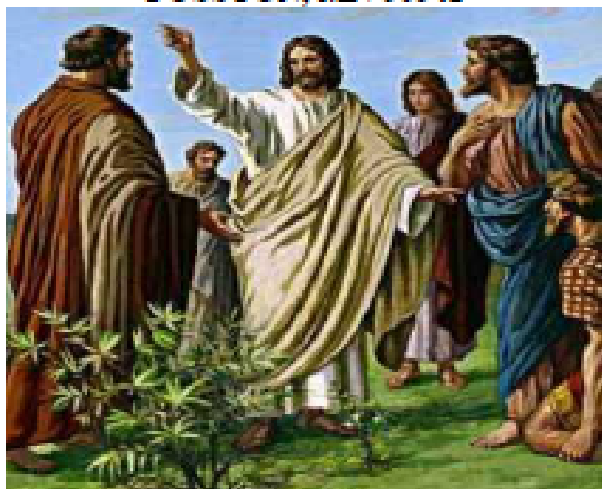


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday, Jesus draws our attention to practical ways of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as he used his in his preaching and healing ministry -- to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy and hope. Today's readings also instruct us to share our Christian life, love, by our words, and to avoid gossiping about, and passing rash, and pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm. In today's Gospel Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. Let us avoid judging others. God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart. We need to leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God's grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our lives.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Please sign up for Holy Week Liturgical Schedule in the gathering space.

The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time March 3rd, 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 – 6:30 pm

Tues., Mar. 5 6pm Mass, Francis Hand+

Ash Wed., Mar. 6–7pm Mass Paula Erdmann+

Fri., Mar. 8 8:30am Mass, Alice Bluemke+

Sun., Mar. 10 8:30 am Mass,

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Ash Wed., Mar. 6–5:30 pm Mass,

Jack Fredericks+

Thur., Mar. 7 11:30am Mass, Tina Linehan+

Sun., Mar. 10 10:30am Mass,

Jim Vorderbruggen+

Birthdays

March 4 Dorothy Killian
March 5 Pat Jackson
March 6 Karen Dyrda
March 8 Sue DeFrang

Anniversaries

March 8 Gene & Clara Manecke

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, Brady Jones,
Betty Bingham, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson,
Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson, Fr. Don
Braukmann, Roger Scharendroich, Nora Ann
Lentz, Loni Jirik, Rick Miller, Debbie Martin,
Kristin Litzinger, Gary Ebling, Allie St. Pierre,
Brenda Steffan, Richard Parent, Dennis Omang,
Beverly Roue, Kaylee, Tracy Kozitka, Bev
Drellack, Lynne Cullen, Bernie Brennan, 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. 10, 2019
Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

TEC Retreat:

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.

REWRITE YOUR NAME with Chris
Stefanick. St. Bernard Church, TRF, Thursday,
March 12 at 7 PM. Check out Bulletin Board.

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 amandawienner@hotmail.com

**The Students will be ministering at Mass one
Sunday of each month. We welcome their help
on March 15th.** For questions contact Lori.
**You're always welcome to join Religious
Education, any time.**

God Is With Us! God wants to share a meal with
us, which is more powerful than most of us realize!
Discover just how blessed we are in the Eucharist.
Also, The Thirst! Discover how Mother Teresa
prayed Lent. FREE to all parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

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.

**Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner invites all
the faithful to attend the Chrism Mass Monday,
April 15th, at the Cathedral in Crookston at
6:30PM.** The oils for sacramental anointing used
in the diocese are blessed at the Chrism Mass.
Representatives from our parish will receive the
blessed oils and bring them to our parish.

2019 DAA 2019 DAA Thank you for all donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Many more are needed to meet our goal of \$9383. Cash, checks, or credit card donations are welcome. 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 info.

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. 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.

OUR NORTHLAND DIOCESE (OND) 2019 READER SURVEY: March, every person who receives Our Northland Diocese in their mailbox is invited to offer comments – positive and negative – in a reader survey. Visit www.crookston.org/ondsurvey

CONVERSION OF HEART

During Lent you will find an insert each Sunday by "Our Sunday Visitor", based on the Sunday Gospels, to help you journey through the season of Lent. The inserts are an overview of Lent with a focus on prayer, reflection, outreach and family faith. They can be used as a way to reinforce family-friendly Catholic teachings, customs, and rituals throughout the Lenten season.

Cursillo weekends at Sand Hill Bible Camp.
The Women's weekend is March 21-24, 2019

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Please make our Easter special by donating toward the decorations in honor or memory of a loved one. Please fill out below and put in a special envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put in the offertory basket. Thank you.

Your Name _____

In Memory of (In Honor of) _____

Amount of Donation _____

Mass will be at St. Mary's at 5:30 PM Wednesdays of Lent starting March 13th through April 10th.

There will be soup supper served at 6:00 PM followed by Enrichment at 6:30 PM.

The free-will donations received will be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf.

March 13, 6 PM Soup Supper. 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross. Both by Catholic United Financial.

March 20, 6 PM Soup Supper served by Youth. 6:30 PM Speaker Fr. Chuck Huck.

March 27, 6 PM Soup Supper. 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross. Both by the Guild

April 3, 6 PM Soup Supper served by Pastoral Council. 6:30 PM Speaker Mark Krejci

April 10, 6 PM Soup Supper. 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross. Both by the Finance Council

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat & also fasting, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone from the 14th birthday is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Everyone from the 18th birthday up to 60th birthday is bound to observe the law of fast.

March is the largest fundraiser/food drive of the year for Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf, which helps greatly. Monetary donations help get an incentive grant. It used to be matched but now is a certain (?) amount based on the amount donated. The monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated. There is also a basket in the hall by the church main entrance for donations for the food shelf.

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

Ash Wednesday:

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Mar. 6, 2019

Ushers: Doug Hand, Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Carol Broadwell, Gabe Schouville

Lector: Nina Bingham

Commentator: Margarette Rue

Eucharist: *Mark Bingham, Eileen Hegg,

Linda Blaser

Servers: Trent Balstad, Genevive Rue,

Darien Holzer

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Mar. 17, 2019

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Jerry & Sue Erdmann

Lector: Nina Bingham

Commentator: Amanda Shultz

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermeier, Jan Hemmingsen, Dr. Gabe Wiener

Servers: Lance Balstad, Emily Chalich,

Isabel Klinkhammer

Hospitality: Carol Aaland, Lu Newell,

Mark Worshek

Assisted Listening Devices now available. Use with your hearing aid or with ear buds provided. Please try one.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 1749.67

Last Week's Collections:

30 Adult Envelopes: \$ 971.00

13 Children/Student Donations \$ 12.60

Loose \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 983.60

Coffee & Rolls (cost \$51.99) \$ 40.00

Capital Improvement \$ 25.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 5853.86

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

2nd Collection Sunday, March 10th for the Black & Indian Missions

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

Ash Wednesday, March 6. Mass at

St. Joseph's, Bagley, 5:30 PM

St. Mary's, Fosston, Mass at 7 PM

When you come up for ashes Wed., please draw a name from the basket and pray for that person or family during Lent as we did last year

Lenten Schedule is an insert in the bulletin.

Help Yourself to Lenten materials on the table in the social hall.

**Lenten Penance Service Sunday,
March 31st at 6pm.**

CRS RICE BOWL During Lent our Church will again participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection. Pope Francis invites us to Share the Journey by supporting those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities Visit: crsricebowl.org. The Rice Bowls will be collected the end of Lent.

Please pray for the family of Marvin Messer, husband of former parishioner, Marge Messer. Marvin passed on Sat., Feb. 23. May his soul and the soul of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Marge's address is 8953 W. Citrus Way, Glendale AZ 85305

Thank You to everyone who helped in many ways replacing covering on the kneelers in the church.

Also, Thank you to everyone who helped remove snow from the Church roof.