

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

Today we begin the season of Advent and the new liturgical year. We are in the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing him to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Here we wait for Jesus and there is the eagerness within us to receive him as we look forward to this great event of God becoming man. We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance and by sharing our blessings with others. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives every night during Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Have a Happy Advent.

**God Bless You! Have a Good Week!**

**Advent Penance Service**

Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

This will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students for their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 8 AM, before Sunday Mass**

**St. Mary's Mass & Intentions**

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues., Dec. 4 6 pm Mass, Phillip Schouviller

Wed., Dec. 5 3:30 pm Mass, First Care NH  
Orville Pederson+

[6:30 pm Advent Penance Service](#)

**Fri., Dec. 7 6 pm Mass, Rick Hand+**

Sun., Dec. 9 8:30 am Mass

Kilmer Christopherson+

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

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6:00 pm

Thur., Dec. 6 11:30 am Mass,  
Larry Kliner Jr.

**Sat., Dec. 8 9 am Mass, Todd Shereck+**

Sun., Dec. 9 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

**Holy Day of Obligation:**

**Saturday, December 8, The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

### Birthdays

Dec. 3 Theresa Walsh

Dec. 8 Steve Massmann

### Anniversaries

Dec. 4 Cathy & Steve Godtland

Dec. 7 Craig & Kristen Hemmingsen

### 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, Harper Hand,  
Linda Klinkhammer, Brady Jones, Betty Bingham,  
Lou Osmundson, Kaylee, Sharon Rein, Kristi  
Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Paul Silver, Sarah Ryan  
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Fr. Don Braukmann,  
Sally Hanson, Roger Scharendroich, Nora Ann  
Lentz, Loni Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,  
Kristin Litzinger, Vernon Kleppe, James Bingham,  
Gary Ebling, Dean Vikan, Allie St. Pierre,  
Brenda Steffan, Ernest Agnes Sr., Sarah Agnes,  
John Keller, Georgia Miller, Eileen Hegg and  
Richard Parent.

*"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. 9, 2018

Baruch 5: 1-9, Psl 126: 1-2,2-3,4-5,6,

Philippians 1: 4-6,8-11, Luke 3: 1-6

### Safe Environment Certification:

Thank you to everyone who has completed the  
SE Certification. The Diocese of Crookston will be  
visiting our office soon to ensure that we are  
compliant. Please complete if you haven't.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-12 grades RE class after Sunday Mass

9:45-10:45 AM as scheduled

Youth group, Grd 7-12 meet Wed., Dec. 5, 6-8 PM.

Supper provided. 6:30 Penance Service

Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30 AM.

No Friday School December 28<sup>th</sup>.

For grades 7-12 Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or

at amandawienner@hotmail.com

**The Students will be ministering at Mass one  
Sunday of each month. We welcome their help.**

For questions contact Lori.

**You're still welcome to join Religious Education**

### TEC Retreat:

Feb. 16-18 at St. Joseph's, Moorhead

March 16-18 at Sandhill Bible Camp, Fosston

Open to all students 16 years of age and older.

### THE DAYS OF ADVENT

Join Brother Francis on a daily journey in  
celebrating the coming of the Lord

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

**St. Michael's School Quilt Raffle: Hurry! Hurry!**  
Hurry! The St. Michael's Quilt Raffle will soon be  
coming to an end. There are just 12 days left to buy  
your raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful  
handmade Thimbleberries Border Blast  
Quilt. Tickets for the generous Queen Size Quilt  
are just \$10.00 and can be purchased by contacting  
Sarah Chalich at 218-435-1196 or by calling St.  
Michael's School at 935-5222. The drawing will be  
held following the St. Michael's School Christmas  
Program on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018.

**St. Joseph's, Bagley, Annual Fundraiser**  
December 7, 2017, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Soup &  
Sandwich, Bake Sale/Crafts & Raffle  
See poster on bulletin boards.

**Thank You to everyone who donated to the  
Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. More is needed  
and can be done, check out the insert today.**

**Register for Catholics at the Capitol NOW!**

Actor Jim Caviezel (*The Passion of the Christ*, *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, *Pay It Forward*) will be joining an already stellar line-up of speakers and artists at Catholics at the Capitol on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Consider attending this great event, joining two thousand Catholics across the state of Minnesota, as we make our voice known to policy makers. The Diocese of Crookston will be providing transportation to this event.

Information on Catholics at the Capitol can be found here: <https://catholicsatthecapitol.org/>

**New NFP certified instructor in Diocese of Crookston:** Laura Golden, R.N., from Warren, MN has recently completed education to be a Creighton Model Fertility Care Practitioner and is now accepting referrals. She can be reached at 402-802-2642 or [lauragolden.fcp@gmail.com](mailto:lauragolden.fcp@gmail.com) and is looking forward to helping couples. Laura's education was partially supported by the Diocese.

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Save the Date! The Diocese of Crookston will be hosting a workshop from 10 am – 4 pm for youth ministers, catechists, priests, and volunteers who work with young people in ministry. The workshop will be led by Everett Fritz, author of *The Art of Forming Young Disciples*, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fosston. The workshop is for anyone working with young people; youth ministers, catechists, priests, parents, volunteers! Cost is \$10.00 per person (payable at the door) lunch provided. Email Bob Noel at [bnoel@crookston.org](mailto:bnoel@crookston.org) for questions.

Register at: <https://www.crookston.org/everett>

**From Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center:** Thank you for your recent donation to the Center for the Baby Bottle Campaign. Your total amount was \$277.54.

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice Tree Walk, TODAY**

Essentia Health Fosston Hospice Fundraiser at Magelssen Elementary North Gym. Pancake Breakfast served by Fosston Lengby Lions

**Advent Giving Project 2018**

This Advent Season, St. Mary's will be participating in the Advent Giving Project. You may select a ticket off of the Giving Tree in the Social Hall for your gift to St. Mary's Shut-ins the Family Safety Network in Bagley. Simply return your unwrapped items and place them around the tree.

**REMEMBRANCE TREE:** The holiday season can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. In honor of their memory, the decorating committee is setting up a remembrance tree. Please help us decorate it by bringing in a special ornament which reminds everyone of your loved one. We will have tags available for you to mark their name before placing on the tree. Bring as many as you wish! You will take your ornament(s) home after the holidays. Tree will go up December 15 so you may start bringing in ornaments at anytime. Let this be a loving reminder of those we are missing during this Christmas season!

**YOU ARE INVITED AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND** our parish mission with Preacher Brendan Case, **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 noon.** There will be worship, teaching and prayer for healing. Since 1996 when Brendan left his position as a parish LifeTEEN coordinator to answer God's call to give all that he had away and rely on God to provide his every need, he has been involved in life transforming ministry anointed by the Presence and Power of God. Brendan and his wife, Andrea, who have eight children, are members of a Covenant Community and offer parish missions around the world without charge. This nationally known Catholic Lay-Missionary has witnessed the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, quadriplegics walking and the barren conceiv-ing. Expect to be richly blessed! A free will offering will be received to cover Brendan's expenses. **PLEASE COME!**

**Friday, Dec. 7, Holy Day of Obligation**  
**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 7, 2018**

Ushers: Erv Wickham, John Blaser  
Gifts: Rose Brinkman, Sue DeFrang  
Lector: Kathryn Ziermeier  
Commentator: Nina Bingham  
Eucharist: Dorothy Killian, Jeanne Sanden  
Servers: Lance Balstad, Harlee Bingham

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 9, 2018**

Ushers: Doug Hand, David Brinkman  
Gifts: Tom & Rita Holland  
Lector: Margarette Rue  
Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier  
Eucharist: \* Jeanne Sanden, Valarie Holzer, Doug & Michelle Schoenborn  
Servers: Faith Balstad, Chloe McLean,  
Darien Holzer  
Hospitality: Tony & Patty Maruska,  
Jesse & Augusta Maruska

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 16, 2018**

Ushers: Tom Weber, 2 Youth  
Gifts: Youth  
Lector: Youth  
Commentator: Youth  
Eucharist: Mark Bingham, Clyde Kringlen,  
Gabe Wiener, Carol Asland  
Servers: Youth  
Hospitality: Potluck Brunch

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2403.67
Last Week's Collections:	
37 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1440.00
7 Children/Student Donations	\$ 7.00
Loose	\$ 28.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$1475.00</b>
Coffee & Rolls (Cost \$33.99)	\$ 38.00
Hall Rent	\$ 50.00
Red Lake, St. Mary's Mission Appeal	\$ 273.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 5620.21

Pray about being a Eucharistic Minister. Also,  
Bazaar Committee Leader Contact Fr. John at 435-6484

Our sincere sympathy to the Keller Family. Candy passed away last Friday. May Candy and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Funeral plans pending at the time of printing the bulletin.

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

On December 8, 2018, the big fundraiser for the John Keller Family begins at 5:30pm with a meal, silent auction, live auction, games, etc. On Dec. 7, come for 6pm holy day Mass and after Mass help decorate cupcakes. Auction items are still welcome. Benefit posters are on our bulletin boards. Please support Keller's, our parish family members, in whatever way you can. Prayer is key!! Please turn in ticket money & raffle stubs to parish office by Dec. 7. Contacts: Jeanne Sanden 668-2239, Kristen Hemmingsen 218-207-9536, Kathryn Ziermeier(above), Linda Hand 218-280-2271  
The movie theater was packed with people last Wed., even sitting on steps, to watch the movie and show support for the Keller Family. God's blessings to everyone.

Also,

Carrie Danielson said she is very grateful for all the help, support and assistance with the Benefit they have received from St. Mary's.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please come to the church Monday, Dec. 3, at 10am to recover kneelers. If you can, please bring staple remover, drill or power screwdriver with Phillips and straight bits, and a heavy-duty stapler with 1/4 inch narrow crown staples. Some tools will be available.

**St. Mary's Kids CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & SUNDAY YOUTH MASS** is on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

The Christmas Pageant will be During Mass. Pot Luck Brunch after Mass. During Sunday School December 9<sup>th</sup> there will be Practice for the Pageant with all students. Please kids, plan to attend all practices.

Dec. 9 Collection for Retired Religious Finance Council Meeting Dec. 4 @ 6pm. Pastoral Council Meeting Dec. 19 @ 6 pm.