

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



### Greetings from Deacon Aaron:

All the readings today focus on the contrast between where our loyalties lie. Who or what do we put our trust in? Jesus is calling us to put our confidence in Him. When we encounter misfortune or loss, how do we respond with faith or fear? Jeremiah warns those who trust in human beings are cursed. But "blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." St. Paul reinforces the resurrection of Christ from the dead otherwise our faith is in vain. In Luke's account of the beatitudes we are given the formula for the right attitude we must possess to live in friendship with God. If we want to be filled with joy and happiness of heaven, we must empty ourselves of the things that prevent us from growing closer to God.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, Feb. 24th.**  
If your child is in Preschool - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, please have them meet in our Sunday School classroom at 8:15 that morning, so we can all walk in together. All youth are welcome!

## The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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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 – 8:00 pm

Wed., Feb. 20 3:30pm Mass, First Care NH,  
Loray (Broadwell) Visser+  
6:30pm Youth Mass,  
Helen Randall+

Fri., Feb. 22 8:45am Mass, Paula Erdmann+

Sun., Feb. 24 8:30 am Mass, For the Parishes

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

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues., Feb. 19 3:30pm Mass, Cornerstone NH,  
Ben Hromidko+

Thur., Feb. 21 11:30am Mass,  
Frank & Minnie Shereck+

Sun., Feb. 24 10:30am Mass, Allen Theis+

**Birthdays**

Jan 18 Ernie Nesvold  
Jan 20 Doug Schoenborn  
Jan 21 Tom Weber  
Jan 23 Roger Vedbraaten  
Kim Anderson

**Anniversaries**

Jan 19 Lisa & Larry Handyside

**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,  
Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Paul Silver, Sarah  
Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson, Sally Hanson,  
Fr. Don Brankmann, Roger Scharendroich, Nora  
Ann Lentz, Loni Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,  
Kristin Litzinger, James Bingham, Gary Ebling,  
Allie St. Pierre, Brenda Steffan, John Keller,  
Eileen Hegg, Richard Parent, Dennis Omang,  
Beverly Roue, Kaylee, Tracy Kozitka, Deloris  
Landerville, Bev Drellack, Lucille Kaml, Marvin  
Msser, Lynne Cullen, Nick Prudhomme, Bernie  
Brennan, Lowell Hanson.

*"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. 24, 2018  
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,  
8, 10, 12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

**TEC Retreat:**

February 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.  
Email Terry Steen at sjchurchlady@yahoo.com  
or call 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, Grades 7-12 meet Wed.,  
Feb. 20 from 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 amandawwiener@hotmail.com

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

**You're always welcome to join Religious  
Education, any time.**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CAMP**

Camp sessions: July 7-11 and July 14-18  
For all teens entering Grades 7 – 9.  
Registration open at  
<http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp>.

**2019 Middle School Youth Rally:** Mark your  
calendars for the 2019 Middle School Youth  
Rally will be held at Fosston High School on  
Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Featured in MARCH:** "Jesus... was led by the  
Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted  
by the devil. And He ate nothing in those days;  
and when they were ended, He was hungry"  
(Luke 4; 1-2). This Lent, let's become spiritually  
hungry for communion with our Lord. May we  
experience an emptying of self and sin, that we  
may have room to receive the great joy of  
Easter. FORMED can lead you further into Lent.  
**FREE** to all parishioners!

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

**Catholics at the Capitol:**

Catholics from across Minnesota are coming  
together for life and dignity on **Tuesday,  
February 19th!** This day of prayer, inspiration,  
**education, and advocacy for pro-life  
legislation** can make Catholic voices count at the  
Capitol! Information on Catholics at the Capitol  
can be found at <https://catholicsatthecapitol.org/>

**“Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name ... on account of the Son of Man.”**  
(Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

St. Blaise, was a physician, and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia. According to the Acta Sanctorum, he was martyred by being beaten, attacked with iron combs, and beheaded because he refused sacrifice to pagan idols. He is the patron saint of wool combers. Feastday Feb. 3 Blaise was forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

**YOU ARE INVITED!** For the 10th year, Jesus has given you an open invitation to spend time with Him sometime on Wednesdays between noon and 8pm for Eucharistic adoration. (Closing time varies depending upon church activities.) Make an appointment with the Divine Physician. You need tell no one but Him what time you will be there or how long you will stay. Just keep your appointment, whether it be for preventative well-being or curative, or just because He invites you.

**2019 DAA** Have you made a commitment to the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If not, please make your gift or pledge this weekend. You can use an envelope and prayer card here at our parish or the one you received at home. One-time gifts, pledges or sustaining gifts can be made using a credit card, personal check or cash or you can set up automatic withdrawals from your checking account. If you make sustaining gifts, which is a highly recommended method for supporting our Church, contact Renee Tate at [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or call toll free 1-855-397-8252. Go to [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa) for more information about the 2019 DAA and ministries it supports. This beautiful and critical commitment belongs to all of us! Thank you!

**OUR NORTHLAND DIOCESE (OND) 2019 READER SURVEY:** During Feb. and Mar., every person who receives Our Northland Diocese in their mailbox or reads OND news online is invited to offer comments – positive and negative – in a reader survey! The feedback will be used to aid the continuing evolution of the publication. OND Staff and Board of Directors want to know your level of satisfaction with the print design, commentary columns and how the publication is living out its mission to publish Good News for furthering and strengthening the reign of God in the Diocese of Crookston! The survey is 20 questions long and should only take a few minutes of your time. Visit [www.crookston.org/ondsurvey](http://www.crookston.org/ondsurvey) to learn more and participate!

**FOR SALE:** 7 fluorescent bulbs (4 feet long) \$2.50 each. Contact Linda Hand. Since we converted to LED bulbs, the bulbs on hand are no longer needed and cannot be returned because they were purchased by the case.

Think Spring

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 24, 2019**

Ushers: Dave Holzer, 2 Youth

Gifts: Youth

Lector: Youth

Commentator: Youth

Eucharist: \*Jeanne Sanden, Kathryn Ziermeier,  
Dr. Gabe Wiener, Michelle Schoenborn

Servers: Youth

Hospitality: Dave Holzer, Steve Chalich,  
Randy Rue

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Mar. 3, 2019**

Ushers: Dennis Sanden, Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Doug & Linda Hand

Lector: Kathryn Ziermeier

Commentator: Margarette Rue

Eucharist: \*Jeanne Sanden, Carol Aaland,  
Linda Blaser, John Keller

Servers: Faith Balstad, Dane Schoenborn,  
Ellis Wiener

Hospitality: Erv Wickham, Lynn & Sue Venues

**More volunteer Ministers are needed.  
Pray about being a Eucharistic Minister.  
Also, a Bazaar Committee Leader is needed.  
Contact the parish office at 435-6484.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 1749.67
Last Week's Collections:	
39 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1561.00
9 Children/Student Donations	\$ 9.00
Loose	\$ 19.03
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1589.03</b>
Coffee & Rolls (cost \$56.49)	\$ 53.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 5793.86

**Blessing of the Throat After Mass Today**

**Finance Council Meet March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**  
**Ash Wednesday, March 6. Mass at 7PM**  
**Guild Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**  
**Pastoral Council Meet March 21 at 6PM**

**Our sincere sympathy to**

**David Brinkman and his family on the death of David's Father, Dewain Brinkman.**

May Dewain and all the faithful departed rest in peace with Jesus and may those who mourn be comforted.

**To St. Mary's Church Family, Thank**

You so much for being there for us during our very difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers were felt. Also, thank you for the gifts, the help with the benefit and for help to make Candy's prayer service and funeral very special. Love from John & Kids. (Card from family is on the bulletin board to read).

**Our Youth Group Needs You!** The youth group is doing a fund raiser for their Mission trip, planned for the summer of 2019. Please help support our youth by ordering from a various assortment of Butterbraids and/or Old World Brand Coffee. **Ordering today, Sunday, February 17th.** Youth will be in the gathering space after Mass.

Thank you for all you do to support our youth.

**St. Mary's Kids!** recently received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial for their upcoming service project. During Sunday School on February 24th, they will be making Prayer Baskets for those in our parish who are in need of healing, encouragement and prayers. If anyone is in need of a Prayer Basket or would like to contribute financially to our prayer mission, please contact Amanda Wiener at 218-280-2187 or

[amandawieners@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawieners@hotmail.com). Thank you!

**Cursillo weekends at Sand Hill Bible Camp.**

A Cursillo weekend has the power to redefine your life. Pray about attending a weekend; It is an investment of time well spent.

The Men's weekend is February 21-24, 2019

The Women's weekend is March 21-24, 2019