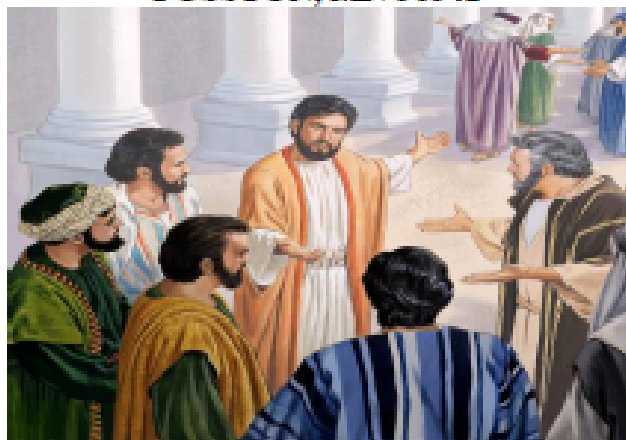


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Concluding his long Eucharistic discourse, Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges his Jewish audience to make their choice of accepting him as the true Bread from Heaven who gives his Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food, or of joining those who have lost their Faith in him and left him, expressing their confusion and doubts about his claims. Today's gospel passage describes the various reactions of the people to Jesus' claims. Jesus gives his twelve apostles the option of leaving him or staying with him. The apostles exercise their freedom of choice by choosing to stay with Jesus. In this Eucharistic celebration, we, too, are called to make a decision, profess our Faith in God's Son and renew the Covenant ratified in Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Let us make our choice for Christ and live it. We express without any conditions or reservations our total commitment to him in the community to which we belong. That is what we mean by our "Amen" as we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

God Bless You! Have a great week!

Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 26th, 2018

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7-12: Lori Balstad

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Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895

24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wed., Adoration Noon - 8 pm

Sun., Sept. 2 8:30 am Mass,

Ernest Agnes Family

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon - 6 pm

Sun., Sept. 2 10:30 am Mass,

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

**The office will be open Thursday, August 30th,
instead of Friday, August 31st, this week only.**

**Youth Bonfire: All kids Pre-K -12 grade and
their families are invited to the "Kick Off 2018-
2019 school year". Come to the fire pit after
Mass on September 9th.**

Birthdays

Aug. 30 Wayne Paulson
Sept. 2 Gabe Wiener

Anniversaries Listed

Sept. 2 Georgia & Lou Osmundson

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 Hemming-
sen, Chuck Agnes, Harper Hand, Linda Klink-
hammer, Brady Jones, Betty Bingham, Lou
Osmundson, Kaylee, Sharon Rein, Kristi Maruska,
Wayne Paulson, Paul Silver, Candy Keller, Sarah
Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson, Fr. Don
Braukmann, Jean Nielson, Charlene Langen, Sally
Hanson, Roger Scharendroich, Nora Ann Lentz,
Cele Winkler, Loni Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie
Martin, Kristin Litzinger, Jackie Randall, Connie
Smeby, Ron Neilsen, Vernon Kleppe, James
Bingham, Gary Ebling, Roberta Werstein.

"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, Sept. 2, 2018
Deutero 4:1-2, 6-8, Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5, James
1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Walk to Remember event October 6th,
9 AM at the Sanford Medical Center, Bemidji.
This is a meaningful experience to honor and
remember the babies that touched our hearts.
The event supports the "Parents Embracing
Time After Loss" program.

Contact 218-333-5755. Check out bulletin board.
2018 High School Youth Rally will be held at
Sacred Heart in East Grand Forks on Sunday,
October 28th.

Prayer is the foundation of a lived
relationship with God. St. Paul tells us that our
prayer must be characterized by "thanksgiving"
(Colossians 4:2). While it may be tempting to
focus on the ways in which we can love God
through our works, in prayer we are invited to
contemplate that "we love, because he first loved
us" (1 John 4:19), and to be filled with
thanksgiving for God's showering of mercy and
affection on us. Explore books on Prayer. Free!
Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3
Also, Discover the deeply personal and sacred
relevance of Baptism in *Reborn: You, Your
Child and the Heart of Baptism*, an Augustine
Institute Studios original series. With a step-by-
step explanation of the rite, including its
profound place in Scripture and Tradition,
Reborn prepares you to support your loved one's
faith long after the rite is over.

Grief Support Group: provides emotional
support in a safe environment for you to learn
how to cope. 1st & 3rd Thursday, 4:30 – 6PM.
Sanford Health Neilson Place, Trillium
Conference Rm, 1000 Anne St. NW, Bemidji.

Saint Maxilian Kolbe, Feastday August 14th.
Patron of Drug addicts, prisoners, families, &
pro-life movement. Born 1894, he was a Polish
Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the
German death Camp of Auschwitz during WW
II. He had a vision of the Virgin Mary when he
was 12, that strongly influenced his life. In 1918
he was ordained a priest and continued his work
of promoting Virgin Mary throughout Poland.
Kolbe founded monasteries in both Japan &
India. He provided shelter for refugees,
including hiding 2000 Jews from German
persecution. When he was sent to Auschwitz he
volunteered to take the place of one of the men
chosen to face death by starvation to warn
against escapes.

Pro-Life Gathering, Monday, Sept. 17th at
7 PM, St. Philip's Catholic Church 702 Beltrami
Ave. NW Bemidji. www.mcccl.org. Free

Please pray for the people in India who have been affected by the flooding.

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15 When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Fall Cursillo, Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Are you looking for a way to walk more closely with God? Cursillo may be what you are looking for. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo Sept. 27-30, and Men's Cursillo Oct. 25-28 at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp, Fosston. Contact Carol Olsonawski 218-689-9081 or Bobbi Mercil 701-866-5706 Applications at crookstoncursillo@weebly.com.

Fall Dinners/Festivals/Bazaars Turkey, Chicken, Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes galore! *Our Northland Diocese* will publish Fall Dinners, Festivals and Bazaars from around the Diocese of Crookston in the Aug. 22 and Sept. 12 issues! An up-to-date listing will remain online for the remainder of the season at: www.crookston.org/falldinners

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, through September 28th. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray/! If you don't have internet, please pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be for the protection of human life and offer a sacrifice for the intention.

Everyone involved with any part of the "Religious Education" or any employee or volunteer of St. Mary's. Please attend September 9th meeting after Mass. You will receive information about being certified in SE. Safe Environment (SE) certification year began July 1, 2018. This year's module is Component A, entitled "Recognizing Child Abuse", which is Code of Conduct Appendix B. The training can be found on the Diocesan website at: www.crookston.org/secertification. It is highly recommended that Appendix B be read entirely. It can also be found at www.crookston.org under "Safe Environment" on the main menu. If you have any questions please call Marge at 435-6484 or 218-930-0520

Marriage Celebration Day

Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner invites all of the faithful to join him and married couples from across the Diocese of Crookston for the 2018 Marriage Celebration Day on Sunday, October 7th at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. The celebration will begin with Sunday Mass at 2:30 p.m. during which couples will be honored. All married couples as well as widows and widowers will receive a special blessing from Bishop and each couple will receive a gift in thanksgiving for their support of marriage. Following Mass, supper will be served. If you are planning to stay for the meal, please RSVP by September 24th at www.crookston.org/marriageday or by calling the Diocese of Crookston at 218-281-4533

Monday, September 10th from 4-7 PM Prairie Pines Community Carnival (903 Prairie Pines Drive, Fosston) \$5 meal, Back sale & much more. Check out the bulletin board.

Hoedown at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Fertile sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Fertile. Check out the bulletin board for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY September 2, 2018

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Gabe Schouviller, Carol Broadwell

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Dorothy Killian,
Erv Wickham, Doug Schoenborn, Clyde Kringlen

Servers: McKensey Rosendahl, Grant & Logan
Hemberger

Hospitality: Sue Defrang, Ben & Melissa

Hemberger Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY September 9, 2018

Ushers: Doug Hand, John Blaser

Gifts: Justin & Amanda Shultz Family

Lector: Casey Holland

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermier

Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Carol Aaland,
Valarie Holzer, Michele Schoenborn, John Keller

Servers: Faith Balstad, Harlee Bingham,
Olivia Rosendahl

Hospitality: Lu Newell, Doug & Linda Hand

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$2403.67

Last Week's Collections:

35 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1645.00

2 Children/Student Donations \$ 2.00

Loose \$ 55.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1702.00

Coffee & Rolls (cost 29.98) \$ 43.80

Holy Day, Assumption of Mary \$ 342.50

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 3935.21

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please consider being a Eucharistic Minister.
At this time the Eucharistic Ministers are being
scheduled more than once a month.

Bazaar Committee Leader still needed.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for
this very important job.

Contact Fr. John at 435-6484.

Finance Council meeting Sept. 20th, 7 PM

Pastoral Council meeting Sept. 25th, 6 PM

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PLANS

The Building Committee has a proposal to lighten and brighten our worship area. It will consist of twelve windows (sky lights) on the north side. The foam insulation blocks were put up to give us an idea of what it will be like as the blocks are the size that the glass will be. Also under consideration are looping of the church for the hearing impaired and acoustic panels for the social hall. If you have questions or comments please feel free to talk to a member of the Building Committee, the Pastoral Council or the Finance Council.

If you have not received a Summer Appeal envelope in your mailbox they are available at the church entrances. It isn't too late to support our seminarians and all the work of the Church by offering a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Another RAFFLE has been added to our fundraiser, two books for the general raffle and one book for the TV raffle. More tickets are available at the parish office. Sell more than five books and you will be entered in a drawing for \$50. Your support of this fundraiser is very much appreciated. The regular raffle tickets will be \$2.00 each. Your Bazaar envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please remember to pick them up and save the postage of having them mailed to you.

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of Gerald Klinkhammer who passed away. Gerald is the brother of Viola Hand & the late Lenora Scott & Brother-in-law to Mary Miller. He is also related to others in our church. Let us lift them up to the Lord!
Gerald's funeral will be Monday, August 27th at 11 AM. There will be a prayer service tonight, Sunday, August 26th at 6:30 PM. Visitation will be 5-7 PM. Both are at St. Joseph in Beaulieu.