
Tom Gratkowski+

Sun., Oct. 10 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

Today, 2nd Collection Capital Improvement

- Happy & Blessed Birthday to:**
- Oct. 3 Nick Garay
 - Oct. 4 Nancy Schmit
 - Oct. 6 Lynn Jackson
 - Oct. 8 Michael Lynch
 - Oct. 9 Sue Erdmann

- Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed**
- Oct. 4 Malissa & Tyler McGlynn

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 Hemmingway, Clara Mamecke, Dorine Schmitz, Lissa Handy-side , Linda Klinkhammer, Kerry Gross, Rita Post (WIS) JoAnn Anderson, Paul Silver (WIS) Gabe Schouniller (WIS)

"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, Oct 10, 2021
Wisdom 7:7-11, Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

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

Fall Dinners-see bulletin board or go to www.crookston.org/falldinners

Mass and Blessing at Hansville Cemetery on Wed. October 13, 2021 11:30 AM

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 bnosel@crookston.org

On Formed: The Formed team suggests content for the week based on the liturgical calendar, introduces new shows and gives updates on what is happening. 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.

SPEAK LIFE!

I am twenty-eight. Twenty-eight weeks old. Here we go—the third trimester! Yippee! Are you excited? We should all be excited! Let's dance! Whoops, um—was that your rib? I'm a little squashed in here. Sorry, Mom. Okay, okay. I'll settle down. My heartbeat has been settling down too, averaging 140 beats a minute. But—it's still almost twice as fast as yours, Dad. Oh, and Mom? Thanks for the eggs. My annoying hiccups are gone. Yay! This week I weigh over two pounds and I'm about as big as—psst! Did you hear my clue at the beginning? I'm about as big as a butternut squash. -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.

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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

A message of thanks from Bishop Balke, Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to thank all of you who remembered me with cards, notes and gifts. I most sincerely appreciate your loving kindness and prayerful support over all these years. God bless you as we all continue our pilgrimage of faith, hope and love toward God's eternal kingdom. Gratefully yours in Christ, Bishop Balke (read the full Thank You on www.crookston.org)

Men's Curial weekend. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Curial weekend October 28-31, 2021 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp. Applications are at crookstoncurial.weebly.com. For more information contact Bobbi Mercil at 701-866-3706 or bmercil@holycrossarvc.org

An Introduction to Natural Family Planning for Engaged and Married Couples: This session, meant for both married as well as engaged couples, will introduce you to God's natural options for family planning. Sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston, Laurn Golden, R.N., a trained Natural Family Planning educator, will present an initial session on how to prepare to use NFP. This will be a zoom session and so no need to travel – sign up through the link found below. The session will be held on Tuesday, October 12th 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/3hF2g3R>.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 3, 2021

Ushers: Doug Schoonborn Mark Bingham

Gifts: Amanda, Milan, and Maizie Wisner

Lector: Kathryn Ziemsser

Eucharist: *Valerie Holzer Gebe Wisner

Servers: Ellis Wisner Darion Holzer

Hospitality: Jesse & Augusta Maruska

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 10, 2021

Ushers: Doug Hand Phil Schouville

Gifts: Katelyn Jackson, Kylie Gorry,

Chloe McLean

Lector: Genevive Rue

Eucharist: *Eileen Hagg Jeanne Sanden

Servers: Sofia Rue Jesse Worsbak

Hospitality: Parish Guild Group 2

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:

28 Adults \$1200.00

1 Youth \$ 1.00

Loose \$ 134.00

Total Collections \$1335.00

Coffee & Rolls \$ 19.00

10 Bazaar \$ 1485.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$2177.28

The Perfect Fit Campaign: As you know, the Diocese of Crookston is planning to buy Mount St. Benedict using the main building for diocesan offices and also being able to host retreats, conferences and other large events. The sisters will remain in part of the facility. A Diocesan wide campaign is in the progress and we will receive further information and be encouraged to make a pledge to enable this progress to go forward. Please view the Perfect Fit Video in our website: stmaryofcrookston.org

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.

God's Blessings to Carol and Phillip Schouville on their wedding Oct. 2, 2021

Sacrament of Confirmation Oct. 10, 2021, during Mass (8:30 AM) for Genevive Rue, Kylie Gorry, Katelyn Jackson, Chloe McLean and Olivia Rosendahl. Join them afterwards for cake and rolls served by Parish Guild Group 2.

Friday, Oct.8, 8:30 AM Friday Release Time
No New Confirmation class Wed. Oct. 13,2021

The 2021-2022 Safe Environment training module for the Diocese of Crookston is now available. 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.

BAZAAR UPDATE: The total received for the Bazaar Appeal from 54 households is \$9,835. In addition, the successful bidder, Robert Deslack, adds \$175 for the quilt made and donated by Florence Newbold. **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!** If you have not made a donation yet, it's not too late!

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.

Today is Marriage Day Celebration: Bishop Richard E. Pates invites all of the faithful to join him and married couples from across the Diocese of Crookston for the 2021 Marriage Day at 2:30 pm. at the Cathedral in Crookston. All married couples as well as widows and widowers will receive a special blessing from Bishop and each couple will receive a gift in thanksgiving for their support of marriage. A reception will be held after the Mass in the Cathedral parish dining room.