

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



Greetings from Fr. John

We are in the Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, by telling a parable of the wedding feast, Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders for rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly banquet given through him. They have rejected the invitation by not listening to the Good News preached by Jesus and by not reforming their lives. This invitation was repeatedly extended to Israel through the prophets, including John the Baptist. They refused to accept God's invitation to righteous living given through John the Baptist and through Jesus. Hence, God is inviting the sinners and Gentiles for His banquet, and that is why Jesus is keeping the company of sinners. We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time and appreciate and make use of the provision for God's graces in the Church. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.

God Bless you. Have a good week.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2017

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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions: Oct. 16 – Oct. 22

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

Wed., Oct. 18: 11:30 AM Mass, Nicholas Agnes+

Fri., Oct. 20: 8:30 AM Mass, Paula Erdman+

Sun., Oct. 22: 8:30 AM Youth Mass

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

St. Joseph's Mass & Intentions: Oct. 16 – Oct. 22

Tuesday: Noon – 6 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Tues., Oct 17: 3:30 PM, Cornerstone NH,

Frank & Minnie Shreck+

Thurs., Oct. 19: 11:30 AM Mass

Herman & Emily Gardner

Sun., Oct. 22: 10:30 AM Mass,

Allen Theis+

All Saints Day November 1st
is Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass is at 6:30 PM.

Birthdays

October 15 David Illies
October 18 Lori Balstad
October 21 Herman Burggraf
October 21 Tony Haugen

Anniversaries

October 15 Craig & Diep Randall
October 15 Jon & Lori Hand
October 21 Jim & Debbie Wille

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, Doreen Brovold, Kristi Maruska,
Wayne Paulson, Doug Cullen, Sarah Ihrke, Elaine
Martz, Eric Kaml, Carly Hemmingsen, Paul Silver,
Eason, Linda Klinkhammer, Barb Wickham,
Brandon Miller, Mary Griffin, Tim Killian,
Margaret Rustad, Eileen Hegg.

"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. 22, 2017
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matt 22:15-21

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

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

Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:25 AM.
SUNDAY YOUTH MASS Nov. 19th.

Oct. 20 No Friday class due to MEA week

Oct. 22 No Sunday RE due to MEA week
NEXT Youth Group Wed. **Oct. 25** 6-8 PM

For grades 7-12 please contact
Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades PreK-6 please contact
Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at
amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com

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

**We are using a program call "Formed", that
was suggested by our diocese, for teaching our
youth group and grades 7-9 Theology of the
Body. There are many great programs for
adults also, as well as movies. FREE.
Go to Formed.org. Parish code TGVHW3.**

Safe Environment Certification:

There are still a few volunteers and/or employees
that must certify for Safe Environment. 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.
For questions please call, leave a message.
435-6484

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 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.**

"Thank You" to those of you that have already donated. 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 are available in the back of the church as well as a donation box. For questions call Theresa Zitzow 435-1182

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

Cathedral Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 11AM – 2PM at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Crookston. Knights of Columbus Fish fry or Turkey Dinner will be served. Also, Much more activities. Check out the bulletin board.

Eucharistic adoration will be closing at 7pm on the Wednesdays that Youth Group meets so that students may have some time in the sanctuary. We support the spiritual formation of the future church by accommodating them wherever and whenever possible. May God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a closer walk with Jesus.

Life and Dignity Sunday October 28-29, 2017

The bishops of Minnesota established the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network to develop a faithful, compassionate, moral voice for life, dignity, and justice in our state. Next weekend, during Life and Dignity Sunday, all parishioners will have an opportunity to register for the network. You will find a one-page (double-sided) description of the network in this week's bulletin. Please read it, pray about it (and for it), and then register in two weeks at Church. Consider being a part of this important effort to build a diocesan and statewide community of Catholics who stand together as a positive force for good in Minnesota.

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 at the building for the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in 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.

(Date Change) Loaves and Fishes will be open for distribution in NOVEMBER on the 1st and the 15th. This change is due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the truck schedule.

ST. MARY'S FALL BAZAAR succeeds again! Thank you to everyone. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL for your great generosity!

Adult Tickets= 471 Children's Tickets=33
TV with General Raffle Tickets = \$2924.00
Extra Donations = \$1908.30
Country Store, Fish Pond & Bake Walk = \$983.45
Leftover Food Sales = \$321.25
Luncheon Dishes Sales = \$ 98.00
Fr. John's Meals = \$1125.00 (Grocery Cost \$125.00)
Net Profit before Jr. John's Meals = \$ 8,381.28

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 22, 2017

Ushers: David Brinkman, Doug Hand
Gifts: Dave & Valarie Holzer Family
Lector: Casey Holland,
Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier
Eucharist: *Jan Hemmingson, Eileen Hegg, Mark Bingham, Linda Blaser, Erv Wickham
Servers: Lance Balstad, Isaac Chalich, Eva Chalich
Hospitality: Luann DuFault, Tom & Rita Holland

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Oct. 29, 2017

Ushers: David Holzer, Dennis Sanden
Gifts: Pat & Amy Jackson Family
Lector: Margarete Rue
Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen
Eucharist: *Michele Schoenborn, Doug Hand, Kathryn Ziermeier, John & Candy Keller
Servers: Faith Balstad, Harlee Bingham, Grace Rue
Hospitality: Doug & Linda Hand, Kathryn Ziermeier

STEWARDSHIP

Budget needed weekly:	\$ 2,320.15
Last Week's Collections:	
37 Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,507.00
Loose Collection	\$ 75.29
9 Children/Youth	\$ 9.03
Donations for Rolls(<i>Cost of rolls \$48.94</i>)	\$ 44.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 52.00
Bazaar Leftovers	\$ 130.00
Bazaar Dishes	\$ 10.00
Votive Stands	\$ 53.00
Memorial, Marie Straub	\$ 5.00
Youth Service Project	\$ 150.00
Music Fund	\$ 400.00
Hymnal Fund	\$ 200.00
Capital Improvement Donation	\$ 255.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3,370.48

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.

All are welcome for Coffee & Rolls after Mass. Children and youth should go directly to their classrooms as rolls will be served for them there.

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.

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

The youth had Mass & Supper with the parishioners they are serving and the youth are very excited about this project.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Report
2017 Goal: \$ 8,993.00
Receipts: \$10,228.00
Outstanding Pledge: \$ 75.00
Percent of Goal Rec'd & Pledged: 114.56%
Parishioners Participating: 45 31.25%
This includes receipts from the Summer Appeal.
Thank You for supporting the Diocese of Crookston!