

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



Greeting from Deacon Aaron:

What do you think is more important to God?
Clean hands or a Clean mind and heart?
In today's gospel the Pharisees seem more concerned that Jesus and his disciples follow the human traditions, rather than following God's commands. Jesus summons the crowd and provides them with words of wisdom, "Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; But the things that come out from within are what defile."

Let us assess ourselves this week. Are we harboring evil thoughts of others? Or are we relying on God's grace that we receive from the sacraments to show our love to others. Let us allow God's words, which has the power to help us, transform our hearts and minds.

Message before Mass: In the second reading from James, we are told to be doers of God's word and not only hearers.

Scripture assures us that God loves us and that His grace is more than enough to change our lives.

God Bless You! Have a great week!

Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 2nd, 2018

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7-12: Lori Balstad

Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden

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., Adoration Noon – 8 pm

Wed., Sept. 5 3:30 PM Mass, First Care NH
Helen Randall+

Sun., Sept. 9 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes of St. Mary's
& St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Thur., Sept. 6 11:30 AM Mass,
Erwin Fredericks+

First Fri., Sept. 7 5:30 pm Mass& Adoration
Doug Essig+

Sun., Sept. 9 10:30 AM Mass,
Madre Family+

All are welcome to attend the First Friday Mass
at St. Joseph's in Bagley.

Birthdays

Sept. 6 Patricia Lynch
Sept. 8 Jerome Schmit
Sept. 9 Doug Hand

Anniversaries Listed

Sept. 6 David & Debbie Illies

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, 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
Nielsen, 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. 9, 2018

Isaiah 35:4-7a, Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10,
James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

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.

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*

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 Solomon le Clerq, Feast Day Sept. 2nd
Born November 1745. Son of a wealthy French
wine merchant. Though his father wanted him to
pursue the family business, 1767 Nicholas
entered the novitiate of the Brothers of Christian
Schools, and took the name Solomon. In the
summer of 1792, Brother Solomon, along with
many other priests and religious, was
imprisoned, and martyred as part of the
suppression of Christianity of the French
Revolution. Died Sept. 2nd, 1792

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

"Be doers of the word and not hearers
only..." JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of
stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do
you do to live God's word? Do you share your
time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent
to help those in need? Are you generous with
your financial resources? If not, what are you
waiting for?

Fall Cursillo, 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.

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, through September 28th. 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.

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

Fall Dinners/Festivals/Bazaars
Our Northland Diocese published Fall Dinners, Festivals and Bazaars from around the Diocese of Crookston in Aug. 22. A copy of it is on the bulletin board. www.crookston.org/falldinners

St. Joseph's, Beaulieu, serving Family Style Roast Beef & Ham dinner with all the fixings Sept. 16th. Includes Bazaar, Raffle & Games.

Marriage Celebration Day
Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner 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

The decorating committee is looking for fall decoration items/donations:
Pumpkins and gourds - all sizes
Corn stalks and ornamental corn
Birch sticks or dogwood branches
Wheat stalks and ornamental grass (if you had ornamental grass in planters that has now dried, this is perfect- just tie off with twine and cut)
Sunflowers and hydrangeas -can be dry
We're also looking to borrow (or donate)
Small wooden wagon, wagon wheel, apple baskets, old wash tub, old milk can and a small (3 ft) step stool/ladder
Money to buy mums - which can be donated in someone's name - Please drop off at the church by Sept 9th. Thank you!

Monday, September 10th from 4-7 PM **Prairie Pines Community Carnival** (903 Prairie Pines Drive, Fosston) \$5 meal, Bake 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.

Our sincere sympathy to the Tennis Balstad Family in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Beatrice Balstad, whose funeral was this past week. May Beatrice and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our heart-felt condolences to the family of Janet Thompson, whose funeral was August 21st. Janet is the wife of Robert. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord!

Please Register your children for Religious Education (RE). Forms are available in the gathering space. Class starts for Pre K – 12 grade. High School Religious Ed starts Sunday after Mass Sept. 16th.
Friday Release time starts Sept. 28th.
Pre-6th grade starts after Mass, Sunday, Oct. 7th.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Sept. 16, 2018

Ushers: Doug Schoenborn, Dennis Sanden

Gifts: Gabe & Amanda Wiener Family

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Michele Schoenborn

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Dorothy Killian,
Steve & Lorri Massmann, Mark Bingham

Servers: Grace Rue, Dane Schoenborn,
Jesse Worshek

Hospitality: Valarie & David Holzer Family,
Dorothy Killian

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$2403.67
Last Week's Collections:	
34 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1182.00
Children/Student Donations	\$ 0.00
Loose	\$ 59.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1241.00
Coffee & Rolls (cost 38.97)	\$ 38.00
Votive Candles	\$ 49.50
Hymnal Donation	\$ 20.00
Grotto Donation	\$ 80.00
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 proposed installing twelve windows (sky lights) on the north side of our worship area. The foam insulation blocks were put up to give us an idea of what it will be like. 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.

2nd Collection Sept. 9th for Latin America

There is a second RAFFLE 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. 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.

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 in back of the church after Mass on September 9th.

Also, Everyone involved with any part of the "Religious Education" or any employee or volunteer of St. Mary's please attend the meeting after Mass on September 9th as you will receive information about being certified in Safe Environment (SE) This year's module is Component A, go to the Diocesan website at www.crookston.org/secertification. 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