

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

The relationship between God and man is a special bond of love. God loves each person individually. He is a personal God and we experience his personal love in the presence of Jesus. Christian love requires of us to convert our hearts and minds to a true and compassionate love of God and of others. In the first reading we have the presentation of the love of God in the form of Ten Commandments. The chosen people were invited to love God with their whole heart. They in turn will receive plentiful blessings from God. In the Gospel we have the summary of the Law given by Jesus to love God with the whole heart, mind and strength and to love one's neighbor as the person would love himself or herself. Jesus says that there is no commandment greater than these. Let us be the faithful disciples of Jesus by following His commandments. Let us pray for our high school youth as they are celebrating the Youth Mass today.

God bless you! Have a great week.

We will have a special meeting for the members of the Pastoral and Finance Council on Wednesday Nov. 3 at 6 PM

**Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021**

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PARISH STAFF:

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Pr&K-6: Amanda Wieser & Valeria Holzer
7-12 grades: Tricia Proulx & Margarette Riss
Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schosborn
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., Nov. 3 11:30 AM Mass
Lucille Dufault+

Fri., Nov. 5 5:30 PM First Fri. Mass
& Adoration
Annammal & Svakoos+

Sun., Nov. 7 8:30 AM Mass
Dave Holzer+

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

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Nov. 2 5 PM All Souls Day Mass
Les & Steve Shereck+

Thurs., Nov. 4 11:30 AM Mass
John Shereck+

Sat., Nov. 6 7:30 PM Hunters Mass
Floyd Kaiser+

Sun., Nov. 7 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

Nov 3 Happy & Blessed Birthday to:
Nick Gerry
Karen Schmanski
Gabe Schorriller

Nov 5 Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT:

Carol Asland 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 Maranka, Richard Parent, Bruce Donnell, Mark Randall, Brady Jones, Carly Hemmingen, Clara Masecka, Dorine Schmitz, Lissa Handyvide, Linda Klinkhammer, Rita Post, Gabe Schorriller, Dorothy Killian, Mike Drellack, Alden Skadsen, Darnie Lambert

"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, Nov 7, 2021

1 Egs 17:10-16, Ph 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10,

Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

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>.

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).

SEEKING: Executive Assistant to the Bishop

The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a full-time Executive Assistant to the Bishop. We are seeking a self-motivated and team-orientated professional of high integrity who possesses a great work ethic and is passionate about fulfilling the Catholic Church's mission. The Executive Assistant to the Bishop will provide administrative and organizational support for the Bishop and other team needs. The individual will also serve as a polished, knowledgeable, and motivated representative of the Bishop's Office to internal and external contacts. The Diocese of Crookston offers full benefits (including paid time off, health and dental insurance, life and long-term disability insurance, and pension). To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to Janelle Gergen at jgergen@crookston.org. Listing will remain posted until position is filled. Visit www.crookston.org/employment to learn more!

On Formed: New Chris Stefanick show on Monday's 7 PM ET, 5 PM MT. 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.

Did you miss Mass this past Sunday? What about 2 weeks ago? Bulletins will be put on the shelf below the bulletin board for your taking to catch up on Father John's greetings and church happenings.

SPEAK LIFE!

I am thirty-two. Thirty-two weeks old. I'm so glad my fingernails and toenails have grown to the tips of my fingers and toes. Because I keep getting a super annoying itch between my shoulder blades that really makes me twist. Good thing I'm an acrobat because I'm getting more squashed in here. Do you ever get that itch? Wow! That's a tough one to reach. But it feels so good when I can scratch it. Um, Mom and Dad... did you catch my hint? Yep, I am as big as another kind of squash this week: an acorn squash. -a.m.opdahl

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.

"And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself" is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)
Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

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.crockstoncathedral.com)" or see bulletin board.

37th Annual Festival of Crafts

Sponsored by St. Michael's School PTC
Saturday Nov. 6, 2021 9 AM to 3 PM
Mahnomon Public School Cafeteria & Auditorium
Lunch available for purchase.

We have now started our youth group. Youth Group leaders are asking for a help to provide a meal, one Wednesday a month. We need your help. Please sign up. Signup sheet located in Gathering Space. Thank you so much! (6:30 pm, Serve 12) For the year 2022-Feb.16, April 13 and May 11 are dates open.) Simple meal and use paper plates. Thank you so much!

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 Prayers, 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!

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 31, 2021

Ushers: Dennis Sanden & High School Youth

Gifts: High School Youth (7-12th)

Lector: High School Youth (7-12th)

Eucharist: *Linda Blaser Clyde Kringle

Servers: High School Youth

Hospitality: High School Youth

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov 7, 2021

Ushers: David Brinkman John Blaser

Gifts: Mary Jacobson Carolyn Schmitz

Lector: Margaretta Rue

Eucharist: *Eileen Hagg Mark Bingham

Servers: Genevieve Rue Anna Jackson

Hospitality: Rita & Tom Holland

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:

30 Adults \$1217.00

2 Youth \$ 3.70

Loose \$ 77.00

Total Collections: \$1297.70

Coffee & Rolls \$ 29.00

Capital Improvement \$ 10.00

Bazaar \$ 100.00

World Mission \$ 98.00

OCHD \$ 10.00

St. Mary's Red Lake Mission \$ 10.00

Capital Improvement \$ 10.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$1310.71

The Perfect Fit Campaign: A Diocesan wide campaign is in progress and are encouraged to make a pledge to enable this progress to go forward. Please view the Perfect fit Video in our website: stmarysfosston.org

Thank you!! So much for all those who prayed the Rosary before Mass in October.

Monday, November 1st - not a day of obligation this year, yet it remains a Holy Day of celebration.

St. Mary's parish family, Thank You! For the prayers, birthday wishes, cards, and cake for my birthday. Father John

Sunday, October 31, the High School Youth (7-12th) students will be ministering at Mass. They will be ministering one Sunday of each month. We welcome their help.

Friday Release time Nov. 5, 8:30 AM

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Thanks be to God for Fr. John!

May the Holy Spirit pour forth blessings in abundance upon Fr. John for the glory of God and the good of His people.

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.

Nov. 14th is MASS OF REMEMBRANCE,

During the month of November we remember all the deceased people of our families in our prayers. Since last November, our parish has mourned the passing of: Larry Scott, Wayne Paulson, Craig Burggraf, Lucille Dufault, and Alice Balstad.

We will honor their memories at the Mass Nov. 14th in a special way. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Please bring your pictures of loved ones and put them on the special bulletin board in back of the church.

Thursday, November 11th is Veterans Day.

If you are a Veteran "Thank You".

If you know a Veteran, Thank Them