

St. Mary's Catholic Church



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

○ God, let all the nations praise you.

Mass Times

St. Mary's Warroad

Saturday 6pm~Sunday 8:30am

St. Joseph Williams~Saturday: 4:30pm

Sacred Heart Baudette~Sunday 10:30am

Are You a New Parishioner

To help serve you better,
please register with the Parish Office.

Parish Office

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218-386-1178

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Fr. Todd Arends-Pastor
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Jennifer Hilligoss - Sec/Bookkeeper
stmarys2@mncable.net

Planning a Marriage or Baptism?
Contact pastor for more information



Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays~7pm-10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 5:45-6:45pm

Saturdays 3-3:30 pm

Anytime by appointment

Low Gluten Hosts are available at St. Mary's

Please see Pastor before Mass if you
need to receive a Low Gluten Host.

Homebound or in a health care facility? Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call pastor if Holy Communion/or a visit is
desired. Hospitals will not call unless a
patient asks that a priest be notified.

Parishioners

Please notify the parish office of changes
of address or telephone number.

If you would like the bulletin emailed to you send
Jennifer an email at stmarys2@mncable.net.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Louann McGlynn~lmcglynn@crookston.org
Safe and confidential line 218-281-7895

Abortion Alternative

Birthright~1-800-550-4900
Crisis Pregnancy Helpline~1-888-4-OPTIONS

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday Aug. 19 6pm Mass +Bernie Swanson
 Sunday Aug. 20 8:30am Mass +Gail Boice
 Tuesday Aug. 22 5:15pm Mass Int. of Alice Mohs
 Thursday Aug 24 10:30am Mass @WSLC+Bernie Burger
 Saturday Aug 26 6pm Mass Comrades of Phil Kotta
 Sunday Aug 27 8:30am Mass +Michelle Thiessen

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Aug. 26
 Commentator—Deb Culleton
 Reader— Rose McDonald
 Music— Pat
 Sacristan— Olga

Sunday Aug. 27
 Commentator—Jeff Scheving
 Reader— Harold Thiessen
 Music— Heather
 Sacristan— Jeri

If you are unable to serve in the ministry you are scheduled for please contact a substitute.

Bible Readings for the Week of August 21-27

Monday Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Our gift to God for
 8-13-2017
 \$1785.00
 We thank God for all gifts!



Prayer Requests

Alice Mohs, Roger Lien, Phil Kotta, Loren Olson, Jacob Hartman, Walter Hurst, Dean Hahn, Karin Johnston, Katrina Friedrichs, Knox Olafson, Barb Bue, Nanci Paulseth, Barb Novak,

Tami Gregory, Denise, Hall, Leonard, Dahlgren, Kevin Smith, Arne Freije, Lisa Lewis, Dale Telle, Phil Goulet, and Stephanie Schmitz.

Please remember to call the office when a name should be added or removed.
 Those listed in the "Prayer Request" box will listed for two months and

The Week Ahead



Sunday Aug. 20
 8:30am Mass
 Tuesday Aug. 22
 5:15pm Mass
 Wednesday Aug. 23
 10:30am Prayer & Fellowship
 Thursday Aug. 24
 10:30am Mass@ WSLC
 Saturday Aug. 26
 6pm Mass
 Sunday Aug. 27
 8:30am Mass

Volunteers are needed in all Ministries. Please give it prayerful thought.



Our Sympathy to the Family Jack Foster.
 May he rest in the love and peace of Christ.

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"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

Adoration Moment

“The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice which is the fountainhead of all devotional works”



Pope St. Pius X

Your help is needed:
Volunteers are needed in all Ministries. Please give it prayerful thought.

If you would be willing to serve in any of the ministries: Sacristan, Reader, Communion, usher, music, please stop in the office for information



Today is the Summer Appeal collection. Pick up an envelope from the back of church or make a donation at www.crookston.org/daa.

It's not too late to support the 2017 Diocesan Annual appeal. Thank you and God bless you!

This Week's Mass Prayers for Contemplation

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Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer Quilts - If you'd like to request a Prayer Quilt for someone, contact Barb Kotta or Jennifer Hilligoss. In order to get a quilt ready we need the recipient's permission and their specific prayer request.

If you would like to help with this ministry by sewing a top or two there are kits available in the sewing cabinet or contact either Barb or Jennifer.



HONOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

We Keep in our prayers...

Maksymilian Crompton, Jacob Larson, Tyler Larson, Brett Hebel, Nic Gray, Joseph Larson, Shane Thompson, Krista Johnston, Kampton Carpenter, Alex Johnston, Pamela Genereaux, Derek Woodward, Jason Hilligoss, Deb Lien & Kyle Mohrbacher.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Birthday wishes (Aug. 21-27) go out to...
Jeri Horner, Trish Harren, Aibree Larson, Ileen Lindner, Aidan Bukowiec, Gary Pieper, Taner Anderson, Darlene Smith, & James Gaddie..

Upcoming eclipse a sign of end times? Hardly so, Wisconsin priest says

Washington — Fr. James Kurzynski, an amateur astronomer, said the Aug. 21st cross-country eclipse is an opportunity to reflect on humanity's relationship to creation and build stronger bonds with God while enjoying a rare astronomical event. The total solar eclipse is the first to be seen from coast to coast since 1918. The 70-mile-wide eclipse path spans the continental U.S. from Oregon to South Carolina. Totality begins at mid-morning Pacific time on the West Coast and the moon's shadow races across 14 states in about 90 minutes, ending at mid-afternoon Eastern time. The celestial event is giving Kurzynski, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Menominee, Wisconsin, the opportunity to connect biblical passages that metaphorically describe the darkening of the midday sun, the moon and the stars with a call to welcome God's mercy into their lives.

Kurzynski has found references to eclipses throughout the Bible. From the books of Sirach and Isaiah in the Old Testament to the Book of Revelation at the end of the Bible, such references suggest that ancient people understood that eclipses occurred regularly and used symbolic language to call people to end their sinful ways, Kurzynski said. From that perspective, the priest has used the weeks leading to the spectacle as an opportunity to educate parishioners about the beauty of an eclipse with a bit of biblical catechesis thrown in. Kurzynski also has used the opportunity to refute some religious claims that the eclipse marks a dark time, perhaps even the end times. "I've tried to lay out to parishioners to watch a solar eclipse from a scientific perspective. It's beautiful. Don't fear it and don't fear the world is going to end by watching it," he told Catholic News Service. "But if you are looking for a faith dimension and do have a sobering moment, how do we understand it?"

Kurzynski has written twice about the eclipse on The Catholic Astronomer blog on the Vatican Observatory Foundation website. [His first column](#) challenged the "conspiracy theorists" who predict the eclipse marks the end of the world. He laid out a careful argument, citing passages from Sirach (17:29-32), Job (3:3-5, 38:1-15) and Jeremiah (10:1-2) that urge people to avoid thinking that the end of the world is coming because the sun darkens, but "to turn instead to the mercy of God to bring light into our lives."

"It becomes so difficult for me as a priest to try to show people the beauty of these things," Kurzynski told CNS, "and unfortunately what often rules the day is the news, the noise, the misconceptions." He also pointed to the fact that astronomers have calculated eclipses over the centuries and know exactly where and when eclipses will occur and how long they will last at any given point along their path for the next 1,000 years and beyond; it's all a matter of physics and understanding the periodicity of the orbits of the earth around the sun and the moon around the earth. "I'm really trying to focus with my parish in the weeks to come on the celebratory aspect of it. In this world of wonders, here is this special wonder that can be given to us," he said.

The Bible is helping him in that task. Scripture, the priest explained, regularly establishes that "creation, by its nature, gives glory and praise to God and when we transgress that relationship with God, creation itself mourns too." He said he hopes to help people understand that the prophetic words found, for example, in Isaiah 24:3-13 and 24:19-23 identify the "dis-order" between God's people and creation. "It's a sign of ... how a creation that isn't treated from a standpoint of stewardship reflects negatively on the world," he said.

Kurzynski also believes that the eclipse and such biblical passages invite the faithful to open their hearts and minds to the lives of people around the world who are suffering because of environmental degradation and climate change. "We don't allow the impact of the environment to be felt," he said. "We can create an environment in our home. We kick on the air conditioner when we are hot. We turn up the heat when it gets brutally cold. We can adapt to the culture through artificial means. "But what about others? The homeless man in winter. The poor mother with children. The farmer in South America that doesn't have access to modern means of irrigation. Or farmers who can't grow the food they used to grow in the past because of climate change."

He cited the writing on the environment of Pope Benedict XVI and later Pope Francis in his encyclical "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home" as calls for correcting the "dis-order." "Are we able to take a moment and see how these symbols can be used in a healthy way to ask ourselves, 'What is our relationship with God?'"

This story appeared in the [August 11-24, 2017](#) issue of the National Catholic Reporter