

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



### **Greetings from Fr. John**

We are in Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's gospel, Jesus praises a Canaanite woman for her persistence in faith. Jesus tests this woman's faith to see if she is earnest in receiving *holy things* from the hand of a holy God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs". She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rejection in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had strong persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever seeks Jesus with earnest faith, whether Jew or Gentile, is refused his help. Let us seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith. Enjoy the Summer and please don't miss Sunday Mass.

**God bless you. Have a great week!**

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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### **PARISH STAFF:**

**Pastor: Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen**

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**Secretary: Marge Donnell 218-435-6484**

**Office Hours: Wed. & Fri. 9AM-1PM**

**Bookkeeper: Linda Hand Cell 218-280-2271**

**Office Hours: Mon. & Wed. 3-5 PM**

**R.E. Coordinators: K-6: Amanda Wiener**

**7-12: Lori Balstad**

**Pastoral Council Chair: Connie Smeby**

**Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham**

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

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### **Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass**

**St. Mary's Mass & Intentions: Aug. 21-Aug. 27**

**Wed., Eucharistic Adoration: Noon – 8:00 PM**

**Sun., Aug. 27: 8:30 AM Mass,**

**For the Parishes of St. Mary's & St. Joseph's**

**St. Joseph's Mass & Intentions: Aug. 21-Aug. 27**

**Tuesday: Noon – 3PM Eucharistic Adoration**

**Sun., Aug. 27: 10:30 AM Mass, Allen Theis.**

### **DIOCESAN SUMMER APPEAL**

**Collection today for the support of  
Vocations and Seminarian Education.**

**Thank You to everyone who donated Fresh  
Produce to the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf**

### Birthdays

August 22 Linda Blaser  
August 22 Lucille DuFault  
August 25 Augusta Maruska

### Anniversaries

August 22 John & Audrey Schmit

### 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.

### PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Hannah Keller, Sara Swenson,  
Brady Jones, William Vener, Alexa Jordan, Betty  
Bingham, Richard Weiss, Jordyn Werl, Mary Ann  
Kinney, Lou Osmundson, Patrick Murphy,  
Margaret Albrecht, Paul Nelson, Jim McDonald,  
Dave Ekman, Paul Silver, Harper Hand, Kevin,  
Sherilyn Kolstad, Kaylee, Sue Erdmann, Vernon  
Kleppe, Don Dyr Dahl, Rick Hand, Doug Hoverson,  
Pam (Larson) Parkin, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein,  
Irma Hemmingsen, Chuck Agnes, Doreen  
Brovold, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Doug  
Cullen, Sarah Ihrke, Elaine Martz, Eric Kaml,  
Carly Hemmingsen, Dan Hedrick, Brandon Miller,  
Marie Straub

*"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"*

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note with your  
donation whether intention is for a deceased or living  
person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

**Gluten-free hosts available:** Please stop by the  
sacristy before Mass to let Fr. know your need.

### THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017  
Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6, 8, Romans  
11:33-36, Matt 16:13-20

### RPR Real Presence Radio

Venerable Fulton Sheen, Tune in each Saturday  
evening, 8 PM on 1280 AM and 820 AM.

### **Religious Education (RE)**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, after Mass, parents of 7-12 graders**  
will meet regarding RE.

**Students in 7-12 grades** will meet separately at  
the same time to give input for the year.

### **Catechetical Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

All Teachers & Volunteers will be  
commissioned during Mass.

### **7-12 grades RE class will start Sept. 17**

### **PreK-6th Grade will start October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Parents are encouraged to complete Safe  
Environment Training and assist in the needs  
of the RE program. Much adult involvement  
makes the programs run more smoothly. For  
more information please contact Lori Balstad  
at 218-938-4286 or Amanda Wiener 218-563-  
2703 or at [amandawiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawiener@hotmail.com)**

### **Safe Environment Certification:**

**All volunteers and employees must certify for  
Safe Environment.** It is done each year. Go to  
[www.crookston.org](http://www.crookston.org) Click on the "Safe  
Environment". Do "Component C" this year.  
Questions please call the Church office 435-  
6484 / E-Mail: [stmarysfosston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfosston@gmail.com)  
**Thank you to those who have done theirs.**

### **Cantor/Liturgical Singer Workshops:**

September 15 & 16 with Berta Sabrio Sites:  
St. Joseph – Fertile and Holy Rosary – Detroit  
Lakes  
[http://www.crookston.org/offices/worshipliturgy  
/home](http://www.crookston.org/offices/worshipliturgy/home)

### **VEHICLE WANTED:**

**Fr. John is looking for a good used  
reliable car. If you know about one in  
good condition at a fair price, please talk  
to Fr. John.**



Our diocese has a **FORMED** subscription that contains more than 500 Catholic programs, audiobooks, videos, and books, that all parish members have access to. Please do not share the code! To register go to <http://formed.org>. Scroll down & click on "register" (right side of page (Enter code: 8JJDMH) Enter your email address & your own user password when prompted (not the code above) Enter your personal info. Verify by following the directions sent to you in an email. Do not share the code!

### **Cursillo Retreat.**

Starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon at Sand Hill Bible Camp, south of Fosston.

Men's Sept. 28 – Oct. 1. Women's October 26-29. If these dates do not work into your schedule there will also be weekends available next spring. The Men's Feb. 22-25, 2018 and the Women's March 15-18, 2018. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information..

### **The Diocese of Crookston is on social media!**

Get up-to-date info regarding diocesan events and ministries on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by following @DioCrookston!

**Fall Dinners/Festivals/Bazaars** will print in the Aug. 23 and Sept. 13 issues of *OND*!

The listing will remain online the remainder of the season at:

[www.crookston.org/falldinners](http://www.crookston.org/falldinners)

**40 Days for Life campaign will run Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> –Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**There is a huge Sony television** in the K-1 classroom that did not sell at the youth rummage sale. Take a look at it. If interested, take it home. If you would like to make a donation to the youth for it, that would be wonderful.

***"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."*** - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

### **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**

We are now providing our children with their own bulletins. Every Sunday they will be located with the regular Sunday bulletins. The yellow ones are for 3 to 6 year-olds and the blue ones are for 7 to 12 year-old children. When Sunday School starts in October, these Children's Bulletins will be used in the classroom. Please use them as a teaching tool at home as well.

**Thank you** so much Jim Mireault, John & Linda Blaser and Dennis Sanden for helping with carpet removal and replacement in the rectory bedroom! I am enjoying the new carpet very much. Fr. John

**Thank You:** One cannot express how we feel for the support we have received over the last 4 months. The prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and financial support have helped us realize we too will make it through this journey. No one knows what tomorrow will bring but having the support from all of you has helped us get through each day. Thank you and blessings on all, Wayne and Dorothy Paulson.

**Healing Mass** with Fr. Jim Livingston, Tues., Aug. 22, 6:15 PM Rconciliation, 7 PM Mass with healing prayer. St. Agnes Catholic Church, 210 Division St., Walker.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Aug. 27, 2017**

**Ushers:** Doug Schoenborn, Jerry Erdmann  
**Gifts:** Alice & Eldin Okstad  
**Lector:** Nina Bingham  
**Commentator:** Amanda Schultz  
**Eucharist:**\*Eileen Hegg, Jan Hemmingsen, Doug Hand, Mark Bingham, Jeanne Sanden  
**Servers:** Lance Balstad, Kayla Zitzow, Ben Keller  
**Hospitality:** Mark & Jackie Randall,  
Eldin & Alice Okstad

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Sept. 3, 2017**

**Ushers:** Mark & Harlee Bingham  
**Gifts:** Dorothy Paulson, Carolyn Schmitz  
**Lector:** Nina Bingham  
**Commentator:** Kathryn Ziermier  
**Eucharist:**\*Dorothy Killian, Linda Blaser,  
Doug Hand, Diane Hajicek, Erv Wickham  
**Servers:** Olivia & McKinsey Rosendahl,  
Genevive Rue  
**Hospitality:** Dorothy Paulson, Tricia Proulx,  
Debbie & Jim Wille

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget needed weekly:	\$ 2,320.15
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,385.00
3 Children/Youth	\$ 4.00
Loose Collection	\$ 83.00
Capital Improvement Donation	\$ 40.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,914.67</b>

**INTRODUCING: ST. MARY'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE.** Please google [stmarysfosston.org](http://stmarysfosston.org) and see the beginnings of our new website hosted and guided by eCatholic. Suggestions for content and design are welcome. Please email your ideas to the parish office at [stmarysfosston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfosston@gmail.com).  
**Thank You to Carolyn Schmitz for setting this up.**

**Pastoral Council Meeting August 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM**

**HELP WANTED**

**St. Mary's Office: Parish Secretary Paid Position** Hours: 8 to 10 hours per week.  
Wage: \$12 to \$15 per hour depending on experience. Hours in office may be flexible as worked out with the Pastor.  
Duties include preparing the Sunday bulletin, answering the phone and email, preparing the parish calendar and liturgical ministry schedule, keeping church records, etc. A complete job description may be obtained from the parish office.  
If you have secretarial skills and have any interest in earning as you serve our parish, please see Fr. John as soon as possible.

**End of Life Issues from a Catholic Prospective:**

We will be having a Seminar at our Parish Thursday evening September 7th, starting time 6:00 pm with light supper, 6:30 pm seminar begins., The focus of this Seminar will be issues that we are faced with near the end of our life here on earth. I encourage everyone to attend the informational Seminar, I am confident that you will appreciate this and learn from the information that will be presented. I look forward to seeing you September 7th. Please RSVP for the light dinner/seminar to Becky King [218-841-4600](tel:218-841-4600). Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council #391

**ST. MARY'S PARISH BAZAAR**

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Please contact Diane Hajicek 435-2105 or Carol Aaland 435-6384 with any questions, concerns or changes to jobs or if you plan to be out of the area. Contributions may still be donated and are welcome. Thank You to the 4 parishioners who donated for the Fish Pond items.  
Your Bazaar Packets are ready for pickup, they are located in the back of the church.  
God bless you! Diane Hajicek