

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Throughout the world from the very beginnings of the Church this has been the cry that gives us our identity. Jesus rose from the dead! Death is not the end. Today we celebrate the Easter Sunday. Let us allow the Joy of resurrection of Jesus to have room in our lives; let Jesus' resurrection be the center of our lives. Easter is the greatest celebration of the Church. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is more to each of us that we have an immortal soul. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God. It is the celebration of Hope. The Easter Good News is, in fact, the core or center of the Gospel: Jesus Christ has died and now lives!

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Easter Sunday **April 21st, 2019**

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Today, as we renew our commitment to live in close union with the Risen Lord Jesus, let us ask the Lord to deepen His life within us and to make us His witnesses of Easter joy and hope. We are the witnesses who proclaim that God has raised him up and given him the name that is above every name that we might profess to the glory of God the Father. Let us promise our Risen Savior and Lord that we will follow Him, our Light and our Life, every day and invite others to come to Him by the witness of our lives (our family, our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends) everyone we meet. With Christ the Risen One, let us make all things new — with the joy and hope He gives. With Christ the Risen One, Let us be Easter People!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 8:00 pm

Wed., Apr. 24 11:30am Mass,
Nicholas Agnes+

Fri., Apr. 26 8:30am Mass,
Catherine Senger+

Sun., Apr. 28 8:30 am Mass,
Annamal+
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Wed., Apr., 24 1:30pm Mass, Vernon Theis+

Thurs., Apr. 25 11:30am Mass,
Herman Gardner+

Sun., Apr. 28 10:30am Mass, For the Parishes

Birthdays

April 24 Robert Drellack

Anniversays

April 29 Jenny & Erwin Zitzow

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, Paul Silver, Joyce
Klinkhammer, Bob Clayton, Ray Larson, Ben
Hougen.

"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 28, 2019

Acts 5:12-16, Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24, Revelation
1:9-11a,12-13,17-19, John 20:19-31.

For our 2019 Vacation Bible School (VBS),
June 3rd-5th, 8:30am-11:30am, volunteers
needed. Contact Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187
or amandawienner@hotmail.com or Valarie
Holzer toothbtold@gmail.com

2019 Middle School Youth Rally will be held at
Fosston High School on Sunday, April 28th.
Cost is \$50 and includes lunch & dinner.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

7-12 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

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

Fo Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or
at mandawienner@hotmail.com

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

"Blessed is She who believed that there would
be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from
the Lord" (Luke 1:45) In the month of May, let
us entrust our lives, work, and communities to
our Blessed Mother, that we may develop a
trusting faith like hers. FORMED has a wealth
of resources to help you get to know Mary.
FREE to all parishioners!
Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA)

2019 GOAL: \$9383
DONATIONS \$8339
PLEDGES (UNPAID) \$1100
TOTAL DONATIONS & PLEDGES \$9439
AMOUNT OVER GOAL \$ 56

Donations are still welcome. Use envelope provided by Diocese. Contact Renee Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll free 1-855-397-8252. Thank you so much to all who participate!

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.

Thank You St. Mary's Parish Family for all you did for our Mother. She had a deep faith and appreciated all of your prayers, the prayer blanket and coffee after Mass with everyone. Cecelia Winkler Family. (Please read the note from the family on the bulletin board.)

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. Senior Programs. See insert in today's bulletin. Call 800-584-7020 or 218-281-5832 or visit www.tvoc.org

Over the last 50 years, Mass attendance by Catholics decreased from 60% attending Mass every Sunday to about 27%. If that continues, parish life cannot be sustained in any meaningful or vibrant way. To change it, lay Catholics must consciously choose to evangelize and bring Christ beyond the doors of the church. The first step is to want, to desire and to accept this duty and privilege. Read more in "Integrated Evangelization." Get your free copy on the table in the social hall compliments of Deacon Mark Krejci.

Also, Fr. Donio (a keynote speaker at last fall's Convocation of Parish Leaders) will be doing an evening presentation which is FREE and open to the public at St. Philip's, Bemidji on Tuesday, May 7 from 6:30-7:30pm.

If there is one thing we can do to save the babies and bring down the powerful Planned Parenthood while we pray for the pregnant mothers and pregnancy centers, it is the Rosary. It would be great if we could have one million rosaries weekend of Friday-Sunday, May 3-5.

Development Available:	Coordinator	Position
The Parishes of St. Michael's, Mahnomen, St. Joseph's, Beaulieu and St. Michael's School are seeking to hire a half-time staff member to increase support for the parishes and school. This person will be responsible for grant writing, fundraising, school alumni relations, major gift acquisition and data management. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Catholic identity and affinity for Catholic education is important but not imperative. For a full job description go to www.stmichaelmahnomen.org and click on Employment. Deadline to apply is April 22, 2019.		

Minnesota Catholic Conference sent two small booklets, best used together, **Health Care Directives and a Guide to End-of-Life Care Decisions.** They are from the Catholic bishops of Minnesota. Booklets are located on the table in the gathering area.

TOOTSIE ROLL SUNDAY: The Knights of Columbus will be offering tootsie rolls on April 28th. Your donations are used to support programs geared to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Your donations are sent to the DAC, Fosston.

Polk County Social Services are in need of Foster Care Homes. Foster Care Awareness Event: A panel of foster care experts will share about the program and need for more homes in Polk County. Join them on April 23rd, 6:30pm at the Crookston Library.

Living with grief: Aging America, Coping with Loss, Dying and Death in Later Life. Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Education Conference Center. April 30. 1-3:45PM. Call Andrea Lewis 218-333-5702 or andrea.lewis@sanfordhealth.org Read bulletin board for more information.

Family & Friends of the First Communicants have volunteered to help with Mass, Please note the changes made to the schedule.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY April 28, 2019

Ushers: Dennis Sanden, Erv Wickham

Gifts: Ethan Geray, Tyrus Lewis

Lector: Kiana Anderson, Harlee Bingham

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Valarie Holzer, Mark Bingham,
Linda Blaser, Dr. Gabe Wiener

Servers: Darien Holzer, Emily Chalich,
Faith Balstad

Hospitality: **Pot Luck served by Guild**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY May 5, 2019

Ushers: John Blaser, Dennis Sanden

Gifts: Tony & Pat Maruska

Lector: Amanda Shultz

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier

Eucharist: * Jan Henningsen, Mark Bingham,
Carol Aaland, Valarie Holzer

Servers: Trent Balstad, Emily Chalich,
Darien Holzer

Hospitality: Rita & Tom Holland,
Sue & Jerry Erdmann

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2425.00

Last Week's Collections:

45 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1905.00

11 Children/Student Donations \$ 12.00

Loose \$ 57.11

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1974.11

Coffee & Rolls (51.99) \$ 35.00

Easter Flowers \$ 65.00

CRS Rice Bowl \$ 21.85

Votive Candles \$ 42.00

Soup Supper for food shelf \$ 50.00

Sportsmen's Club, Mission Trip Bus \$ 500.00

Capital Improvement \$ 40.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6847.86

2nd Collection April 28th for Home Missions

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl.

First Communion Sunday, April 28th, 2019

All are invited to continue the celebration with a Pot Luck meal after Mass in the social hall.

Please pray for God's blessings on our children Ethan Geray and Tyrus Lewis as they prepare for their First Holy Eucharist. Lord, please strengthen their Catholic faith and guide them as they continue to develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

Practice: Saturday, April 27th at 10 am

Please mark your calendar.

The Boundary Training (SE) by Deacon Bernie Nojadera, Executive Director of the USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, has been rescheduled for July 17, 2019 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Mary's, Fosston.

Please RSVP to Renee' Tate at rtate@crookston.org.

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 will not work as janitor after July 1, 2019.

Talk with Fr. John about both positions.

"Unplanned," the movie, hope you were able to see the movie. If you wish to "do something," please join the local MCCL to stay informed. Contact Eileen Hegg at eileenh@gvtel.com or call 218-779-0174.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at St. Mary's next Sunday, **April 28, at 3:00 p.m., the hour of Divine Mercy.** Pick up a Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlet guide by the church entrance. The Novena started on GOOD FRIDAY, but you can still participate.

YARD CLEANUP: Sunday, May 19, 3pm, weather permitting. Youth going on the Mission trip and their families are asked to help. Supper will be served.