

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



Greetings from Fr. John

Today's Scripture passages warn us that it is our final decision for God or against God. Are we ready to choose to obey our God gracefully by doing His will which will decide our eternal reward? As free beings, it is we who choose our eternal destiny. In the parable in today's Gospel, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. The first son says he won't go, but later regrets it and works. The second son says he will go but does not. In each case, it is the final decision that is more important. Jesus teaches through this short parable that repentant tax-collectors and prostitutes, represented by the first son who initially refused to go, will make their way into the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and the elders, represented by the second son in the parable. By their pride and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance, the scribes and the Pharisees are excluding themselves, while the tax-collectors and sinners whom they despised are repenting of their sins and will be accepted into God's Kingdom. We need to do God's will every day by saying "Yes," to God by doing His will. It is never too late for us to repent, be converted and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our life.

God Bless you. Have a good week.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017

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7-12: Lori Balstad

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Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham

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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions: Oct. 2 – Oct. 8

Wed., Eucharistic Adoration: Noon – 5:30 PM

Wed., Oct. 4: 3:30 PM Mass Joyce McNelly+

6 PM Youth Mass, Marie Straub+

First Fri., Oct. 6: 5:30 PM Mass & Adoration

Rose Maruska+

Sun., Oct. 8: 8:30 AM Mass

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

St. Joseph's Mass & Intentions: Oct. 2 – Oct. 8

Tuesday: Noon – 6PM Eucharistic Adoration

Tues., Oct. 3: 2 PM Mass, Good Sm, Clearbrook

Special Intention

Thurs., Oct. 5: 11:30 AM Mass Bena Bourgeois

Sun., Oct. 8: 10:30 AM Mass,

Jim Vorderbruggen+

Anointing of the Sick: Sunday,
October 8th at end of the Mass.

Birthdays

October 1 Ray Roy
Leslie Haugen
October 3 Nick Geray
October 4 Kim Christopherson
Nancy Schmit
October 6 Lynn Jackson
October 8 Michael Lynch

Anniversaries

October 2 Linda & Jerome Klinkhammer
October 4 Melissa & Tyler McGlynn

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, Lou
Osmundson, Patrick Murphy, Margaret Albrecht,
Paul Nelson, Jim McDonald, Dave Ekman, Harper
Hand, Kevin, Sherilyn Kolstad, Kaylee, Sue
Erdmann, Vernon Kleppe, Don Dyrdaahl, Rick
Hand, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin,
Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen,
Chuck Agnes, Bethany Chalich, Doreen Brovold,
Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Doug Cullen,
Sarah Ihrke, Elaine Martz, Eric Kaml, Carly
Hemmingsen, Floyd Kaiser, Paul Silver, Adele
Kaiser, Eason, Linda & Jerome (Sonny)
Klinkhammer. Brandon Miller, Sophia Rue, Mary
Griffin, Tim Killian, Margaret Rustad.

"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, Oct. 8, 2017
Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 80:9, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20,
Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-12 grades RE class after Sunday Mass
9:45-10:45 AM

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
October 4th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided

Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30 AM.

No Friday class Oct. 20 & No Sunday RE Oct.
22 due to MEA week

For grades 7-12 please contact

Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades K-6 please contact

Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at
amandawiener@hotmail.com

**The Students will be ministering at Mass one
Sunday of each month. We welcome their help.**

Tentatively, the next time the youth help with
the Mass is October 15th. For questions please
contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

**Those who have not yet joined Religious
Education, you're still most welcome!** Please
encourage your children to be enthusiastic in
attending classes.

Diocese of Crookston Senior High Youth

Rally (Grades 9-12), Featuring Kris Frank. The
theme is "The Lord is My Strength". Sunday,
October 29th, 2017, 1:30-8PM. At Holy Rosary
Catholic Church, 1043 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes,
MN. Contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286.

Safe Environment Certification:

**There are still a few volunteers and/or
employees that must certify for Safe
Environment, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE
WORKING DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS!**

Go to www.crookston.org Click on the "Safe
Environment". Please take a half hour out of
your busy schedule or I will have to start calling
you. If you have any questions please call, leave
a message. 435-6484 Thank You.

Taste of Faith Fall Festival at St. Philip's
Church in Bemidji on October 1, 10-2 pm.

Pro-Life Presentation, All are welcome:
Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
(MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7PM at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 520 Fisher Ave. NW, Crookston. **or at St. Philip's Social Hall, 702 Beltrami Ave. NW, Bemidji, on Sat., Oct. 7, at 11 am.**

You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protection innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at the free on-hour gathering! For more information, visit the Events-Fall tour section at www.mccl.org.

Walk to Remember:

Oct. 7th, 2017 the 10th annual "Walk to Remember". Register 9-10 AM, Walk starts at 10 AM. The event supports the PETAL program (Parents Embracing Time After Loss) providing a heartfelt touch for those enduring an extremely difficult time in their lives after the loss of their baby. It will be held at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

40 Rosaries for Life Campaign 2017

A new diocesan-wide time of prayer to coincide with 40 Days for Life. The fall 40 Days campaign started September 27th and will run through November 5th and our diocese will participate in "40 Rosaries for Life." The idea is to have a Rosary said by a group of parishioners (any size) in a parish on an assigned day over the 40 days. Thus, over the 40 days, we will have a Rosary for Life prayed somewhere in the diocese. **St. Mary's, Fosston, assigned date is Saturday, November 4th. We will gather at 8:30 am.**

A monthly prayer hour at Planned Parenthood of Bemidji (2504 Hannah Ave NW) will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 10-11 AM.

Everyone can be part of our new worship program. You can sponsor one or more of our new hymnals, "*Journeysongs*". For each \$20.00 donation one hymnal will get a bookplate that reads: "Given as a gift by _____ in the name of _____. Special donation envelopes will be available during October. If you have questions call Theresa Zitzow 435-1182

Cursillo Retreat:At Sand Hill Bible Camp, south of Fosston. The Women's will be October 26-29. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706)

OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who helped with this great day, from the donations to the various jobs. It's so impressive to see our church working so well together. Also, special thank you to all the students that worked.

We served 471 adults and 33 children (166 were take-outs). This is up from 402 adults in 2016.

More information about the proceeds will be in a future bulletin after all receipts & expenses are received.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO DIANE HAJICEK AND ALL HER CREW FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FALL BAZAAR. YOU'VE INDEED TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF MANY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf:

The months of Feb. & Oct. we pay for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf utilities. Volunteers from St. Mary's are needed for the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in Feb. & Oct. Please call Sandy at 218-431-0215, let the phone ring to leave a message. Thank you for volunteering. Also, monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 8, 2017

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham
Gifts: Doug & Linda Hand
Lector: Michele Schoenborn
Commentator: Amanda Schultz
Eucharist:*Jan Hemmingsen, Doug & Michele Schoenborn, Steve & Lorri Massmann
Servers: Olivia & McKinsey Rosendahl,
Genevive Rue
Hospitality: Carol Aaland, Mark Bingham,
Diane Christopherson, John Cullen

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 15, 2017

Ushers: Erv Wickham, Students
Gifts: Students
Lector: Students
Commentator: Students
Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Dorothy Killian,
Carol Aaland, Valarie Holzer, Gabe Wiener
Servers: Students
Hospitality: David & Rosemary Brinkman,
Steve Chalich Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget needed weekly:	\$ 2,320.15
Last Week's Collections:	
30 Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,575.00
Loose Collection	\$ 101.00
5 Children/Youth	\$ 5.50
Hurricane Relief	\$ 100.00
Bazaar Deposit	\$10,778.75
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3,115.48

2nd Collection October 22nd for the Propagation of the Faith, World Mission Sunday. Envelopes will be available in the pews and in your envelope box.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY Catholic United Financial of St. Mary's will lead the Rosary at 8:10 AM every Sunday in October.

May God grant us the eyes to see and the hearts to love those who need us to walk with them in times of suffering.

22nd Annual Marriage Celebration Day

Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner invites you to join him and married couples, widows and widowers, from across the Diocese of Crookston today, Sunday, October 1st at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. The celebration begins with Mass at 2:30 PM

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH AND THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

Please take notice of the Respect Life Poster from US Conference of Catholic Bishops in the gathering space. www.usccb.org/prolife
Please come Sundays in October to pray the Rosary with Catholic United Financial members.

Youth Group Service Project:

Our youth at St. Mary's have come up with an idea for a service project. Our youth group will be doing service projects to help with yard work or fall cleanup for some of our elderly parishioners. If you would like to help we are asking you to sponsor them on this service with a donation to our youth group fund. The monies raised will be used toward a future mission trip or youth camp. Mark an envelope "Youth Group Service Project" and drop it in the Sunday collection. For questions please contact Lori Balstad 218-938-4286

Respect Life Sunday:

May God grant us courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances: We pray to the Lord.
For the times we are pressured to compromise respect for human life: May the Lord strengthen our courage and resolve; We pray to the Lord.
May the Holy Spirit reveal to each of us how we are called to use our gifts in sharing the Gospel of life and joy: We pray to the Lord.