

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings invite us to live out a total commitment to serve God with a humble heart. In the first reading a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son welcomes prophet Elijah as a man of God, shares her food with him and receives her reward in the form of a continuing daily supply of food. In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honor in God's eyes. The poor widows in both readings gave away all that they possessed for the glory of God. The sacrificial self-giving of the widows reflects God's love in giving His only Son for us, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross. Let us learn to appreciate the widows and widowers of our parish community, support them, encourage them and pray for them. Let us take efforts to lead our lives like these poor widows by completely sacrificing ourselves to God & our neighbors. God bless all the veterans.

God bless you! Have a great week.

Today, 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Capital Improvement

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day.

Thank You Veterans past and present.

**Thirty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 7, 2021**

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Trustees: Dennis Sanden and Paulette Kringlen

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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., Nov. 10 11:30 AM Mass

Wayne Paulson+

Fri., Nov. 12 8:30 AM Mass

Orlean & Debbie Agnes+

Sun., Nov. 14 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

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

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Nov. 9 5 PM Mass

Franky Renner+

Thurs., Nov. 11 11:30 AM Mass

Eric Martin+

Sun., Nov. 14 10:30 AM Mass

Erl & Pearl Madre+

& Perry Lovett+

Nov. 11, 2021 6 PM Parish Guild Meeting

Nov 8 **Happy & Blessed Birthday to:**  
John Blaser

Nov 10 **Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed**  
Jeanne & Dennis Sanden

**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 Hammington, Clara Mamecke, Dorine Schmitz, Lissa Handyvide, Linda Klinkhammer, Rita Post, Gabe Schottriller, Dorothy Killian, Mike Drollack, Alden Skadsen, Darrin Lambert, Dean Vikan, Fr. Adam Hennes, Alex Gullingsrud  
"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 intension is for a deceased or living person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

The readings for next Sunday, Nov 14, 2021

Daniel 12:1-3, Ps 18:5, 8, 9-10, 11, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32

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>. The Year of St. Joseph ends 12/8/21

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection November 21<sup>st</sup> for Human Development.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection November 28<sup>th</sup> for St. Mary's, Red Lake, Mission Appeal.**

**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](mailto:jgergen@crookston.org). Listing will remain posted until position is filled. Visit [www.crookston.org/searchnewest](http://www.crookston.org/searchnewest) to learn more!

**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](https://www.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.

A Novena to Christ the King – November 12-20; promoted by the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty - <https://www.usccb.org/christtheking>

Parish Mission at St. Joseph's Parish, Fertile from November 28-November 30 at 7 p.m. each evening. Deacon Ralph speaker followed by refreshments. Wonderful way to begin the season of Advent.

### **SPEAK LIFE!**

I am twenty-nine. Twenty-nine weeks old. At first, when my brain was developing it looked smooth. Now its folds and grooves are like the surface of a walnut or cauliflower—*hist, hist*. My neurons are really firing, making connections all through my central nervous system. I feel so alive! I am feeling strong because more calcium is being added to my skeleton every day. I like wriggling around. I've got some moves! From head to toe—Momma—I am nearly 15 inches long. I weigh almost two and a half pounds and I'm about as big as a—you guessed it! The head of cauliflower. -a.m.opdahl

*I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)*

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?

**Installation of new Bishop:** Whether you have a ticket or not, everyone will be able to watch the installation and pray as one faith community. Those without tickets will be able to go online and watch vespers on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and the Mass on Monday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. The livestream will be carried at [crockston.org/newbishop](http://crockston.org/newbishop), [facebook.com/DioCrockston](https://www.facebook.com/DioCrockston) and through a live broadcast on [Real Presence Radio](http://RealPresenceRadio.com).

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 Primes, 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](mailto: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!

### **Leaves and Fishes Food Shelf**

The basket in the social hall awaits your donation to the Leaves and Fishes food shelf, in thanksgiving for the blessings we have received. Monetary donations may be put in the Sunday collection basket marked for the food shelf or mailed directly to Leaves and Fishes at PO Box 152, Forston, MN 56542. Envelopes are on shelf under bulletin.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection November 28** for 2020 St. Mary's, Mission Appeal, Red Lake. Please keep in prayer this Appeal which will be taken the weekend after Thanksgiving. Our gifts to the Appeal are so critical to the wellbeing of St. Mary's Mission School. The many children who are receiving a quality Catholic education there will become the future leaders of the Red Lake Nation. You can donate online and view the St. Mary's Mission Appeal Video at [www.crockston.org/smma](http://www.crockston.org/smma).

St. Michael's School, Mahanomen, Homemade Pies (\$10) Pumpkin, Unbaked Apple or Strawberry/Rhubarb. Pick up Nov. 20 & 21. Call Gina 935-2931 or 261-1005. Poster on bulletin board.

Advent 2021 (Cycle C) begins the weekend of Thanksgiving (November 27/28) this year

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov. 7, 2021**

Ushers: David Brinkman John Blaser  
Gifts: Mary Jacobson Carolyn Schmitz  
Lector: Margaretta Rna  
Eucharist: \*Eileen Hogg Mark Bingham  
Servers: Genevive Rna Anna Jackson  
Hospitality: Doug & Linda Hand

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov. 14, 2021**

Ushers: Gary Drellock Dennis Sanden  
Gifts: Patty and Anthony Marucka  
Lector: Jan Hemmingson  
Eucharist: \*Valerie Holzer Clyde Kringlen  
Servers: Ellis Wisnar Jesse Worsbak  
Hospitality: Tom Weber Mark Worsbak

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:	
31 Adults:	\$1120.00
Youth:	\$ 0.00
Loose:	\$ 66.00
Total Collections:	\$1186.70
Coffee & Rolls:	\$ 34.50
Capital Improvement:	\$ 10.00
St. Mary's Red Lake Mission:	\$ 00.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$1320.71

The Perfect Fit Campaign for the acquisition of Mount St. Benedict by the Diocese of Crookston has received donations and pledges of over Ten Million Dollars, but the goal is for Fifteen Million. The Diocese reports that three households from our parish have participated. If you have mislaid your envelope, you can get one by the bulletin board. This project will be a great blessing to our Diocese and to the Sisters of St. Benedict. Thank you. You can watch the Perfect Fit video on our website: [stmaryscrookston.org](http://stmaryscrookston.org).

Farewell Reception Celebration Thurs. Dec. 2, 2021 @ 4:30 -5PM at Crookston Inn & Convention center Honoring Magr Michael Folz back to full-time Pastor, Joe Noel retiree, and Bornie Sullivan retiree. RSVP by email by Nov. 19, 2021 to [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) see bulletin board

**Thanksgiving Day Mass November 25<sup>th</sup>**

St. Mary's will have Mass at 8:30 am

**FAITH FORMATION:**

**Confirmation & Theology of the Body**

Class Wed. Nov. 10, 2021 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Friday Release time Nov.12, 8:30 AM

Sunday school class-November 14 (Grades PreK-6<sup>th</sup>) after Mass

Theology of the Body Night with Aly Aleigha! November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The Diocesan Office of Formation of Disciples is announcing an evening Zoom session for parents and high school students. Theology of the Body with Aly Aleigha (See: [www.alyaleigha.com](http://www.alyaleigha.com)). Aly is a professional Catholic singer, songwriter and speaker. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247317999?pwd=TWNhWUUhMkRlWkRmVFpSWpURVdleUkyUT09>

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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pick-up your 2022 Calendar by bulletin board.