

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday invites us to be the humble servants of God. In the gospel, Jesus warns the scribes and Pharisees, the teachers and rulers of Israel, to teach and serve their people with humility and sincerity rather than with pride and self-seeking privileges and honor. They go to great lengths to draw attention to their religious status and practices. They make the practice of their faith a burden rather than a joy for the people they were supposed to serve. True respect for God and for his ways inclines us to humility and to simplicity of heart - the willing readiness to seek the one true good who is God himself. True humility is not feeling bad about ourselves. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of oneself without illusion or pretense to be something one is not. A humble person does not want to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others. Humility frees us to love and serve others willingly and selflessly, for their own sake, rather than for our own. God sees us as we truly are - sinners and beggars always in need of his mercy, help, and guidance. Let us be the humble servants of God. **God Bless you. Have a great week.**

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5th, 2017

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PARISH STAFF:

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener
7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Connie Smeby
Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions:

Wed, Nov. 8 Adoration Noon – 8 PM
Fri, Nov. 10 8:30 AM
Mark Fesko+
Sun, Nov. 12 8:30 AM Mass
Annammal+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues, Nov. 7 Adoration Noon – 6 PM
Sun, Nov. 12 10:30 AM Mass

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

Fr. John will be at Good Shepherd training
November 7-9.
Please note Mass changes.



November 11th is Veterans Day.
If you are a Veteran "Thank You".
If you know a Veteran, Thank Them.

Birthdays

Nov 8 John Blaser

Anniversaries

Nov. 10 Dennis & Jeanne 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Hannah Keller, Carly Hemmingsen, Chuck Agnes, Harper Hand, Linda Klinkhammer, Sara Swenson, Brady Jones, William Vener, Alexa Jordan, Betty Bingham, Richard Weiss, Jordyn Werl, Lou Osmundson, Patrick Murphy, Jim McDonald, Dave Ekman, Kevin, Sherilyn Kolstad, Kaylee, Sue Erdmann, Vernon Kleppe, Don Dyr Dahl, Rick Hand, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Doug Cullen, Sarah Ihrke, Elaine Martz, Eric Kaml, Paul Silver, Eason, Barb Wickham, Mary Griffin, Margaret Rustad, Bob Litzinger, Ardell Redder, Mandy, Virginia Weber, Chloe McLean and Mike Lynch.

"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, Nov 12, 2017
Wisdom 6:12-16, Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8,
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Annual Fundraiser
December 1, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich, Bake Sale & Raffle

There are New Catholic Yearbook booklets available in the Social Hall.

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.

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

amandawiener@hotmail.com

If you have not yet joined Religious Education, you're always most welcome!

Youth Group will be meeting on November 15th from 6-8 PM.

May God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a closer walk with Jesus.

Thank You to everyone who took the opportunity to register for the statewide Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network last week. We encourage you to take advantage of the many advocacy resources and Catholic Social Teaching tools that the network provides, and we hope that you will be diligent in responding to the occasional e-mails that the network will send asking you to help us "take action" on an important social or public policy issue. You can still register online at MCC's website: **www.mncatholic.org**. MCC is the public policy voice for Minnesota's six Catholic dioceses.

Faith in Action can be seen on our website, stmarysfosston.org, where pictures of high school students serving fellow parishioners have been posted. Seeing our youth serving selflessly may cause you to want to support them with your donations. Please label your contributions, "Youth Service Project" and drop in the collection basket any Sunday.

Friday School

There will not be Friday School on November 10th or November 24th.

Friday School will be held on November 17th.

Youth Group Service Project:

Our youth group have been 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, youth camp &/or rally. Mark an envelope "Youth Group Service Project" and drop it in the Sunday collection. For questions please contact Lori Balstad
218-938-4286

Check out the photos of St. Mary's youth in action as they complete their service projects! They are located on the bulletin board and at stmarysfosston.org.

"Thank You" to those of you that have donated for "Journeysongs". This is an on going fund so you can continue to donate.

200 Hymnals are ordered and will be here in time for Advent. We will enjoy our "Christmas Gifts" to ourselves!

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 and a donation box are available in the gathering space.

For questions call Theresa Zitzow 435-1182

Thank you from the Music Committee, Fr. John and the Finance and Parish Council for the donations that have already contributed to 127 hymnals!

Lectors

Please pick up your 2018 Workbook from the Sacristy.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

St. Mary's in Fosston will have Mass at 8:30 AM
St. Joseph's in Bagley will have Mass at 10:30 AM

Hunters

Prayers for a safe and successful hunting season.

Stewardship Sunday

Next Sunday, November 12, is Stewardship Sunday.

Please prayerfully consider the gift of your time and talent and volunteer for one of the ministries here at St. Mary's. Ministries include: Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday. You may also contact the office at 218-435-6484 or stmarysfosston@gmail.com

St. Michael's School is now taking orders for HOMEMADE PIES.

Order yours today: Baked Pumpkin, Unbaked Apple or Strawberry Rhubarb ~ \$10.00 each.

Pick up schedule at St. Michael's Church Basement will be:

Saturday, November 18, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm,

Sunday, November 19, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm,

Monday, November 20, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Contact Gina Noll 935-2931, 261-1005, pngz@hotmail.com or any St. Michael's School

Family. See the bulletin board for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

The basket in the social hall awaits your donation to the Loaves and Fishes food shelf. In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, we will collect food donations until Nov. 26, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Monetary donations may be put in the Sunday collection basket marked for the food shelf or mailed directly to Loaves and Fishes at PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

Catholic United Financial

Offers a free comprehensive estate plan review which will provide a full overview of your insurance and retirement plan, identify areas where tax treatment may be a concern and help prepare your students for financial aid. Areas of service also include: estate planning, senior concerns, financial tools and solutions, charitable giving Ideas and a CUF Credit Union .

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov. 12, 2017

Ushers: Dennis Hemmingsen, Richard Parent

Gifts: Linda & Jerome Klinkhammer

Lector: Amanda Schultz

Commentator: Casey Holland

Eucharist: *Mark Bingham, Valarie Holzer,
Linda Blaser, Steve & Lorri Massmann

Servers: Chloe Mclean, Emily Chalich,
McKinsey Rosendahl

Hospitality: Lynn Jackson, Connie Smeby,
David Holzer

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov. 19, 2017

Ushers: Tom Weber, 2 Students

Gifts: Students

Lector: Student

Commentator: Student

Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Erv Wickham,
Michelle Schoenborn, John & Candy Keller

Servers: Students

Hospitality: Eileen Hegg, Sue & Jerry Erdmann

STEWARDSHIP

Budget needed weekly:	\$ 2,320.15
Last Week's Collections:	
42 Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,678.00
Loose Collection	\$ 42.00
12 Children/Youth	\$ 16.00
Donations for Rolls(<i>Cost of rolls \$45.00</i>)	\$ 49.65
Youth Service Project	\$ 175.00
Hymnal Fund	\$ 445.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3,400.48

**2nd Collection Nov. 19 is for the Campaign
for Human Development.**

**Please plan to attend the Guild meeting
Nov. 9th, 6:30 PM**

Safe Environment Certification:

**Thank you to everyone who has completed
the SE Certification, the Diocese of
Crookston will be visiting our office soon to
ensure that we are compliant.**

Please complete yours if you haven't already.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL (CUF) is holding a "Bakeless Bake Sale" through Nov. 12. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's CUF Council. You can either drop your donation in the box in the gathering space or mail to Jan Hemmingsen, 39022 335th Ave SE, Fosston, MN 56542. All proceeds go to St. Mary's religious education and are part of our matching grant fund raiser. Last year we received \$1,000 from Catholic United Financial matching our donations to the Bakeless Bake Sale and the Basket Sale. Thank you for supporting the education of our future church.

**TODAY IS THE 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:

**Dean DeFrang, Marie Straub, John Reinbold,
Dave Siedschlag, Ricky Simmons and
Scott James Bruce.**

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. You are encouraged and invited to bring pictures of those you wish to honor and have us remember. There is an area at the back of the church for them to be displayed. Also, please enter their names in the special book of the dead so that they may be included in our prayers.

Fr. Joe Kieselbach Funeral:

Assumption Church, Barnsville

Visitation today, November 5th, 5-7 PM

Wake service 7 PM

Funeral Mass,

Monday, November 6th at 10 AM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Fr. Joe Kieselbach