

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



### Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance & the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God. Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God. Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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7-12: Lori Balstad  
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden  
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Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895  
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### Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

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

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 5:00 pm  
Wed., Apr. 3 3:30pm Mass, First Care NH,  
Roberta Werstlien+  
5:30 PM Mass,  
Kilmer Christopherson+  
Sun., Apr. 7 8:30 am Mass, For the Parishes

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

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm  
Wed., Apr. 3 6:30pm,  
Lenten Penance Service  
Thur., Apr. 4 11:30am Mass, Special Intention  
First Fri., Apr. 5-5:30pm Mass & Adoration,  
Kelly Huschle+  
Sun., Apr. 7 10:30am Mass,  
Jim Vorderbruggen+

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

### Birthdays

April 4 Jackie Randall  
April 4 Ruth Palmer  
April 6 Mary Griffin  
April 6 James Gregory  
April 7 Bobby Drellack

### 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  
Klinkhammer, Bob Clayton.

*"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, April 7, 2019  
Isaiah 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6,  
Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: 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.

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

For grades 7-12 Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or  
at [amandawwiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawwiener@hotmail.com)

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

**First Communion Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
Please pray for God's blessings on our children  
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.

**2019 Middle School Youth Rally** will be held at  
Fosston High School on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**A STORY OF FAITH, HOPE AND  
FORGIVENESS!** Immaculee Ilibagiza lived with  
7 other women in a hidden 3 x 4 foot bathroom for  
91 days 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](mailto:annette@arvig.net)

Fr. Chuck Huck gave Mission talk to us. 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 so everyone may read them.

**Everyone is invited to help the Sisters of Saint  
Benedict Monastery** celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary on Sunday, April 8, 2019 with a  
concert by Rose Ensemble. On Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>,  
join them for Eucharist followed by a reception. Go  
to [www.msb.net](http://www.msb.net) to meet the Sister of the Day for a  
peek behind the veil.

The Bible & the Virgin Mary! One "yes" changed  
the course of history. **FREE** to all parishioners!  
Go to: [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Parish code: TGVHW3

The CANS Festival today at 2 PM is at the Library, not the theater. Bring a can of food. Stormy Weather is blamed for less collections for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston before April 5<sup>th</sup>. March is usually the largest fundraiser/food drive of the year for them. Monetary donations help get an incentive grant. It used to be matched but now is a certain (?) amount based on the amount donated. Also, clean out your cupboards. The food shelf uses out-dated on a free table, no food wasted.

One of the most anticipated pro-life films is being shown across the country.

*Unplanned. Check the bulletin board.*

**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 missalettes for your convenience. Funds are accepted however you wish to donate them. 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.

Thank you so much for your donations.

**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 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 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.

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.

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

**Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, St. Lawrence Catholic Church Mentor.**(1.5 miles S. of Hwy #2 on Co. Rd 10/E. Shore Rd.) 5:30-7:30 PM. \$13 Adults, \$7 age 10 and under.

Thank You to St. Mary's Parish Family for thinking of me with your prayers while I was ill and for the healing shawl. It helps for a better day. God bless you all. Lucille Kaml. (Nina Bingham's Mom).

There are two boxes of florescent bulbs that are being offered free to any parish in the Diocese that may be able to use them.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY April 7, 2019

Ushers: Mark Bingham, 2 youth

Gifts: Youth

Lector: Youth

Commentator: Youth

Eucharist: \*Eileen Hegg, Carol Aaland,  
Jan Hemmingsen, John Keller

Servers: Youth

Hospitality: Pancake Breakfast served by Youth.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY April 14, 2019

Ushers: David Brinkman, Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Mark & Jacelyn Randall

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen

Eucharist: \*Kathryn Ziermeier, Mark Bingham,  
Valarie Holzer, Clyde Kringlen

Servers: Faith Balstad, Grant Hemberger,  
Tessa Zitzow

Hospitality: Tony & Patty Maruska,  
Jesse & Augusta Maruska Family

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:	
43 Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2120.00
11 Children/Student Donations	\$ 11.00
Loose	\$ 34.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2165.00</b>
Coffee & Rolls (cost \$51.99)	\$ 78.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 40.00
Memorial to Youth Fund	\$ 100.00
Soup Supper for food shelf	\$ 47.00
Bazaar	\$ 20.00
Fluorescent Bulb Sale	\$ 5.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6311.86</b>

The Book: **GIVE US THIS DAY** Daily Prayer For Today's Catholic, was handed out to each family last Sunday. It can be used for daily use at home during Lent. Please bring it to Mass, especially Palm Sunday & Holy Week. There are some left by each entrance of the Church.

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.

**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, Carlm Funeral Homes, Erickson-Vik-Ganje Funeral Homes. More info on bulletin board.

Two Paid Positions open at St. Mary's: **Youth Group Coordinator** needed, please prayerfully consider this position. Lori will help train someone during the 2019-2020 school year. **Janitor** needed before July 1, 2019. 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. 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!

Thank You to everyone who donated food and helped with the meal for the Jim Mireault funeral. How wonderful to see so many people of this parish working together to help another parish family. God Bless you.

The Youth will be serving a Pancake Breakfast April 7<sup>th</sup>, Next Sunday. Don't forget your \$\$ or your appetite!