

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today's readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our cooperation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service. Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people, invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, one can say, "A Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life." We need to live lives of repentance. We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us second chances. During Lent, too, we are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's love.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Third Sunday of Lent March 24th, 2019

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Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 5:00 pm
Wed., Mar. 27 5:30 PM Mass,
Roberta Werstlien+
Fri., Mar. 29 8:30am Mass,
Ida Mae Bingham+
Sun., Mar. 31 8:30 am Mass, Annammal+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Wed., Mar. 27 7pm Mass, Deceased family of
Frank & Minnie Shereck+
Thur., Mar. 28 11:30am Mass, Suvakeen+
Sun., Mar. 31 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

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

Birthdays

March 27 Eileen Hegg
March 27 Kathleen Drellack
March 30 Michele Schoenborn

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 Roue,
Kaylee, Tracy Kozitka, Bev Drellack, Lynne
Cullen, Bernie Brennan, Tom Silver, 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. 31, 2019

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, April 15th: Chrism Mass at Cathedral
in Crookston 6:30PM. Everyone is invited to
participate in this beautiful annual celebration.

YARD CLEANUP: Sunday, April 14, 2019,
3pm, weather permitting. Youth going on the
Mission trip and their families are asked to
help. Supper will be served. If that date isn't
suitable because of weather or condition of
grounds, please plan for Sunday, May 19 at 3pm.

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.,
April 3rd & 24th 6-8 PM. Supper provided.
Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:30 AM.
NO Friday Class April 19th.

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

**The Students will be ministering at Mass April
7th. We welcome their help.**

First Communion Sunday, April 28th, 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.

Check out the new page featuring some of their
best Lenten content! **FREE** to all parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

McIntosh Senior Living of McIntosh is having a
pancake breakfast fundraiser March 31st from
10am-1pm at the McIntosh Community Center. It
is a free will donation. All proceeds go for a
wheelchair accessible van for outings for the
residents. Come enjoy.

A STORY OF FAITH, HOPE AND

FORGIVENESS! Immaculee Ilibagiza lived with
7 other women in a hidden 3 x 4 foot bathroom for
91 day for protection from rape and murder. Hear
her story on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7 PM in
Park Rapids High School, 401 Huntsinger Ave.
Tickets are \$10. Call 218-732-5142 or
annette@arvig.net

Fr. Chuck Huck gave Mission talk last
Wednesday after Mass. He spoke partly about
the damage pornography is doing to everyone.
He left 2 books for us to read, they are in the
library area. Please return after reading them.

This week one of the most anticipated pro-
life films will be shown across the
country. *Unplanned. Check the insert!*

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. **Check out the bulletin board for list of food items that go very well at the food shelf.**

Also, clean out your cupboards. The food shelf uses out dated on a free table, no food wasted.

Faith and Justice (Paid) Internship available for this summer with the Office of Formation in Discipleship. 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 or (218) 281-4533 ext. 439 Applications will be accepted through March 28.

2019 DAA The latest report from the Diocese shows that 38 donors from St. Mary's donated \$8470 toward our goal of \$9383 for the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal-- just another \$913 to go. Envelopes are located by the missalette for your convenience. Funds are accepted however you wish to donate them. Contact Renee Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call the Chancery toll free 1-855-397-8252 or go to www.crookston.org/daa for more info. Thank you so much for your donations.

Bl. Emilian Kovch, Feastday March 25th. Born 1884, Death 1944. After graduating from the College of Sergius in Rome, Married and father of 6, ordained 1911, Chaplain to Ukrainian soldiers. Arrested by the Gestapo for baptizing Jews and listing them as Christians. Deported to Majdanek concentration camp where he ministered to prisoners. Martyred in the ovens.

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 Hemmingsen 218-207-9536

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 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 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.

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. 31, 2019

Ushers: Tom Weber, David Holzer
Gifts: Tyler & Melissa McGlynn Family
Lector: Michele Schoenborn
Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen
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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY April 7, 2019

Ushers: Mark Bingham, 2 youth
Gifts: Youth
Lector: Youth
Commentator: Youth
Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Carol Asland,
Jan Hemmingsen, John Keller
Servers: Youth
Hospitality: Linda & Jerome Klunkhammer,
Tyler & Melissa McGlynn

Hospitality Servers: After washing your hands as you enter the kitchen area, please use tongs or wear gloves provided to handle rolls etc. Thanks.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2425.00
Last Week's Collections:	
44 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2370.00
8 Children/Student Donations	\$ 8.00
Loose	\$ 47.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2425.00
Coffee & Rolls (cost \$48.00)	\$ 80.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00
East Europe	\$ 20.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 20.00
Soup Supper for food shelf	\$ 42.00
Donation for Hearing Device	\$ 100.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 45.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 6311.86

The Book: GIVE US THIS DAY Daily Prayer For Today's Catholic, is being handed out to each family today. It can be used for daily use at home during Lent. Please bring it to Mass, especially Palm Sunday & Holy Week.

St. Mary's Lenten Penance Service Sunday, March 31st at 6pm.

CRS RICE BOWL will be collected the end of Lent. Visit: 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 2nd 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.**

Thank You Lori Balstad for 24 years of working with the youth of St. Mary's. Lori is now stepping down & would like to help train someone else in during the 2019-2020 school year.

Two Paid Positions open at St. Mary's:

The position of Youth Group Coordinator, please prayerfully consider this position.

Marge Donnell has also resigned as of July 1, 2019. Please consider the Janitor position.

Talk with Fr. John about both positions.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE The March 10 bulletin insert explained the updates made to our sound system by HB Sound & Light. Due to the weather, only about 35 people attended Mass that day. Those inserts are available on the card table in the social hall. This week HB Sound informed us that additional assisting listening devices can be purchased for \$111 each and the neckloop for using with a hearing aid is \$51. Those who have been using them are amazed at what they hear. One user has already made a \$100 donation for it. Please feel free to give it a try. You can purchase one for yourself, bring your own ear bud, or use what we have. We want you to get the most possible out of the Mass!

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of Jim Mireault, whose funeral was yesterday. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord! May Jim and all the faithful departed rest in peace.