

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel explains how Jesus has accomplished his mission of saving mankind from the slavery of sin by becoming the "Suffering Servant." Here, Jesus invites his followers to become great by serving others with sacrificial love: "Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant." Jesus commands us to liberate others as he has freed all of us, by giving ourselves to them in loving and humble service. As Christians, we are all invited to serve others, to give our lives in loving service to others, and to serve with a smile! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. Service always involves suffering, because we can't help another without some sacrifice on our part. The best place to begin the process of service by "self-giving," is in our own homes and workplaces. Let us thank God for all dedicated people who serve for our Parish.

God bless you! Have a great week.

Please pray for Fr. John as he celebrates his birthday on Monday, October 25th.

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021**

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Cindy Halst 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., Oct. 20 11:30 AM Mass
Alice Balstad+

Fri., Oct. 22 8:30 AM Mass
Frank Jirik+

Sun., Oct. 24 8:30 AM Mass
Lucille Dufault+

St. Joseph's Bookley Mass & Intentions:

Tuesdays: Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Oct. 19 5 PM Mass

Thur., Oct. 21 11:30 AM Mass
Earl & Pearl Madro +

& Perry Lovett+

Sun., Oct. 24 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

Sundays in October 8:10 AM Rosary

Happy & Blessed Birthday to:
Oct. 18 Lori Balstad
Oct. 23 Tony Haugen
Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed
Oct. 21 Jim & Debbie Wille

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 Rosenbahl, Kristi Maruka, Richard Parent, Bruce Donnell, Mark Randall, Brady Jones, Carly Hammingsen, Clara Manecke, Dorine Schmitz, Lissa Handyside, Linda Klinkhammer, Rita Peet (w/1) Gabe Schouville (w/2), Dorothy Killian(100)
"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 24, 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Ps 128:1-3a, 2b-3, 4-5, 8,
Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

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>.

A beautiful song for the Year of St. Joseph
by Donna Lee-Song of Saint Joseph
(Official Music Video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGJeXJN6E1w>

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 bn Noel@crookston.org

On Formed: Learn about Our Lady of the Rosary Painting through Sacred Art. 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.

Get the Free Catholic Prayer App *Amen* from the Augustine Institute. It includes daily Mass readings & reflections, prep for Sunday Mass with *Opening the Word*, a dramatized journey through the Gospels in *The Life of Christ*, Meditations, Evening Psalms, an audio version of the *Bible in a Year*, children's show *Brother Francis*, *One-Minute Inspirations* with Chris Stefanick and a host of prayers for the whole family. Install the *Amen* app on your phone or tablet. Send feedback to help@amenapp.org. By leaving positive reviews, others will be nudged to download it. What a great way to give your spiritual life a boost in the right direction!

SPEAK LIFE!

I am thirty. Thirty weeks old. My eyes are fully developed and when it's light I can focus on things really close to my face, like my fingers. I like to watch them flutter. Say, Mom—what was that yummy lunch yesterday? It tasted a little tangy but I really liked it. It reminded me of a salad but it wasn't lettuce. Did I hear you say, "coleslaw?" Let's have it again, today—and for the rest of the week. That's made with carrots and cabbage right? Mom, what a coincidence! Because this week I am almost three whole pounds and around the size of a head of cabbage. -a.m. updahl

MOCL FALL TOUR: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, 7pm McIntosh Community Center. Speaker, Cathy Blaser, MOCL's Secretary/Treasurer, will inform and equip you to help save lives during this crucial time for the pro-life movement. There will be a short meeting of the local chapter afterwards. Please come and bring a friend.

PLEASE take notice of the Respect Life display in the social hall and take home a free "I Choose Life" can koozie. October is Respect Life Month. Let your legislators know that you support legislation that protects life at all stages, womb to tomb.

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)
If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

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

Men's Curialo weekend. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Curialo weekend October 28-31, 2021 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp. Applications are at crookstoncurialo.weebly.com. For more information contact Bobbi Marcell at 701-866-5706 or bmarcell@holycrossrycc.org

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.

"All are invited to Cathedral Church Drive-Thru To-Go Harvest Festival on Oct. 31st from 11 am-2pm. Drive through the parking lot to pick up a hot and ready Knights of Columbus fish fry meal for \$15 that is delivered right to your vehicle. Other activities include raffles, outdoor children's games, and a silent auction (more information found at www.crookstoncathedral.com)" or see bulletin board.

Fall Dinners www.crookston.org/falldinners

Join Fr. Chris on EWTN Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 17, 2021

Ushers: Gary Drellock Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Youth

Lector: Margareta Rue

Eucharist: *Mark Bingham Carol Aaland

Servers: Genevieve Rue Iziah Lewis

Hospitality: LuAnn Dufault Sus Defrang

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 24, 2021

Ushers: Harlee Bingham Tom Weber

Gifts: Mark & Nina Bingham

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Eucharist: *Michele and Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Olivia Rosendahl Anna Jackson

Hospitality: Kacie Anderson Theresa Anderson

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:

34 Adults \$1545.00

8 Youth \$ 12.00

Loose \$ 221.00

Total Collections \$1778.00

Coffee & Rolls \$ 33.00

Capital Improvement \$ 20.00

Votive Candles \$ 24.00

Friday School Bus \$ 100.00

CUF MinisTree \$ 125.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$1240.71

The Perfect Fit Campaign: 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: stmarysfosston.org

Propagation of the Faith (World Mission) collection next Sunday October 24

Postponed due to rain, rescheduled Blessing of Hansville cemetery after Mass on Wednesday October 20, 2021 (weather permitting).

Thank you. Thank you!! Tammy Rue for your janitorial services. St. Mary's parish greatly appreciated all your work.

We welcome Theresa Anderson as new janitor.

New Confirmation class and Theology of the Body class 6:30pm-8:30pm on Wed. Oct. 20, 2021, with Circle of Grace training. Parents are welcome.

Youth Mass today! with 2nd Circle of Grace offered @ Sunday School for PreK-6 and parents.

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. 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.

October is 40 Rosaries for Life and Respect Life Month. In October, Rosary before the Mass at 8:10am led by the members of Catholic United Financial. And we thank them.

YOU DID IT AGAIN! Catholic United Financial has given another \$125 to the parish for your deeds of kindness that were reported through the MinisTree project. Thank you so much! No further deeds will be collected until after Jan. 1, 2022

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