

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings today are linked together by one main theme: the *power of Christian love*. Today's Gospel gives us Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the *golden rule*, "*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*" "*Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you.*" For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another's good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God has done for us. "*Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate.*" He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving. We need to practice grace-filled behavior. Let us start forgiving right now by restricting the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and tolerating the irritating behavior of a neighbor.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time February 24th, 2019

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7-12: Lori Balstad

Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden

Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham

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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. 27 11:30 am Mass,
Catherine Senger+

First Fri., Mar. 1 5:30 pm Mass & Adoration
Mark Fesko,

Sun., Mar. 3 8:30 am Mass, Vern Bingham+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Wed., Feb. 27 1:30 pm Mass, Erv Fredericks

Thur., Feb. 28 11:30am Mass, Theres O'Neil

Sun., Mar. 3 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

Please bring your palms from last year & put them in the box provided in gathering space.

Ash Wednesday, March 6. Mass at 7PM

Birthdays

Feb 23 Rosemarie Brinkman
Feb 25 Lisa Handyside
Feb 25 Patty Maruska
Feb 25 Daniel Straub
Feb 26 Irene Lindfors

Anniversaries

Feb 22 Janet & Robert Thompson
Feb 23 Doug & Linda Hand

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, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Sally Hanson,
Fr. Don Braukmann, Roger Scharendroich, Nora
Ann Lentz, Loni Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,
Kristin Litzinger, Gary Ebling, Allie St. Pierre,
Brenda Steffan, John Keller, Eileen Hegg, Richard
Parent, Dennis Omsang, Beverly Roue, Kaylee,
Tracy Kozitka, Bev Drellack, Lucille Kaml,
Marvin Messer, Lynne Cullen, Nick Prudhomme,
Bernie Brennan, Fran O'Donnell, Tom Silver.
"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, Mar. 3, 2019
Sirach 27:5-8, Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16,
1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

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.,
Mar. 6th & 20th from 6-8 PM. Supper provided.
Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30 AM.
No Friday Class March 22nd

For grades 7-12 Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286
For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or
at amandawiener@hotmail.com

**The Students will be ministering at Mass one
Sunday of each month. We welcome their help
on March 10th. 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 28th, 2019.

Did Jesus Establish the Papacy? What are the
"keys of the kingdom" and why are they so
important to understanding Peter's role in the
Church? Get ready for the Feast of the Chair of
Peter (February 22) by finding out!
Relive History's Most Important Week with Pope
Benedict XVI. This Lent, walk beside Jesus as we
read and discuss Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of
Nazareth: Holy Week* in a book club right on
FORMED. Tune in to FORMED Live on Monday,
March 4 at 2pm ET for the book club's kick-off!
Father Joseph Fessio, S.J., will share stories of his
studies under then-Cardinal Ratzinger and discuss
the importance of this great book.

FREE to all parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

FOR SALE: 2 fluorescent bulbs still available.
(4 feet long) \$2.50 each. Contact Linda Hand.

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back.” (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Saint John Theristus (1049–1129) was an Italian monk, called Theristus or “Harvester”. He was born in Sicily. John’s Calabrian mother had been captured by the Saracens and brought to Sicily. He contrived to escape to Calabria while still a child, and there he became a Greek monk. He helped to miraculously harvest a large crop ahead of destructive weather, saving the locals from starvation, and gaining the title attributed to him. There he remained until his death of natural causes

The Haitian Project : You may remember the article written by Katrina Genereaux in the January 9th Edition of Our Northland Diocese titled “Diocesan Native Teaching with the Haitian Project”. The article featured local missionary, Rachel Thelen of Park Rapids, MN. Currently, the Haitian Project is seeking long-term volunteers to serve at L’Ouverture Cleary School near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. If you know of a current, or recently graduated college student who is committed to their Catholic Faith and has a heart for service, L’Ouverture Cleary School is an incredibly profound Catholic ministry that is making a huge difference in the lives of young Haitians, helping them break the cycle of poverty through a solid Catholic education. Please contact Bob Noel for more information at bnoel@crookston.org.

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 3pm for Eucharistic adoration. (Closing time varies depending upon church activities.)

2019 DAA We have received many gifts, pledges and sustaining commitments for the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you! If you haven’t done so, it isn’t too late. You may use an envelope and prayer card located at the entrances of the church or use the one you have received at home. Drop in the collection basket or mail it to Crookston. You may make a gift by using a personal check or cash, by credit card or automatic withdrawal from your checking account. We prefer that pledges are paid over the course of ten months if possible. Consider increasing your gift this year by 5% or 10% if you haven’t increased your gift for several years. For questions about online giving and sustaining gifts, (a highly recommended method which conserves the environment, human and other resources) contact Renee Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call the Chancery toll free 1-855-397-8252. Go to www.crookston.org/daa for more information about the 2019 DAA. The opportunity to build up the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Crookston is here for all of us!

March 3rd has been designated “Safe Haven Sunday” by the Bishops of the Minnesota Catholic Conference. Safe Haven Sunday is meant to enlighten the faithful to the impact of pornography on youth, adults, and its victims. This evil, freely delivered via online access to anyone with a computer, has been condemned by the Church and even declared a “public health hazard” by governmental bodies. As the priests were informed by their Deans, copies of a document produced by Covenant Eyes, a company that markets a very effective internet blocking device for computers and cell phones, have been ordered for each parish. **While a small number have been sent to each parish you are invited to ask for additional copies.** The EQUIPPED books & prayer cards are on the table in the gathering space.

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 Vennes

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Mar. 10, 2019

Ushers: David Brinkman, 2 Youth

Gifts: Youth

Lector: Youth

Commentator: Youth

Eucharist: *Clyde Kringlen, Doug & Michele
Schoenborn, Erv Wickham

Servers: Youth

Hospitality: John Keller, Lisa & Paul Rosendahl

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:

42 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1666.00

3 Children/Student Donations \$ 5.00

Loose \$ 7.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1678.00

Coffee & Rolls (cost \$33.99) \$ 45.00

Capital Improvement \$ 35.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 5828.86

Collection on Ash Wednesday is for
Central & Eastern Europe.

Finance Council Meet March 5th, 6:30 PM

Guild Meeting March 7th, 6:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meet March 21 at 6PM

**Ash Wednesday, March 6th, St. Joseph's,
Bagley, Mass 5:30 PM**

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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

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).

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 amandawiener@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 Women's weekend is March 21-24, 2019