

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
725 6<sup>th</sup> STREET N.E.  
FOSSTON, MN 56542**



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe. Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, we greatly honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning him in our hearts and allowing him to take control of our lives. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with love, mercy and compassion as Jesus did. Today's Gospel describes Christ the King coming in his Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love & blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. In the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats at the Last Judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves, "whether hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison," is revealed to us as having been the risen Jesus. Since Christ is a serving King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to live in His Holy Presence and do God's will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love.

**God Bless you. Have a great week.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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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 29 Adoration Noon – 8 pm**

**11:30 am Mass**

**Larry Senger+**

**Fri, Dec 1 5:30 pm First Friday Mass**

**Marie Straub+**

**Sun, Dec 3 8:30 am Mass**

**For the parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's**

**St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions**

**Tues, Nov 28 Adoration Noon – 6 pm**

**6 pm Mass**

**For the Addicted**

**Thurs, Nov 30 11:30 am Mass**

**Tom Walton+**

**Sun, Dec 3 10:30 am Mass,**

**Jim Vorderbruggen+**

**Holy Day of Obligation Mass for the  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at  
St. Mary's.**

### **Birthdays**

Nov 28 Mary Miller  
Nov 28 Gemma Scott

### **Anniversaries**

Nov 26 Louise & John Cullen  
Nov 30 Florence & Ernie Nesvold 60<sup>th</sup>

### **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, Mike Lynch and Candy Keller.

*"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, Dec 3, 2017

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

### **60 Years Married**

Florence and Ernie Nesvold will celebrate their 60 year Wedding Anniversary on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and blessings to both of you.

### **ST. MARY'S YOUTH**

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

**Youth Group will be meeting on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup>**

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



### **St. Mary's Kids Christmas Pageant**

**Practice is During Sunday School**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Pageant Practice**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> Pageant Practice**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pageant During Mass**

**Please plan to attend all 3 dates!**

### **Formed**

**We are using a program call "Formed", that was suggested by our diocese, for teaching our youth group and grades 7-9 Theology of the Body. There are many great programs for adults also, as well as movies. FREE.**

**Go to Formed.org. Parish code TGVHW3.**

### **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**

**amandawiener@hotmail.com**

**I can do things you cannot, you can do things  
I cannot, together we can do great things.**

**~Mother Theresa**

### **Electronic Giving**

Casey Holland, representing the Finance Council, 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 and by the bulletin board in the Social Hall.

### **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](mailto:stmarysfosston@gmail.com).

### **Coat Drive Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 leave your donations in the tote provided in the gathering space.**

Please contact Sierra Gilbertson with questions. 218-435-1909 or at email address [sgilbertson@isd601.org](mailto:sgilbertson@isd601.org).

### **Advent Giving Project 2017**

This Advent Season, St. Mary's will be donating items to the Family Crisis Center in Bagley. There will be a tree in the Social Hall with a variety of gift choices that you may choose. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

### **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.

### **St. Joseph's, Bagley, Annual Fundraiser**

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00am – 1:00pm**  
Soup & Sandwich, Bake Sale & Raffle

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice Tree Walk**

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

Join the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) and thousands of Catholics praying and fasting every Friday for the renewal of a culture of life and marriage, and for the protection of religious liberty in our country. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference! This week's prayer: May we bear witness to Christ, our King, in word and deed.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

What if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship.

February 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN

April 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN

More Info: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

**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, Valarie Holzer  
**Servers:** Faith Balstad, Isaac Chalich, Grace Rue  
**Hospitality:** Clara & Eugene Manecke, Florence Nesvold, Tricia Proulx

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Dec. 10, 2017**

**Ushers:** Steve Massmann, Richard Parent  
**Gifts:** John Cullen, Dianne Christopherson  
**Lector:** Lori Balstad  
**Commentator:** Casey Holland  
**Eucharist:** \*Erv Wickham, Marion Parent, Doug Hand, Linda Blaser, Kathryn Ziermeier  
**Servers:** Chloe McLean, Emily Chalich, McKinsey Rosendahl  
**Hospitality:** Jeanne & Dennis Sanden, Sue Vennes

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$2320.15
Last Week's Collections:	
35 Adult Envelopes:	\$1319.00
10 Children/Youth:	\$ 10.43
Donations for Rolls:(Cost of rolls\$30.96)	\$ 52.00
Hymnal Fund:	\$ 110.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$ 144.00
Capital Improvements:	\$1050.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance:</b>	<b>\$4922.48</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Dec 3, Capital Improvement**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Dec 10, Fund for Retired Religious**

**Hymnals**

**Donations for "Journeysongs"** is an ongoing 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

**Our Goal is 200 and we have 164.5 hymnals donated. Thank you!**

**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**

Today our second collection is for the benefit of St. Mary's Mission at Red Lake. You may view the award-winning video on the following website, [www.crookston.org/smma](http://www.crookston.org/smma) or donate online directly to the Mission. Please be generous as your gifts make all the difference in building a successful future for these children.

**Eucharistic adoration** will be closing at 7 PM on the Wednesdays that Youth Group meets so that students may have some time in the sanctuary. We support the spiritual formation of the future church by accommodating them wherever and whenever possible. May God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a closer walk with Jesus.

**Advent Penance Service**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**This will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students for their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation**