

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in the Second Sunday of Lent. The readings invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent by our Spirit-filled lives. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. The Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him. The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us a message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our own transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased -- listen to Him!".

**God Bless You! Have a Great Week!**

**The Second Sunday of Lent  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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7-12: Lori Balstad  
**Pastoral Council Chair:** Dennis Sanden  
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**Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass**

**St. Mary's Mass & Intentions**

**Wednesdays:** Adoration Noon – 5:00 pm  
**Wed., Mar. 20** 3:30pm Mass, First Care NH,  
Kilmer Christopherson+  
5:30 PM Mass,  
Jerry & Laura Klinkhammer+  
**Fri., Mar. 22** 8:30am Mass,  
Mae & George Barry+  
**Sun., Mar. 24** 8:30 am Mass, For the Parishes

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

**Tues.** Adoration Noon – 6 pm  
**Tues., Mar. 19** 3:30pm Mass, Cornerstone NH,  
Herman Gardner+  
6pm Mass, Lila Galli+  
**Thur., Mar. 21** 11:30am Mass, Genevive Berry  
**Sun., Mar. 24** 10:30am Mass, Allen Theis+

**Please sign up for Holy Week Ministries in the gathering space. HOLY TRIDUUM, the three days, at St. Joseph's this year.**

Birthdays

March 20 Dave Holzer  
March 23 David Brinkman

Anniversaries

March 18 L.J. Wang & Byron Kaupang

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, Debbie Martin, Kristin Litzinger,  
Gary Ebling, Allie St. Pierre, Brenda Steffan,  
Richard Parent, Dennis Omang, Beverly Rone,  
Kaylee, Tracy Kozitka, Bev Drellack, Lynne  
Cullen, Bernie Brennan, Tom Silver, Jim Mireault,  
Joyce (Mrs. Clarence) Klinkhammer.

*"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. 24, 2019  
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11,  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>:** **ChrisM Mass** at Cathedral  
in Crookston 6:30PM. Everyone is invited to  
participate in this beautiful annual celebration.

Please note date: **REWRITE YOUR NAME**  
with Chris Stefanick. St. Bernard Church, TRF,  
Thursday, March 21 at 7 PM.  
Check out Bulletin Board.

Walleye Dinner, St. Philip's, Bemidji, Friday's  
during Lent. Serving 4:30pm-6:30pm. 1 Fillet  
\$10, 2 Fillet \$15. Mac & Cheese meal \$5.

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. 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. Supper provided.  
Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30 AM.  
There is Friday Class March 22.

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 always welcome to join Religious  
Education, any time.

St. John Paul II Middle School Camp  
Registration. **Camp sessions: July 14-18.**  
For teens entering Grades 7 – 9. Northern Pines  
Camp, 20033 County Rd. 1, Park Rapids.  
Register <http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp>.

**First Communion Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
Please pray for God's blessings on our children  
**Elizabeth LaCoursiere, Ethan Geray and  
Tyrus Lewis** as they prepare for their First Holy  
Eucharist. Strengthen their Catholic faith and  
guide them as they continue to develop a closer  
relationship with Jesus.

**The series for "such a time as this"** The  
current state of the Church has left all of us  
longing for the renewal brought about by God's  
loving mercy. Presented by Fr. Michael Gaitley,  
*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story  
Ever. Also,* The Augustine Institute's new series  
for **high schoolers** is now on FORMED Why  
Believe, Answers to Life's questions.  
**FREE** to all parishioners! Go to: **Formed.org.**  
**Parish code: TGVHW3**

**The EQUIPPED books & prayer cards** are on  
the table in the gathering space. Please take one  
home. They are meant to help you have engaged,  
healthy, and informed conversations about online  
threats. It is smart Catholic Parenting in a  
sexualized culture. (more can be ordered if needed)

**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.** 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.

**Faith and Justice (Paid) Internship** available for this summer with the Office of Formation in Discipleship. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is extending this opportunity for someone in the Diocese of Crookston to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. Please visit [www.crookston.org/employment](http://www.crookston.org/employment) to download the application and information regarding the submission of resumes. Contact Formator of Discipleship, Bob Noel with any questions. [bnoel@crookston.org](mailto:bnoel@crookston.org) or (218) 281-4533 ext. 439 Applications will be accepted through March 28.

**DAA 2019 DAA** Thank you to 26 donors (26.67%) who have given and/or pledged \$8170 (87%) of the Diocesan Annual Appeal goal of \$9383. This is a wonderful example of the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners. We are just short \$1213. Cash, check or credit card donations may be made directly to the Diocese using envelopes mailed out or picked up here at St. Mary's. Contact Renee Tate at [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or call the Chancery toll free 1-855-397-8252 or go to [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa) for more info.

**St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland.** Feast day March 17<sup>th</sup>. Born in England 389 AD. At age 16 Irish raiders kidnapped him to Ireland. For 6 years he was slave of Druid priest and worked as a shepherd. After escape studied in France & England for 20 years. At age 43 he became a bishop. In a dream, he felt God's call to return to Ireland. The Druids (pagan priests) did not welcome Patrick. Through Gods miracles people saw the power of Christian God. Died at age 72 in 461. He explained the Holy Trinity to people by using a shamrock.

## 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 through April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 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 14<sup>th</sup> birthday is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Everyone from the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday up to 60<sup>th</sup> birthday is bound to observe the law of fast.

**A Steak Fry & Pierogi Feed fundraiser for Rick, Kristin & Reese Litzinger** will be held in Devils Lake on Tuesday, March 26, from 5:30 to 7pm at the Lake Region Curling Club. Kristin was diagnosed in the spring of 2018 with ovarian and endometrial cancer and has been fighting and doctoring since. Her next surgery is in April. All funds go toward medical and travel expenses. If you want to partake, please donate prayers. Many have been offered throughout the year and the family (including Theresa Zitzow, Kristin's mother) thank you so much. If you wish to send a card, the address is 5424 Chestnut St., Grand Forks ND 58201

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Mar. 24, 2019**

Ushers: John Blaser, Doug Schoenborn  
Gifts: Jesse & Augusta Maruska Family  
Lector: Clyde Kringlen  
Commentator: Lori Balstad  
Eucharist: \*Mark Bingham, Jeanne Sanden,  
Michele Schoenborn, Erv Wickham  
Servers: Evan Chalich, Ben Keller, Iziah Lewis  
Hospitality: Carol Broadwell, Gabe Schouviller,  
Tom Weber

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Mar. 31, 2019**

Ushers: Tom Weber, David Holzer  
Gifts: Tyler & Melissa McGlynn Family  
Lector: Michele Schoenborn  
Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier  
Eucharist: \*Valarie Holzer, Clyde Kringlen,  
Doug Schoenborn, Dr. Gabe Wiener  
Servers: Olivia Rosendahl, Jesse Worshek,  
Sofia Rue  
Hospitality: Sue Defrang, Eileen Hegg,  
Mary Jacobson Family

**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:	
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 645.00
3 Children/Student Donations	\$ 3.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 648.00
Coffee & Rolls (cost \$51.99)	\$ 22.50
Black & Indian	\$ 165.00
East Europe	\$ 212.00
Mission Trip Donation	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 6266.86

**Pastoral Council Meet Thurs., Mar. 21 at 6PM**

**Please bring your palms from last year & put them in the box provided in gathering space. Help Yourself to Lenten materials on the table in the social hall.**

**St. Mary's Lenten Penance Service Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.**

**Penance Service** Friday, March 22, 7am-7pm. St. Philip's, Bemidji. In the church & Chapel. Use Door #2. Priests available all day. **CRS RICE BOWL** will be collected the end of Lent. Visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

**SOUL SHOP Ministering to Suicidal Desperation: for any one passionate about ministry to those who are desperate due to any type of experience with suicide: Life-Saving Culture, Life-Saving Conversations. Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm at the First Lutheran Church in Mahanomen. Cost \$35. Sponsors: Anderson Family Funeral Homes, Carlin Funeral Homes, Erickson-Vik-Ganje Funeral Homes. More info on bulletin board.**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join forces with area pro-lifers for an **MOCL** meeting at the Fosston Civic Center Glass Room on Tuesday, March 19, at 7pm. With all that is happening concerning abortion, infanticide and assisted suicide, it is time we unite in saving lives and promoting respect and reverence for all human life from conception to natural death. New MOCL President Roxanne Stordahl and Secretary Eileen Hegg, both of McIntosh, MN, welcome your input and involvement.

**Due to the weather, the Guild meeting was rescheduled to Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to attend.**

**The decorating committee is thinking spring!** We are in need of 3-5 large outdoor planters and black dirt to fill them. Planters don't need to be pretty as they will most likely get painted. Please contact Kristin Henningsen 218-207-9536

**Cursillo weekends at Sand Hill Bible Camp.** The Women's weekend is March 21-24, 2019. Still time to sign up.

**Our sincere sympathy to the Linda & Doug Hand Family in the loss of Rick Miller, Linda's brother. May Rick and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**