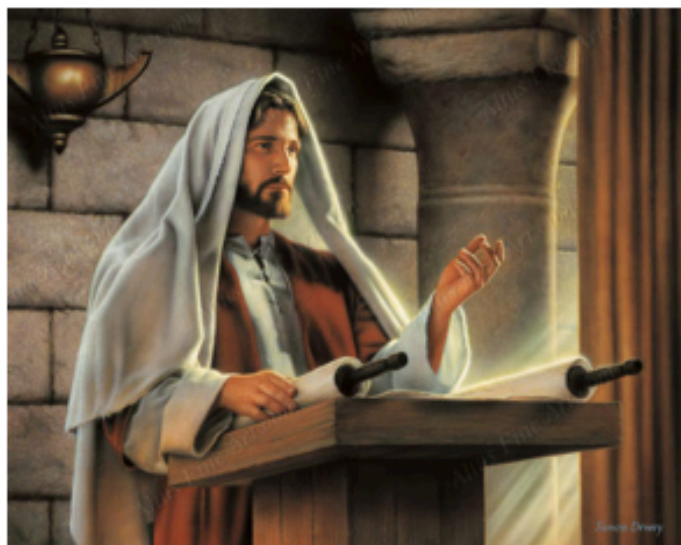


**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**725 6<sup>th</sup> STREET N.E.**  
**FOSSTON, MN 56542**



**Greetings from Deacon Aaron Kaiser:**

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time. This week we celebrated the feast of the conversion of St. Paul on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We are all familiar with the quote from Acts: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" When we are spending time in prayer, are we listening to the questions Jesus is asking us?

*What is the one thing you can do today to build the kingdom? Who can you love a little more today?*

In today's gospel we hear Jesus teaching with authority. When Jesus speaks to us this way His words sink into our hearts, and we know he is speaking out of love. He is not trying to trick or deceive us, he is trying to open our hearts to allow his peace to take hold in our lives.

*"Holy Spirit, help us to hear Jesus' voice today."*

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 28, 2018**

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**R.E. Coordinators:** PreK-6:AmandaWiener  
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, Jan 31 Adoration Noon – 8 pm**

**Fri, Feb 2 5:30 pm First Friday Adoration  
and Benediction - Fosston**

**Sun, Feb 4 8:30 am Mass**  
Mike Inwards

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

**Tues, Jan 30 Adoration Noon – 6 pm**

**Sun, Feb 4 10:30 am Mass**

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

**In case of emergency while Fr. John is gone.**

**Please call:**

**Deacon Aaron Kaiser at 218-280-4707**

### Birthdays

Jan 31 Erv Wickham  
Feb 1 Rita Holland

### 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, Vernon Kleppe, Don Dyrdaahl, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Eric Kaml, Paul Silver, Eason, Barb Wickham, Mary Griffin, Margaret Rustad, Ardell Redder, Virginia Weber, Mike Lynch, Candy Keller, Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson, Roger Drellack, Mark Vedbraaten and Fr. Don Braukmann

*"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, Feb 4, 2018**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39

**Lenten Schedule is included as an insert in this week's bulletin.**

### ST. MARY'S YOUTH

#### Religious Education

Friday School – Feb 2, 2018

Sunday School – Feb 4, 2018

Youth Group – Feb 7, 2018 6-8 pm Wed.

Youth Mass & Sunday School – Feb 11, 2018

#### Together Encountering Christ

##### Agassiz Valley TEC Rally

March 10-12, 2018 at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston MN

##### **What is TEC?**

A three day retreat experience that focuses on the Paschal Mystery (the dying and rising of Christ). It is a time to personally explore what a life lived in Christ is all about. Each retreat is led by a team of adults and young adults who have encountered Christ through TEC already.

##### **Who can go to TEC?**

Anyone at least 16 years of age and a sophomore in high school. College students, young adults and older adults are welcome.

##### **I am not Catholic can I still attend TEC?**

Absolutely!

#### 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](http://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 218-280-2187 or at  
[amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com)

### **Thank You**

Thank you so very much St. Mary's, our parish family! We are so grateful for the many prayers for Rick over the last 1 1/2 years and for your loving support during this difficult time. We pray for his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed as well as for consolation for all those grieving the loss of loved ones. May God bless you for your kindness! Viola, Doug & Linda Hand

### **Annual Benefit Dinner & Raffle**

St. Michael's School in Mahanomen will be holding its Annual Benefit Dinner & Raffle on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner. Benefit Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$500 and gives you a chance at these great prizes: \$7500, \$1500 and \$1000. The benefit raffle ticket also includes a dinner ticket and a chance at the prizes listed below. A separate dinner ticket can be purchased for \$75 (per couple) and includes your meal and a chance for these prizes: \$500, \$250, and \$100(10). Please contact St. Michael's School 218-935-5222, or any of our school families for more information on the benefit or to purchase a ticket.

### **Capitol 101**

Want to make your Catholic voice heard at the Capitol? Register today to join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, and April 17<sup>th</sup>, Minnesota You'll have the chance to hear from and meet with legislators, pray with fellow Catholics, and get a window into the legislative process. For more information or to register, head to [www.mncatholic.org](http://www.mncatholic.org) and click on the Capitol 101 banner. Pre-registration is required for this free event and space is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted.

### **St. Bernard's Fish Fry**

St. Bernard's Famous Beer Battered Walleye deep fried in peanut oil, coleslaw and fresh bread. Serving from 5:30 – 7 pm Friday's, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

### **NEED A RETREAT?**

What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health! Many in our parish have attended **Cursillo** weekends over the years and give great testimony to the power of such weekends.

**Cursillo** is pronounced KER-SEE- O meaning - short course in Christianity. Weekends are being offered this spring at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston.

The weekends include quiet time, inspirational talks, and most importantly, time to be with Jesus without the many distractions of daily life. Grow closer to Jesus by taking the time to join us. HE will bless your sacrifice of time for HIM.

The weekend starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon.

The Men's will be held February 22-25, 2018 and the Women's will be March 15-18, 2018.

Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information. Applications can be printed at [crookstoncursillo.weebly.com](http://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com) or picked up at your parish office.

### **From the Catechism**

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." -- Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271

### **Catholic Schools Week**

January 28 – February 2, 2018

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Feb 4, 2018**

**Ushers:** John Blaser, David Brinkman

**Gifts:** Paul & Lisa Rosendahl Family

**Lector:** Jan Hemmingsen

**Commentator:** Nina Bingham

**Eucharist:** \*Doug Hand, Kathryn Ziermeier,  
Michelle Shoenborn, John Keller, Gabe Wiener

**Servers:** Isaac Chalich, Dane Shoenborn,  
Emily Chalich

**Hospitality:** Lynn & Sue Vennes, Richard &  
Marion Parent

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Feb 11, 2018**

**Ushers:** Doug Schoenborn, 2 Students

**Gifts:** Students

**Lector:** Students

**Commentator:** Students

**Eucharist:** \*Jan Hemmingsen, Valarie Holzer,  
John Keller, Steve & Lorri Massmann

**Servers:** Students

**Hospitality:** Lynn Jackson, Eldin & Alice  
Okstad

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly: \$2320.15

**Last Week's Collections:**

46 Adult Envelopes: \$2205.00

Loose \$ 67.00

Children/Youth (11) \$ 12.30

Donations for Rolls (cost \$48.99) \$ 69.00

Church in Africa \$ 143.00

Capital Improvements: \$ 40.00

**Capital Improvement Balance: \$7100.48**

**Second Collection:** February 4, 2018

Capital Improvements

**Liturgical Ministries**

Please remember to find a replacement if you need to miss a Sunday when you are scheduled for a liturgical ministry. Thank you.

Formed has a program called "A Lent to Remember". You can take advantage of this opportunity by following the link below.

Go to: [www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) Parish code:TGVHW3

**Benefit for Lydia & Drew Wahlstrom**

Grandchildren of Pastor Paul Magelssen

**February 2 & 3, 2018**

Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm-7pm – Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction in the High School commons area from 5-7 (during the boys and girls BB double header).

Saturday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Concert at Hope Church  
See the bulletin board for further details.

**Every Life is Worth Living**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**REBOOT LIVE**

April 18, 2018

St. Bernard's

7:00 – 9:30 pm

More Information & tickets at  
[reallifecatholic.com](http://reallifecatholic.com)