

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

The central theme of today's readings is "Rejoice!". We rejoice by receiving Jesus into our lives through our repentance, our renewal of life and our doing of God's will. We rejoice because a) we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, b) we recognize his daily presence in our midst, and c) we wait for his return in glory. In the gospel, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's way by the doing of His will. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. John tells the people to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests. We are called to a change of life in this Sunday.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week!

Third Sunday of Advent December 16th, 2018

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Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 8 pm

Wed., Dec. 19 11:30 am Mass,
Helen & Barry Groth+

Fri., Dec. 21 8:30 am Mass,
Mae & George Barry+

Sun., Dec. 23 8:30 am Mass,
David Siedschlag+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 18 3:30 pm Mass, Cornerstone NH,
Alice Rusch+

Wed., Dec. 19 1:30 pm Mass, Doug Essig+

Thur., Dec. 20 10:30 am Mass,
John & Adeline Waldorf+

Sun., Dec. 23 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

**There will be Adoration on Wed., Dec. 26th,
Noon-7:30pm Please come & enjoy some time
with Jesus.**

Birthdays

Dec 17 Linda Klinkhammer
Dec 18 Lu Newell
Dec 20 Marge Siedschlag
Dec 22 Lary Scott

Anniversaries Listed

Dec. 14 Charles & Ardell Redder
Dec 17 Nina & Mark Bingham

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, John Keller, Georgia Miller,
Eileen Hegg, Richard Parent, Dennis Omang.
"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. 23, 2018
Micah 5:1-4a, , Psm 80: 2-3,15-16,18-19,
Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

**St. Mary's Youth Group will be Caroling
for their Service Family Homes Dec. 19th.
May God bless them with the gifts of the
Holy Spirit and a closer walk with Jesus.**

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. 19, 6-8 PM.
Supper provided.
Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30 AM.
No Friday School December 28th.
For grades 7-12 Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286
For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 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
any time.**

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:

Formed is an online platform providing access to
a wide array of faith formation resources and
Catholic entertainment. FREE
Go to: [Formed.org](https://formed.org), Parish code: TGVHW3

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
19th. 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/>

When you are not sure if you are on the schedule
for **LITURGICAL MINISTRY** go to
<https://stmarysfosston.org/>. The bulletin is also
available there. Check it out.

Saturday, January 26th, 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 for questions. Register at: <https://www.crookston.org/everett>

Advent Giving Project 2018

This Advent Season, St. Mary's will be participating in the Advent Giving Project. Please select a ticket off of the Giving Tree in the Social Hall for your gift to St. Mary's Shut-ins and the Family Safety Network in Bagley. Simply return your unwrapped items and place them around the tree by Dec. 23.

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. Let this be a loving reminder of those we are missing during this Christmas season!

St. Joseph, Ada, St. William and Holy Family would like to invite our Parish to their Parish Mission on Sunday, January 20th and Wednesday, January 23rd. Each evening will be 6:30 PM – 8 PM. Check Bulletin Board.

St. Nicholas: Feast day Dec. 6th. Patron of Bakers & Pawnbrokers. Born in Asia Minor in the Roman Empire as an only child. Nicholas would take nourishment only on Wednesday & Fridays according to the canons. During the time of persecutions in the fourth century he was seized & tortured, thrown into prison with other Christians. Later released from their bonds. He was guardian of his people as well in temporal affairs.

2019 Calendars

Provided by Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home each year are on the way. The calendars were sent to the wrong address by mistake.

Please make any donations you want included in your 2018 stewardship report by December 31. Consider making a year-end gift to the building fund for improving our facilities--windows, sound, flooring, painting, etc.

Christmas Season Decorations

Please make our Christmas season special by donating toward the decorations (trees, wreaths, poinsettias) in honor/memory of a loved one. Please fill out below & put it in a special envelope marked "Christmas flowers" & put in the offertory basket. Thank you.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Amount _____

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 23, 2018

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham
Gifts: Clyde & Paulette Kringlen
Lector: Lori Balstad
Commentator: Nina Bingham
Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Valarie Holzer,
Kathryn Ziermeier, Deacon Aaron
Servers: Grant & Logan Hemberger, Ellis Wiener
Hospitality: Jackie & Mark Randall,
Connie Smeby

MONDAY MASS AT 5 PM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 24, 2018

Ushers: Dennis Sanden, Phil Schouviller
Gifts: Ben & Melissa Hemberger Family
Lector: Michele Schoenborn
Commentator: Amanda Shultz
Eucharist: Jeanne Sanden, Carol Aaland,
Doug Schoenborn, Linda Blaser
Servers: Isaac & Emily Chalich,
Dane Schoenborn
Hospitality: None. *Merry Christmas*

TUESDAY MASS AT 8:30 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 25, 2018

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, Harlee Bingham
Gifts: Alice Balstad, Dorothy Paulson
Lector: Nina Bingham
Commentator: Clyde Kringlen
Eucharist: Mark Bingham, Clyde Kringlen,
Kathryn Ziermeier
Servers: Grant & Logan Hemberger, Ellis Wiener
Hospitality: None. *Merry Christmas*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 30, 2018

Ushers: Doug Schoenborn, John Blaser
Gifts: David Holzer Family
Lector: Clyde Kringlen
Commentator: Michele Schoenborn
Eucharist: Mark Bingham, John Keller,
Gabe Wiener, Linda Blaser
Servers: Harlee Bingham, Trent Balstad,
Jesse Worshek
Hospitality: Mark & Nina Bingham, Tom Weber

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2403.67
Last Week's Collections:	
43 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1760.00
11 Children/Student Donations	\$ 11.37
Loose	\$ 34.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$1902.00
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 80.00
Retired Religious	\$ 275.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 45.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 5967.21

Today St. Mary's Kids CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & SUNDAY YOUTH MASS is during Mass. Enjoy the program. Thank you to Lori Balstad for all your hard work to make this happen.

If you forgot a dish to share for the Pot Luck Brunch after Mass, there is always plenty, Come & enjoy anyway..

There are now 4 Eucharistic Ministers scheduled for each Sunday Mass, but more volunteer Ministers are needed on the list to pick from. This would help so that the same Ministers are not serving so often each month.
Pray about being a Eucharistic Minister. Also, Bazaar Committee Leader is needed.
Contact Fr. John at 435-6484

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Safe Environment Certification. The Diocese of Crookston visited St. Mary's last Tuesday and looked over documentation to ensure that we are compliant. We did OK, not perfect. They will visit again in the Spring. It is very important that the certification is done, especially if you work with the young in our church in any way.

Pastoral Council Meeting Dec. 19 @ 6 pm.