

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in Sixth Sunday of Easter. Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" Jesus teaches the disciples to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. Jesus calls us friends. He tells us that he has chosen us. We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus and to express it in our relationships with others by loving them and showing them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice. We need to be persons for others. Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Let us follow the commandments of Jesus in our lives.

God Bless You! Have a great week.

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Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wed., Adoration Noon – 5:30 pm

Wed., May 9 1 pm Mass McIntosh NH
Bill Aaland+

Confirmation 6:30 pm Mass
Janetta Lara+

Fri., May 11 8:30 am Mass
Marie Straub+

Sun., May 13 8:30 am Mass
Rick Hand+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues. May 8 3:30 pm Mass Cornerstone AL
Dax Derby+

Thurs., May 10 9 am Mass
Pearl Madre+

Sun., May 13 10:30 am Mass
For the Parishes of St. Mary's
& St. Joseph's

St. Mary's Guild Meeting, May 10, 6:30pm

Birthdays

May 10 Tony Maruska
May 10 LJ Wang

Anniversaries Listed

May 10 Edna & Bill Kaupang

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, Richard
Weiss, Lou Osmundson, Jim McDonald, Dave
Ekman, Kaylee, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Kristi
Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Paul Silver, Eason,
Margaret Rustad, Candy Keller, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Fr. Don Braukmann,
Jean Nielson, Charlene Langen, Sally Hanson,
Roger Scharendroich, Catherine Senger, Nora Ann
Lentz, Cele Winkler, Loni Jirik, Rick Miller,
Debbie Martin and Kristin Litzinger

"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, May 13, 2018
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26, Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-
20, 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11b-19

2nd Collection May 20th to support the
Catholic Communication Campaign.

The DAC of Fosston is looking for donations
of wax from candles of any kind. This is a on-
going project. A box will be in the gathering
space for your wax donations.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Tuesday, May 15, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, Call
218-766-8176 if you can help.

Religious Education will resume in the Fall.

Thank you to Lori Balstad, Amanda Wiener and
Valarie Holzer for coordinating the RE program.
Thank you to all the parents & volunteers for
doing so much to help this program happen.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to
me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom
of heaven belongs to such as these."

Items are needed for the Bazaar Raffle.

These items are being requested from
parishioners this year rather than from the
businesses. Perhaps you would like to
donate something you make or something
from where you work. Gift certificates from
local stores are always popular as well as
cash prizes. Please list your donation on the
sheet in the parish hall by the bulletin
board. Let's make 2018 the best bazaar yet!

St. Mary's Catholic United Financial (CUF)
Council presented St. Mary's with a matching
grant check in the amount of \$874.50. This was
the match to the Bakeless Bake Sale and
Debbie's Basket Sale. In addition to that, the
local CUF donated \$200 for the 8 students who
will attend the Steubenville conference this
summer and \$225 for the 3 students attending
John Paul II Camp in July. CUF will
also sponsor a camp counselor for John Paul II
Camp if we have one accepted for this
summer. **THANK YOU SO MUCH ST.
MARY'S CATHOLIC UNITED
FINANCIAL!! ALSO, THANK YOU TO
ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND
PARTICIPATED IN THE FUND RAISING
EFFORTS OF CATHOLIC UNITED
FINANCIAL!!**

A Beginning Experience Weekend will be
held June 22 - 24, 2018, at Hankinson Retreat
Center & is offered by the Catholic Church.
beginningexperience-eastermnd.org.

Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA)

2018 GOAL: \$8936

DONATIONS & PLEDGES: \$8798

AMOUNT SHORT OF GOAL: \$138

WAYS TO GIVE: Check, cash, credit card or automatic withdrawal from your checking account over the course of 12 months or online. Envelopes are by the missalettes. Contact Renee' Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll free 1-855-397-8252. **Thank you so much!!**

May is Mental Health Month. May 7-13 is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Theme this year: Partnering for Health & Hope Following Trauma. Focusing their needs now & in the future on integrated approach to caring for the mental health needs of children, youth & young adults who have experienced trauma. Contact Nancy Ramon, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council. 800-820-7263 or nancy.ramon@tvoc.

St. Mary's hymnal fund donations. Suggested donation \$20. Each hymnal will get a permanent bookplate with who donated and who is being honored.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR HYMNALS SPECIAL! The ribbons in the new hymnals are not glued in so please treat them with care. Keep in mind that our hymnals have been blessed and should be treated reverently.

Esto Vir! is a vocation camp for young men (age 16+). This camp is an opportunity for young men who may be open to the priesthood to come together and spend some days in community with each other and the seminarians of the diocese. The camp includes sports and games, lakeside recreation, Mass, prayer, food, and fellowship. Date: **August 7-9, 2018**
Location: Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp, Fosston.
Cost: **FREE!**

Questions can be directed to Fr. Matt Schmitz, Promoter of Vocations: 218-773-0877 or mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net

NEW CEMETERY RULES

At a special meeting of the St. Mary's Cemetery Board, the By-Laws were revised as follows:

ARTICLE IX. Section 4.

Flowers and Decorations

All flowers and decorations not in a vase permanently attached to monuments or gravestones shall be removed after Father's Day. The Board shall have the right to remove without notice all plantings, floral designs, frame baskets, and all other objects as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood or iron cases, and similar articles on plots shall not be permitted. If so placed, the Cemetery Board shall have the right to have them removed. Flowers only if vases are permanently attached to monuments or gravestones will be permitted past Father's Day. All other decorations will be removed. Watering cans or other utensils shall not be left in the cemetery.

MCCL is Celebrating it's 50th Anniversary on June 7th, 6:30 PM at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, MN. Everyone is invited to celebrate LIFE. mccl.org/anniversary or 612-825-6831

Watch Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist on FORMED! An Augustine Institute Studios original series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins In the Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in life of the Church and its members. Watch episode 1 now and check back each week for a new episode! Free, Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3.

O happy Virgin Mary, you gave birth to the Lord;
O blessed mother of the Church,
you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son,
Jesus Christ.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – May 13, 2018

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, Doug Schoenborn

Gifts: David & Rosemarie Brinkman

Lector: Casey Holland

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Clyde Kringlen, Carol Aaland,
Mark Bingham, Linda Blaser, Gabe Wiener

Servers: Faith Balstad, Jesse Worshek,
Kayla Zitzow

Hospitality: Lori & Tennis Balstad Family

Confirmation Wednesday:

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – May 9, 2018

Ushers: Dave Holzer, Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Hannah Keller, McKenzie Rosendahl,
Emma Mills

Lector: Drew Nesvold

Commentator: Isaac Chalich

Eucharist: *John Keller, Valarie Holzer,
Carol Aaland, Erv Wickham

Servers: Ben Keller, Emily & Evan Chalich

Coffee & Cake: Guild Group

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – May 20, 2018

Ushers: Erv Wickham, Steve Massmann

Gifts: Steve & Lorri Massmann

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Commentator: Amanda Schultz

Eucharist: *Valarie Holzer, John Keller,
Dorothy Killian, Jeanne Sanden, Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Grant & Logan Hemberger,
Lance Balstad

Hospitality: John Keller Family,
Gabe Schouville, Carol Broadwell

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$2320.15

Last Week's Collections:

40 Adult Envelopes: \$1850.00

4 Children/Student Donations \$ 4.00

Loose \$ 21.00

Total Sunday Collection \$1875.00

Coffee & Rolls (cost 39.99) \$ 47.00

Catholic Home Missions \$ 106.00

Restricted Memorials \$ 500.00

Capital Improvement \$ 20.00

The Rosary will be prayed at 8:10 AM before Mass each Sunday morning during May led by Catholic United Financial.

Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend.

CONFIRMATION:

With Bishop Michael Hoepfner on

Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

We raise our confirmands to you,

Blessed Lord, for your care.

Isaac Chalich, Hannah Keller, Emma Mills,

Drew Nesvold and McKinsey Rosendahl.

Thank you to the 6 people that came last Tuesday to do yard clean-up.

The grounds look so much better.

Hey Kids! Do you want to get rescued by Jesus? We welcome you to St. Mary's Vacation Bible School June 4-7 from 9am-noon!

Registration forms are available at the table in the Social Hall. The deadline to sign up is May 15th. 4 year olds-6th graders are welcome;

however, 4 & 5 year olds must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Email Amanda

amandawiener@hotmail.com or Valarie

toothbtold@gmail.com if you have any questions.

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, there is a sign up board at the registration table.

We are in need of high school youth and adult volunteers to make this happen! If you have

questions about volunteer opportunities, please talk to Amanda Wiener or Valarie Holzer.

Thank you for being a blessing to our youth!

Thank you! Have a blessed week!

-Amanda

St. Mary's Church has an extraordinary opportunity coming to our area June 1st.

Please read the insert in today's bulletin.

We would like your input and help.