

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is the last Sunday in ordinary time of the Church year and this coming Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Today's readings tell us that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and he has placed on us multiple gifts and blessings. He expects us to utilize these blessing for his kingdom and for his people and also develop the talents he has given us. He wants us to be diligent and watchful for the coming of the Lord who will take into account all that we have done. The Gospel focuses more sharply on the Christian attitude towards earthly life as we live in expectation of the Master's return. The implicit responsibility of each servant is to work and to multiply the talents entrusted to him. It is not enough to just preserve what one has been given. The Master expects the results from the person who has been given special talents. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more!

God Bless you. Have a great week.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19th, 2017

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7-12: Lori Balstad

Pastoral Council Chair: Connie Smeby

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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 22 Adoration Noon – 8 pm
11:30 am Mass

John & Kathryn Hand+

Thurs, Nov 23 8:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass
Bill Aaland+

Fri, Nov 24 8:30 am Mass
Don Sullivan+

Sun, Nov 26 8:30 am Mass
Tom & Eileen Hegg

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues, Nov 21 Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Reconciliation Noon-12:30 pm
3:30 pm Mass at Cornerstone NH
Dax Derby+

Thurs, Nov 23 10:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass
Annammal+

Sun, Nov 26 10:30 am Mass,
For the parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's

Thanksgiving Day Mass November 23
St. Mary's will have Mass at 8:30 am

Birthdays

Nov 19 Dennis Hemmingsen
Nov 20 Jon Hand
Nov 24 Roy Schouviller
Nov 25 Valarie Holzer

Anniversaries

Nov 17 Jan & Dennis Hemmingsen

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 Dyrdaahl, Rick Hand, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Elaine Martz, Eric Kaml, Paul Silver, Eason, Barb Wickham, Mary Griffin, Margaret Rustad, Ardell Redder, Mandy, Virginia Weber 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 26, 2017
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

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

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm

ST. MARY'S YOUTH

Sunday November 26th – No Sunday School

Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday, December 13th from 6-8 pm (Penance Service)
May God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a closer walk with Jesus.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & SUNDAY YOUTH MASS is on Dec. 17th

St. Mary's Youth will serve a Pancake Breakfast after Mass.



St. Mary's Kids Christmas Pageant

Practice is During Sunday School

December 3rd Pageant Practice

December 10th Pageant Practice

December 17th Christmas Pageant During Mass

Please plan to attend all 3 dates!

Coat Drive Nov. 14th – Dec. 15th

The Fosston High School National Honor Society is collecting winter clothing that will be donated to the Women's Shelter in Bemidj, Fosston Community's Local Families and the homeless in the Bemidji area.

Please contact Sierra Gilbertson with questions.
218-435-1909 or at email address
sgilbertson@isd601.org.

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.

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

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday's speaker this year was an amazing homily by Deacon Mark LeTexier, Polk County's former sheriff. Deacon Mark based his homily on the gospel story of the ten virgins, urging us to have our lamps filled with oil by our faith and good deeds and by offering all to Jesus. He reminded us not to waste our suffering but to unite it to the suffering of Jesus for the good of souls. We were encouraged to sign up for the ministries in our parish and if we are unable to do any of those, to pray. We can always be involved in prayer ministry.

Electronic Giving

This Sunday we will hear from Casey Holland, representing the Finance Council. Casey encourages us to enroll in electronic giving. No matter where you bank, Ultima Bank Minnesota will pull from your account whatever amount you designate at whatever intervals you choose and deposit it in the parish bank account. Forms to get set up are available in the parish office.

Ministries

Please prayerfully consider the gift of your time and talent and volunteer for one of the ministries here at St. Mary's. A few of the Ministries include: Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Commentators and Hospitality.

A sign-up sheet is available by the bulletin board. You may also contact the office at 218-435-6484 or email stmarysfosston@gmail.com.

Debbie's Basket Sale is on December 10, 2017

In memory of Debbie Agnes, who loved the Basket Sale held annually by Catholic United Financial (CUF), plan now to fill a basket, cookie tin, plate or whatever you desire for the **silent auction to be held during coffee and rolls Sunday, Dec. 10**. This is the second matching grant fund raiser by our CUF Council this year. Again, it all goes to the parish for the religious education program, along with the match provided by Catholic United Financial. Together we can provide great Catholic education for our youth.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

Please prayerfully consider donating a non-perishable food item to the Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. For every item received, Thrivent Financial will donate \$1 (up to \$500) to the Food Shelf in Fosston. In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, **we will collect food donations until Nov. 26 which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving.**

Donations for "Journeysongs" is an on going fund raiser so you can continue to donate. 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 159 hymnals!

60 Years Married

Florence and Ernie Nesvold will celebrate their 60 year Wedding Anniversary on November 29th. Congratulations and blessings to both of you.

Ham Dinner at Kingo Lutheran Church

Sunday, Nov 19th from 11:00am – 1:00pm
Adults- \$10.00 and Children 10 and under - \$5.00
Take out offered – Call 435-6331

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov 22nd at 7 pm
The service will be held at the Kingo Lutheran Church in Fosston this year. Community Choir Practice is at 6:00 pm

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Annual Fundraiser

Friday, December 1st 11:00am – 1:00pm
Soup & Sandwich, Bake Sale & Raffle

16th Annual Hospice Tree Walk

Sunday, December 3rd at
Magelessen Elementary North Gym
10am – 1pm Pancake Breakfast
1:30 Celebration of Life Ceremony

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Nov. 26, 2017

Ushers: David Brinkman, David Holzer

Gifts: Pat & Michael Lynch

Lector: Michelle Schoenborn

Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermeier, Gabe Wiener, Doug Hand, Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Kayla Zitzow, Trent Balstad, Ben Keller

Hospitality: Jerome & Linda Klinkhammer, Tyler McGlynn

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Dec. 3, 2017

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Doug & Michelle Schoenborn Family

Lector: Margarette Rue

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Jan Hemmingsen, Carol Aaland, Steve & Lorri Massmann, Valari Holzer

Servers: Faith Balstad, Isaac Chalich, Grace Rue

Hospitality: Clara & Eugene Manecke, Florence Nesvold, Tricia Proulx

STEWARDSHIP

Budget needed weekly: \$2320.15

Last Week's Collections:

41 Adult Envelopes: \$1749.00

12 Children/Youth: \$ 17.00

Donations for Rolls:(Cost of rolls\$45.00) \$ 48.00

Hymnal Fund \$ 990.00

Youth Service Project: \$ 10.00

Capital Improvements: \$ 5.00

Capital Improvement Balance: \$3872.48

2nd Collection Nov. 26 is for St. Mary's Mission Appeal

Holy Day of Obligation Ministries

Please let Lu know your availability to participate in the Ministries for the upcoming Holy Day of Obligation Masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Ministries include: Ushers, Gifts, Lector, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers.

You may text 218-431-0983 or email the office. stmarysfosston@gmail.com

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, Scott James Bruce and Annammal.

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.

2017 St. Mary's Mission Appeal

Next weekend we will take a second collection for St. Mary's Mission in Red lake, MN.

Because of your generosity and the work of Fr. Jerry Rogers and a dedicated team of teachers and lay ministers at the Mission, we can offer 108 children a quality Catholic education. These kids will one day be the leaders of their Nation. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about their culture by seeing the St. Mary's Mission award-winning Video at www.crookston.org/smma. You also have the option to donate online!

Worship

What is so important about worship? To worship is to order the whole of one's life toward the living God, and, in doing so, to become interiorly and exteriorly rightly ordered. To worship is to signal to oneself what one's life is finally about. Worship is not something that God needs, but it is very much something that we need. *Bishop Robert Barron*