

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



### Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast of the Ascension commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by his own power in the presence of his disciples. The Lord instructed them to be his witnesses from Jerusalem to the ends of the world. We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation by his life and preaching and gave us the same mission to teach others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxiety and worries by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

## The Ascension of the Lord

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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### Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

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

Wednesdays: Adoration Noon – 8 pm  
Wed., June 5 3:30 pm Mass, First Care NH  
Cathy Senger+  
6 pm Mass, Martha Agnes+  
Sun., June 9 8:30 am Mass,  
Brandon Wendland

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

Tues. Adoration Noon – 6 pm  
Thurs., June 6 11:30am Mass,  
Larry Kliner Jr.  
**First Fri., June 7 5:30pm Mass & Adoration**  
Carl & Lena Larson+  
Sun., June 9 10:30am Mass,  
For the Parishes

Wed., June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm Finance Council meeting.

<u>Birthdays</u>	
June 3	Audrey Doyle
June 5	Rose Mireault
June 7	Craig Hemmingsen
June 9	John Cullen
June 9	Shawna Geray
<u>Anniversary</u>	
June 3	John & Linda Blaser

**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 Jurik, 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, Marge Messer, Brandon Wendland, Dave Blazek, Char Langen, Tylor Blaser.

*"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, June 9, 2019

Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34, 1

Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13, John 20:19-23.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf** are in need of plastic grocery bags. Please drop them off in the box in the gathering space with any food donations you may have.

**Mark your calendar: Our joint Mass and picnic with St. Joseph's of Bagley will be July 24<sup>th</sup> at Lengby Lake. St. Mary's will host it this year.**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CAMP 2019**

**Camp session: July 14-18**

**For all teens entering Grades 7 - 9.**

Northern Pines Camp, 20033 County Rd. 1, Park Rapids.

Registration open at

<http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp>.

**Still in need of high school men to join our Service Team and 18+ year old women to serve on staff. If you know any individuals that would love to serve the diocese at camp, please encourage them to go to the diocesan website and apply.**

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**Go to: [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Parish code: TGVHW3**

**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.**

**Pastoral Associate: Formation in Discipleship**

The Diocese of Crookston is seeking a Catholic to serve as a Pastoral Associate in the Office of Formation in Discipleship. This person will serve on a team with the Director of the Office and the Formator for Discipleship. This is a full-time benefit eligible position based in the Chancery in Crookston, Minnesota. Applicants should be a practicing Catholic, motivated to engage in the New Evangelization as articulated in the Joy of the Gospel, a bachelor's degree and active participation in the life of the Church. Applications or inquires for more information should be e-mailed to Dcn. Mark Krejci, Ph.D., at [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org)



On evangelization by the laity: Matthew, the tax collector in the Gospel of Matthew, is our example to simply invite others to where they can meet Jesus. Read "Integrated Evangelization" available free on the table in the social hall for ideas of where you might invite others to encounter the living God.

Tom & Eileen Hegg are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with an open house at the McIntosh community center from 2-4 pm. Everyone is invited. Hosted by Their daughters.

Items are needed for the Bazaar Raffle. These items are being requested from parishioners again this year rather than from the businesses. Please donate something you make or something from where you work. Gift certificates from local stores are always popular as well as cash prizes. A sheet will be available to list your donation on. The sheet will be in the parish hall by the bulletin board. Let's make 2019 one of the best bazaars yet!

American war casualties will never be forgotten or our freedom they bought with their last breaths. In WWII alone—405,399 lives were lost. There's a bigger body count than that: 54,559,615—all American casualties. Not soldiers. Babies. Fifty-four million five hundred fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifteen and counting...

Among this American casualty list are those who never experience a first breath. That's right—every year—nearly 455,000 babies are lost to America's war of "choice." According to Humancoalition.org, this yearly death toll is "roughly equal to the number of United States military deaths in all U.S. wars combined." -a.m.opdahl

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."  
(Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

**CEMETERY RULES as of May 2018**  
**ARTICLE IX. Section 4.**

**Flowers and Decorations on Cemetery**

All flowers and decorations not in a vase permanently attached to monuments or gravestones shall be removed after Father's Day. The Board shall have the right to remove without notice all plantings, floral designs, frame baskets, and all other objects as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood or iron cases, and similar articles on plots shall not be permitted. If so placed, the Cemetery Board shall have the right to have them removed. Flowers only if vases are permanently attached to monuments or gravestones will be permitted past Father's Day. All other decorations will be removed. Watering cans or other utensils shall not be left in the cemetery.

**ESTO VIR "BE A MAN!"**

**August 6-8, 2019 at the Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp South of Fosston.** ESTO VIR is a

vocation camp for young men (age 16+) sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston's Office of Vocations. Gather with the seminarians of the diocese for sports, games, lakeside recreation, prayer, food and fellowship.

Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877 or mschmitz@sacredheartgf.net

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY June 9, 2019**

**Ushers:** Mark & Harlee Bingham

**Gifts:** Craig & Kristen Hemmingsen Family

**Lector:** Lori Balstad

**Commentator:** Nina Bingham

**Eucharist:** \* Dorothy Killian, Carol Aaland,

Jeanne Sanden, Clyde Kringlen,

**Servers:** Faith Balstad, Evan Chalich, Ellis Weiner

**Hospitality:** Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen,

Marion Parent

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY June 16, 2019**

**Ushers:** Doug Schoenborn, David Brinkman

**Gifts:** Ben & Melissa Hemberger Family

**Lector:** Jan Hemmingsen

**Commentator:** Michele Schoenborn

**Eucharist:** \* Jeanne Sanden, Linda Blaser,

Dr. Gabe Wiener, Erv Wickham

**Servers:** Dane Schoenborn, Kayla Zitzow,

Anna Jackson

**Hospitality:** Dave & Valarie Holzer Family,

Florence Nesvold

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2425.00

Last Week's Collections:

35 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1518.00

1 Children/Student Donations \$ 1.00

Loose \$ 115.00

**Total Sunday Collection \$ 1634.00**

Coffee & Rolls (cost \$33.99) \$ 30.00

11 Vacation Bible School \$ 430.00

Capital Improvement \$ 00.00

**Capital Improvement Balance \$ 7391.86**

Fall Bazaar is right around the corner!

Please save plastic containers for take-outs.

**A Bazaar Committee Leader is needed.**

**Contact the parish office at 435-6484.**

**Two Paid Positions open at St. Mary's:**

**Youth Group Coordinator:** Lori will help train someone during the 2019-2020 school year.

**Janitor needed.** Please ask for the Job

Description in the office. Marge will not work as janitor after July 1, 2019. Call 435-6484.

**On June 16<sup>th</sup>** We will have our annual **FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION** for retired priests. Our retired priests, including Bishop Emeritus Victor Balke, say many hundreds of Masses for our diocese each year. They substitute for our active priests. Many retired priests (health permitting) continue to serve for years after their official retirement, typically at age 70. Your gift to the Father's Day Collection is very important in that it provides for the health insurance, Medicare and unreimbursed medical and dental expenses for our retired priests. **Please be generous once again to the Father's Day Collection.** This is a local collection and funding from this collection is not sent to a national office.

**Our 2019 Vacation Bible School (VBS), June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-11:30am. "Roar! VBS starts tomorrow. We have been blessed with nearly 20 volunteers to help make this happen for our kids! THANK YOU to our precious volunteers. Thank you everyone for your prayers and support!"** Contacts are Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or [amandawiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawiener@hotmail.com) or Valarie Holzer [toothbtold@gmail.com](mailto:toothbtold@gmail.com)

**"VBS Family Fun Night is Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come to watch our kids perform the VBS skits and songs! We will release a balloon rosary. Refreshments will be served. All are invited and welcome!"**

**Our heart-felt condolences to the families of Mary Griffin, who passed away this last week. Her funeral was yesterday.**

**Thank you to everyone who helped with Mary's funeral. God's blessings to you.**

**Bazaar planning meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Everyone Please come & help.**

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

If you have flowers from your gardens to share please call the church and bring them Friday 9AM-1PM or Sunday AM ready to display before Mass.