

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

On this last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On this feast day we offer all the members of our own families on the altar to ask God's blessing on them and to obtain the guidance of the Holy Family. We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family. The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They are a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child Jesus so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of St. Mary's parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all our families in the New Year 2019.

I wish you a very blessed New Year.

God Bless You. Have a Good Week!

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
December 30th, 2018**

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7-12: Lori Balstad

Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden

Trustees: Joanne 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 - 8 pm

Tues., Jan. 1 8:30 am Mass, Candy Keller⁺

Wed., Jan. 2 3:30 pm Mass, First Care NH,
Rick Hand⁺

First Fri., Jan. 4 8:30 am Mass & Adoration,
Catherine Senger⁺

Sun., Jan. 6 8:30 am Mass, Harold Agnes⁺

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon - 6 pm

Tues., Jan. 1 10:30am Mass, Allan Theri⁺

Thur., Jan. 3 11:30 am Mass,
Frank & Minnie Shareck⁺

Sun., Jan. 6 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

New Year's Day, Jan 1st, 8:30am Mass.

Holy Day of Obligation

**First Friday Mass, 8:30 am January 4 at St.
Mary's, Fosston**

Birthdays:

Jan 1 Mark Worshak
Jan 2 Clara Manocke
Jan 3 John Keller
Jan 4 Amanda Schultz

Anniversaries:

Jan 1 Mark & Jackie Randall
Jan 3 Larry & Gemma Scott

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, Berry Bingham,
Lea Oumundson, Kaylee, Sharon Rein, Kristi
Maraska, Wayne Paulson, Paul Silver, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Fr. Don Brankmann,
Sally Hanson, Roger Scharandroich, Nora Ann
Lantz, Lori Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,
Kristin Litzinger, Vernon Kleppe, James Bingham,
Gary Ebling, Dean Vikan, Allie St. Pierre,
Brenda Steffen, John Keller, Eileen Hegg, Richard
Parent, Dennis Omang, Tracy Kozitka, Vernon
Kleppe, Beverly Rousa.

"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, Jan. 6, 2018
Isaiah 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13,
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matt 2:1-12

A TEC Retreat: Feb. 16-18 at St. Joseph's,
Moorhead March 16-18 at Sandhill Bible Camp,
Foston. Open to all students 16 years of age and
older. Terry Steen at sichurchlady@yahoo.com
or 218-784-4131 with any questions

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., Jan. 9 & Jan 23,
6-8 PM. Supper provided.

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

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

For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or
at amandawieners@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.

People generally need two things to really be
drawn into their faith and the life of the parish:
knowledge of the faith and friendships. With
FORMED Community your FORMED
subscription can become the hub for both!
FREE to all parish members.

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TG-VHW3

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: <http://catholicatthecapitol.org/>

St. Mary's Sunday Bulletin is also available at
<https://stmarysfoston.org/>.

Save the Date: Everyone is invited to help the
Sisters of Saint Benedict Monastery celebrate
their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, April 8, 2019
with a concert by Rose Ensemble. On Sunday,
Sept 15th, join them for Eucharist followed by a
reception. Go to www.msb.net to meet the Sister
of the Day for a peek behind the veil.

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 bnosl@crookston.org for questions. Register at: <https://www.crookston.org/everett>

Advent Giving Project 2018

Thank you for your gift to St. Mary's Shut-ins and the Family Safety Network in Bagley.
Thank You for being so generous.

St. Joseph, Ada, St. William and Holy Family would like to invite our Parish to their Parish Mission on Sunday, January 20th through Wednesday, January 23rd. Each evening will be 6:30 PM – 8 PM. Refreshments will be served following each night. Sunday, January 20 a free will donation meal will be served prior at 5:30pm. Check Bulletin Board.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast day January 1. Patron of all humanity. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels & men". Mary's life & role in the history of salvation is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament.

Living Faith, the Daily Catholic Devotions booklets for adult and youth for January-March are available at both entrances of the church. Take one home.

Thank You from Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf for your donations for Christmas. Their Number changed: Sandy 218-431-1558

From Joseph H. Noel, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation: "Thank you for your generosity toward the seminarians of the Diocese. I thank you in the name of Bishop Hoepffner. Your total will be shown in the second OND published in January."

Thank you Catholic United Financial for raising \$820 in the Bakeless Bake Sale and \$700 in Debbie's Basket Sale. All is used for our religious formation program. As Jan Hemmingsen announced on Sunday, Dec. 23, Catholic United will be matching a portion of that. Jan also brings to our attention that anyone who has any insurance, annuities, etc. in Catholic United is a member and is granted certain privileges. Example: Most all young adults with CUF life insurance will receive a nice scholarship for further education if they apply. Our rep in this area is Becky King 218-841-4600. Becky would be happy to help with investments, life insurance, etc.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

May your New Year's plan be a simple resolve to follow the Lord Jesus, step by step, minute by minute, hour by hour, and day by day, giving him your all in all.

Happy New Year

Tuesday,

Holy Day of Obligation, Mass 8:30am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 1, 2019

Ushers: John Blaser, Harlee Bingham

Gifts: David & Valaris Holzer

Lector: Nina Bingham

Commentator: Clyde Kringle

Eucharist: Mark Bingham, Linda Blaser,

Doug & Michelle Schoenborn

Servers: Grace & Genevieve Rus, Darion Holzer

Hospitality: None. Happy New Year

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 6, 2019

Ushers: David Brinkman, David Holzer

Gifts: Pat & Michael Lynch

Lector: Amanda Stultz

Commentator: Kathryn Ziemschier

Eucharist: *Doug & Michelle Schoenborn,

Linda Blaser, John Keller

Servers: Dams Schoenborn, Emily Chalich,

Sofia Rus

Hospitality: Dorothy Paulson, LuAnn Dufault,

Florence Nervold

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 13, 2019

Ushers: Doug Hand, Tom Weber

Gifts: Linda & Gerome Klinkhammer

Lector: Margaret Rus

Commentator: Lori Balstad

Eucharist: *Steve & Lorri Maxmann,

Valerie Holzer, Clyde Kringle

Servers: Lance Balstad, Olivia Rosendahl,

Isabel Klinkhammer

Hospitality: Ben & Melissa Humberger,

Alice & Elden Ørstad

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 435-6454

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2403.67
Last Week's Collections:	
32 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2595.00
4 Children/Student Donations	\$ 4.50
Loose	\$ 102.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2701.50
Coffee & Rolls (cost 33.99)	\$ 42.00
Christmas	\$ 1253.00
Flowers	\$ 155.00
CUF Bakeless Bake Sale	\$ 820.00
CUF Basket Sale	\$ 700.00
Education Donation	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 200.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 4292.86

2019 Calendars

Please help yourself to the 2019 calendars

Please let Carlin-Hoalman Funeral Home know of our appreciation for them by signing the Christmas card in the social hall.

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

Thank You to everyone for being so thoughtful and leaving gifts for the office personnel. Blessings to you in the New Year.

Marge & Linda

Thank you to those who made our Christmas beautiful by donating to our decorations.

Donor:	In Memory Of:
Carol Aaland	Bill Aaland
JoAnn Anderson	Deceased Family Members
Sarah & Lucas Bjerklie	Wendt & Cathy Senger
Carol Broadwell	Deceased Family Members
Viola Hand	Francis Hand & Rick Hand
Eileen Hegg	Robert/Teresa Lyons
Shirley Paul	Dean Paul
Tricia, Peyton & Ethan Proulx	Alois Schmitz, Paul Schmitz, Emma Proulx
Wayne & Dorothy Paulson	All lost too soon