

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

This Fifth Sunday of Lent reminds us of God's readiness to forgive sin, and helps us to know that God gives the sinner a second chance, binds up broken lives, and restores people to His friendship. Today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and with one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. In today's Gospel, the story of a sinful woman shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives to repentant sinners. Jesus forces the accusers to assess themselves first. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by promising to forgive those who have offended us. We have no right to judge others. We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation. **God Bless You! Have a Great Week!**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7th, 2019**

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PARISH STAFF:

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7-12: Lori Balstad
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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 – 5:00 pm
Wed., Apr., 10 1pm Mass, McIntosh NH,
Rick Hand+
5:30 PM Mass,
Linda Bingham+
Fri., Apr. 12 8:30am Mass, Oliver Trujillo+
Sun., Apr. 14 8:30 am Mass, Lynne Cullen

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Wed., Apr., 10 7pm, Mass Tami Bolduc+
Thur., Apr., 11 11:30am Mass, Doug Essig+
Sun., Apr. 14 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

If you were unable to attend the Penance Service last week, a special time has been scheduled at St. Mary's for Confession.
Wednesday, April 17th, 5-6 PM.

Birthdays

April 8 George Doyle
April 12 Kristen Hemmingsen
Anniversaries
April 9 Ricky & Lisa Nesvold

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 14, 2019

Luke 19:28-41 (Procession) Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-
9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke
22:14 - 23:56 or Matt 23:1-49

Everyone is invited to help the Sisters of Saint
Benedict Monastery celebrate their 100th
Anniversary on Monday, April 8, 2019 with a
concert by Rose Ensemble, a vocal &
instrumental group based in the Twin Cities. Part
of their tour, Voices of Angels. On Sunday, Sept
15th, join the Sisters for Eucharist followed by a
reception. Go to www.msb.net to meet the Sister
of the Day for a peek behind the veil.

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 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 amandawiener@hotmail.com

First Communion Sunday, April 28th, 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 28th.
Cost is \$50 and includes lunch & dinner.

A STORY OF FAITH, HOPE AND

FORGIVENESS! Immaculee Iibagiza 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

Stations of the Cross, Walk With Jesus. This
powerful meditation from Saint Alphonsus
Liguori features the chanting of the traditional
Catholic hymn Stabat Mater. It's sure to help
you better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.
FREE to all parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

Feed My Starving Children Food Packing

May 14 & 15, 2019, at Bagley Hockey Arena

Volunteers are needed to package for two-hour
packing shifts. Call 218-766-8176 to sign up.
Donations are also needed. Write checks to
"Feed My Starving Children" and write 1905-
022EA Bagley in the memo. Mail to Bagley
Food Packing Event, 14340 Glacier Rd.,
Clearbrook, MN 56634

DAA 2019 We are getting really close to meeting our goal of \$9383. The March 29 report shows 42 donors from St. Mary's have given \$8130 and have pledged an additional \$1100 for a total of \$9230, just \$153 short of our goal. Way to go, St. Mary's! If you have not made your donation or pledge yet, please pick up an envelope by the missalettes and prayerfully consider what your gift will be. Contact Renee Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call the Chancery toll free at 1-855-397-8252 or to go www.crookston.org/daa for more info. May you be blessed for your alms giving during this Lenten season.

After last week's soup supper, Deacon Mark Krejci gave us great ideas in ways to evangelize. To share those ideas with those who could not hear him, he left copies of the booklets, **INTEGRATED**

EVANGELIZATION. Please help yourself to a copy on the table in the social hall. He also invites all to hear a great speaker on discipleship, Fr. Frank Donio, at St. Philip's, Bemidji, on May 7, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Saint Jean-Baptiste de La Salle was a French priest, educational reformer, and founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. He is the patron saint for teachers of youth. Feast day: April 7th. Born April 30, 1651. Died April 7th, 1719

Are you or a loved one seeking employment in a Catholic school or parish? **NOW HIRING!** Visit www.crookston.org/employment for an up-to-date list of open positions in and near the Diocese of Crookston! All position openings in the Diocese will now be listed on web.

We are pleased to announce the **Priesthood Ordination** of Deacon Michael Ryan Arey, at 10 AM on Saturday, June 15 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston. Everyone is invited. Reception after the Mass.

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.

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.

Safe Environment boundary training, with Deacon Bernie Nojadera, Executive Director of the USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth protection, is offered at St. Mary's, Fosston, on Friday, April 12th from 10am-3pm. All active priests of the Diocese of Crookston will be present, as well as some diocesan staff persons. It is strongly recommended that Deacons, School Principals, Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministers and Safe Environment Coordinators also attend. (FREE) Please RSVP to Renee Tate (rtate@crookston.org) by April 10. Lunch will be provided, so an accurate number of participants is needed. Thank you for your help.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, Chaplet 3 PM at St. Mary's Church. Take home a free CD located at bulletin board for the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY April 21, 2019

Ushers: Doug Schoenborn, Dave Holzer

Gifts: Alice & Elden Okstad

Lector: Clyde Kringlen

Commentator: Michele Schoenborn

Eucharist: *Mark Bingham, Linda Blaser,
Dr. Gabe Wiener, Erv Wickham

Servers: Logan Hemberger, Dane Schoenborn,
Grace Rue

Hospitality: Jerome & Linda Klinkhammer,
Tyler & Melissa McGlynn

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2425.00

Last Week's Collections:

42 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1686.00

10 Children/Student Donations \$ 19.00

Loose \$ 54.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1759.00

Coffee & Rolls (cost \$51.99) \$ 61.02

Easter Flowers \$ 35.00

Rice Bowl \$ 223.00

Memorial to Youth Fund (Jim Mireault) \$ 205.00

Soup Supper for food shelf \$ 53.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6311.86

REMINDER: GIVE US THIS DAY Daily

Prayer Book, Please bring it to Mass Palm

Sunday, April 14th.

New LIVING FAITH books for Daily Catholic Devotions, children & adult, are by each door of the Church. Take one home.

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter Sunday, April 21st.

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.

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. Marge cannot work as janitor after July 1, 2019.

Talk with Fr. John about both positions.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE: Instructions are available on the card table in the social hall. Additional assisting listening devices can be purchased for \$111 each and the neckloop for using with a hearing aid is \$51. 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!

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

Today is the last Sunday until the Fall season that the Students will be ministering at Mass as a group. Please thank them for their wonderful help.

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.

Unplanned. One of the most anticipated pro-life films is being shown across the country. Check the bulletin board for dates. Or unplannedfilm.com

The decorating committee is 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