

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we begin the season of Advent and the new liturgical year. We are in the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing him to be reborn in our lives. It is a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and also a time for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Here we wait for Jesus and there is an eagerness within us to receive him as we look forward to this great event of God becoming man. We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance and by sharing our blessings with others. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives every night during Advent and to make the necessary changes in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Have a Happy Advent.

God bless you! Have a great week.

Today, St. Mary's Mission Appeal

Dec. 1, 6:30pm, Finance Council mtg

Sun. Dec. 12, 2021 6PM Advent Penance

**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**

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PreK-6: Amanda Wiener & Valarie Holzer

7-12 grades: Tricia Proulx & Margarett Rue

Pastoral Council Chair: Doug Schoenborn

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., Dec.1 11:30 AM Mass

Dave Holzer+

6 PM Mass

Cecilia Finseth+

Fri., Dec. 3 8:30 AM Mass

Jim & Rose Mireault+

Sun., Dec. 5 8:30 AM Mass

Wayne Paulson+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., Nov. 30 5 PM Mass

Vernon Kortan & Faith Burley+

Thurs., Dec. 2 11:30 AM Mass

Robert Quandt

Fri. Dec 3 5:30 PM First Friday Mass and

Adoration

Jim Voderbruggen+

Sun., Dec.5 10:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

Happy & Blessed Birthday to:

Nov 28 Mary Miller
Nov 28 Gemma Scott
Dec. 3 Theresa Walsh

Happy Anniversary! Be Blessed

Nov 30 Florence & Ernie Nesvold
Dec. 4 Cathy & Steve Godtland

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 Hemmingsen, Clara Manecke, Dorine Schmitz, Lissa Handyside, Linda Klinkhammer, Rita Peet, Gabe Schouviller, Dorothy Killian, Mike Drellack, Alden Skadsem, Darrie Lambert, Dean Vikan, Fr. Adam Hamness, Alex Gullingsrud, Fr. Rick Lambert, Diane Metzger, Dan Juve

"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, Dec. 5, 2021

Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Phillippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3: 1-6

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

Dec. 2, 4pm, Catholic United Financial mtg.

See bulletin board for past bulletins or go to smarysfosston.org See what you are missing!

ADVENT RESOURCES are available on the table in the social hall. Be prepared for celebrating the birth of our savior by daily spiritual reading this advent. Please take home whatever you can put to good use. If you have internet, sign up for free scripture reflections with Scott Hahn & John Bergsma at <https://stpaulcenter.com/the-word-of-the-lord>. On your phone, go to the app store and get "Amen" or "Hallow" for a variety of spiritual growth resources.

Installation of Bishop Andrew Cozzens: 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, 1pm: crookston.org/newbishop, [facebook.com/DioCrookston](https://www.facebook.com/DioCrookston) or listen to a live broadcast on **Real Presence Radio**.

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!

SPEAK LIFE!

I am thirty-five. Thirty-five weeks old. Well, I decided to dive down and try a different position. My melon is really growing a lot this week. My neurons and brin gyro and sulci are continuing to develop. What is all of that? I don't know, Mom. You'll have to look it up because there is so much going on in my brain that it takes more than half of my energy to keep up. But I still have enough to stretch and kick, Mom. Have you noticed? Guess which melon I'm nearly as big as this week. A honeydew!
-a.m.opdahl

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent

Keep up on the **Year of St. Joseph** at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>. The Year of St. Joseph ends 12/8/21 St. Joseph pray for us.

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).

Prepare the Way of the Lord! The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered on Dec. 12, 2021 at 6 PM or Sundays 8 AM before Mass

Year-end Giving: You can use your IRA required minimum distribution (RMD), or a portion of it, to donate to charity (St. Mary's) without having to pay income tax on the withdrawal. Please contact your IRA Administrator for details. Also, a CARES Act provision that has been extended for 2021 allows singles taking the standard deduction to deduct \$300 for charitable gifts. Married couples filing jointly may deduct up to \$600. These are smart ways to save on your tax bill and fulfill your desire and obligation to give to charity.

Catholic United is a member-owned not-for-profit financial services company, connecting people of faith, protecting their future and generously impacting parishes, schools and communities. For life insurance, annuities, Medicare supplement insurance, retirement planning, legacy giving plans and more, contact a company that respects your faith. Call 1-800-568-6670 to get started.

Project Rachel Ministry: Healing After Abortion. The Project Rachel ministry is offered to women and men who have had a past experience with abortion and wish to seek healing and reconciliation. A trained counselor can be reached through this confidential phone number (218-470-0112) on Tuesday – Friday from 10 am to 8 pm or Saturdays from 9 am – noon.

On Formed: Daily Advent Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray can be in your email each day by signing up at [Daily.formed.org](https://www.dailymformed.org). It's FREE! 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov. 28, 2021

Ushers: Harlee Bingham Tom Weber
Gifts: Carol Broadwell Gabe Schouville
Lector: Margarette Rue
Eucharist: * Mark Bingham Jeanne Sanden
Servers: Olivia Rosendahl Isiah Lewis
Hospitality: Dorothy Paulson Florence Nesvold

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Dec 5, 2021

Ushers: Harlee Bingham John Blaser
Gifts: Rose & David Brinkman
Lector: Lori Balstad
Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg Mark Bingham
Servers: Ellis Weiner
Hospitality: Rita & Tom Hollard

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:	
42 Adults	\$2016.00
6 Youth	\$ 17.00
Loose	\$1127.60
Total Collections	\$3160.60
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 130.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 38.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 00.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$1505.71

The Perfect Fit Campaign. If you have mislaid your envelope, you can get one by the bulletin board. Thank you for contribution. The Perfect Fit video is on our website: smarysfosston.org.

FOR ADVENT: The HALLOW prayer app will give you 25 days of prayer as we prepare, with Mary as our guide, for Christ's birth. Each daily 5-10 minute selection reflecting on Advent themes will be led by Jonathan Roumie from *The Chosen*. HALLOW is the #1 Catholic app in the world and is loaded with inspirational items for your year-round spiritual growth. Some segments are free and others are available for a fee. Get it at the app store or "Google it" for your computer. See display in the social hall.

Dec. 3, Friday School

Dec. 5, After Mass, Pageant Practice (PreK-6)

Wed. Dec. 8, 2021 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Confirmation & Theology of the Body Class

Dec. 12: High School Youth Mass Ministries,

After Mass, Pageant Practice (PreK-6)

Dec. 12, 6 PM Advent Penance

(1st Reconciliation)

THANK YOU for those who helped in all the ways in serving the priests dinner this past Monday. Your help was excellent and greatly appreciated by the Diocese.

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. Thank all of you that have completed this training.**

Today, November 28, is our collection for the support of the school at **St. Mary's Mission** in Red Lake, MN. The generosity of the faithful in the Diocese of Crookston has allowed this important school and the 119 children enrolled to thrive. Over 1,000 donors from the Diocese of Crookston year after year offer support to the work we do at the Mission. One hundred nineteen children are enrolled this year and are receiving a quality education, formation in life skills and Catholic values and a chance at a bright future. Please give generously. **Watch the SMMA video and donate online at www.crookston.org/smma**

To send a card to Father Adam Hamness:
Essentia Critical Care
Attn: Father Adam Hamness, Room 448
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