

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year the church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. This feast is observed on this Sunday as it helps us to meditate on Christ the King. The feast of the Kingship of Christ invites all to acknowledge the Sovereignty of Christ not only over Christians but also on all creation. The feast celebrates the fact that there is one who is remarkably different. He came to serve all and his kingdom is divine. In several passages of Scripture, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. During his life Jesus preached the Kingdom of God and openly told the disciples to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. It means we must put God first in our lives. It means we must come under the rule of this God/King, Jesus Christ. It means we must confess with our mouths, Jesus is Lord, and does what he says. He alone is King of kings and Lord of Lords. He called his disciples not servants, but friends, and bestowing on them a share in His priesthood and kingship. Let us gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24th, 2019

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7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham
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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 – 8 pm
Wed., Nov. 27 11:30 am Mass,
Mary Griffin+

Thurs., Nov. 28 8:30am Thanksgiving Mass,
Cathy Senger+

Sun., Dec. 1 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Thurs., Nov. 28 11:30am Thanksgiving Mass,
Allen Theis+

Sun., Dec. 1 10:30am Mass,
Jim Vorderbruggen+

The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mary,
Monday, December 9th, 8:30 AM Mass

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving

Birthdays

Nov. 25	Valarie Holzer
Nov. 27	Mary miller
Nov. 27	Gemma Scott
	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Nov. 26	Louise & John Cullen
Nov. 30	Florence & Ernie 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,
Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Roger Scharendroich,
Nora Ann Lentz, Loni Jirik, Debbie Martin, Kristin
Litzinger, Allie St. Pierre, Richard Parent, Dennis
Omang, Tracy Kozitka, Bev Drellack, Lynne
Cullen, Bernie Brennan, Paul Silver, Joyce
Klinkhammer, Bob Clayton, Ray Larson, Ben
Hougen, Marge Messer, Dave Blazek, Char
Langen, Christine Johnson, Chad Blaser, Rod
Nielsen, Kerry Redder, Ethan Asher, Shirley
Kowalski, Tom Sedler, Ava Lamb-Lopez, Florence
Nesvold, Bruce Donnell, Ruth Calarese, Joey
Bauer, Sam Christopherson, Dorothy Killian
"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, Dec. 1, 2019
Isaiah 2: 1-5. Ps 122:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-9.
Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44.

NEEDED: 1) Youth Group Coordinator for
St. Mary's (paid position) 2) Bazaar Leader
3) Funeral Coordinator with Deb Wille
Please Contact Fr. John at 435-6484.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM. Dec. 8 & 15th.
Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Dec. 4th & 18th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided.
Friday class for grades K-6, 8:30-9:30 AM.
No Friday School Nov. 29th or Dec. 27th.
7-10 grades contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286
For grades K-6th please contact Amanda Wiener
218-280-2187 or at amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com
If you did not register your children for RE yet, you
are welcome to do so any time.

Teens Encounter Christ. The TEC retreat
weekends this year are: February 15-17, 2020 at
St. Joseph's, Moorhead and March 21-23, 2020 at
Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston. Terry
Steen at sjchurchlady@yahoo.com is contact.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained.
FREE to parishioners!

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3.

Trouble getting into formed.org? Just go to
formed.org/signup. For "Find Your Parish," type
in Fosston's zip code of 56542. (Code not
needed.) Click on St. Mary's, Fosston, MN. Then
click on Next and add your name and email
address. No passwords needed. Enjoy! Learn!
Grow in Faith and Knowledge!

"Unplanned," the movie is available from MCCL
by contacting Linda Blaser at 435-6628.

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has
made you fit to share in the inheritance of the
holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12)
God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at
the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and
telling us what we can't do, look at them as
guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life.
Most of our problems arise when we put our
own needs first or spend most of our time trying
to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first
in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use
your gifts.

Our Northland Diocese, official publication of the Diocese of Crookston since 1946, is now available via **eOND**, an electronic newsletter full of the latest and biggest news of our local Church! In addition to monthly print issues delivered to household mailboxes, **eOND** arrives to email inboxes twice monthly. Each **eOND** offers local, national and world news published digitally between print issues, as well as local monthly commentary. Parishes pay an annual subscription rate of \$15.36 per household for all services but opt-in is required for **eOND**. Subscribing is as simple as providing your name and email address so do not delay! **Opt-in is required for eOND.** Visit www.crookston.org/subscribe

Thank you to everyone who have done their certification for SE. If you are working at the church or with the children please certify for Safe Environment each year. Go to www.crookston.org. Component B. Call the Church office 435-6484 if you have questions.

What's the Difference Between a Good Advent and a Great Advent? Just 4 Minutes! Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com for this totally free and totally awesome daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before!

2020 Calendars are now available. They are in the gathering space. Please pick one up and take it home. This year it is titled "Illustrations of Catholic Life in the Twentieth Century." Please thank the **Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home** for the wonderful donation to us.

3 Lectors: Please pick up your 2020 Workbook in the Sacristy.

Grief Support Workshop December 10th, 7 PM at the Kingo Lutheran Church. This is open to the public. Offered through Hospice. More information in next weeks bulletin.

Annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch

December 6th, served 11 am- 1 pm at **St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Bagley**. Free will offering. Also, holiday bake sale/silent auction/crafts and raffle. Doors open at 10:30.

Dear Jesus, as we attempt to honor your Blessed Mother Mary who is the patroness of our parish and our nation, please inspire and direct us in our feeble attempts to create a small grotto. May your Holy Spirit guide us in choosing the statue, the precise location and all things needed to honor our patroness, Mary. If this grotto is to be, dear Lord, we know that you will provide the funds. Thank you Jesus, for all the donations we have already received and those that will come through your inspiration. In your powerful name we pray. Amen.

Daisy Hagen Auction for the Arts is on Sunday, December 1st at the Fosston Public Library. The preview starts at 1:00 and the live auction will begin at 2 PM. This event happens every two years, and helps to fund the FCLAA (Fosston Community Library & Arts Association) to bring culture, lifelong learning, and a spirit of inspiration to our community.

Essentia Health Hospice Tree Walk, Sunday, December 8th, 10am- 2 pm. Magelssen Elementary School. Pancake Breakfast by the Fosston Lengby Lions. Many activities. Check out the bulletin board for more information.

One of the inserts in today's bulletin is an invitation to help with the many "Lay Ministry" positions here at St. Mary's. Please take a minute to look it over & offer your talent in service to our Lord. On the back of the insert there is an explanation of each ministry. Please add when or how much you can serve. If you are already doing something please fill out what it is.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 1, 2019

Ushers: Doug Hand, Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Mark Worshek Family

Lector: Jan Hemmingsen

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Dorothy Killian, Linda Blaser,
Doug Schoenborn, Jeanne Sanden

Servers: Tessa & Kayla Zitzow,
Isabel Klinkhammer

Hospitality: Carol Aaland, John & Linda Blaser

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Dec. 8, 2019

Ushers: Tom Weber, David Brinkman

Gifts: Ervin & Jenny Zitzow Family

Lector: Rick Nesvold

Commentator: Margrette Rue

Eucharist: *Kathryn Ziermier, Jan Hemmingsen,
Valarie Holzer, Eileen Hegg

Servers: Darien Holzer, Ellis Weiner, Faith Balstad

Hospitality: David & Rosemarie Brinkman,
Jerry & Sue Erdmann

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

44 Adult Envelopes: \$ 1815.00

16 Children/Student Donations \$ 16.00

Loose \$ 127.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 1958.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 4602.12

Special Collections:

Nov. 28: Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Dec. 1: St. Mary's Mission Appeal (Red Lake)

Thanksgiving service

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving service at Bethel 7pm

Dec. 4th Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM

Dec. 11th Pastoral Council Meeting

Thank you, Catholic United Financial, for the grant of \$1000 to pay for formed.org, which is used for Theology of the Body in faith formation classes, as well as other curriculum, and is available to all parishioners on the internet.

Mass of Remembrance

During the month of November we remember all the deceased people of our families in our prayers. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Names in the special book of the dead are included in our prayers.

Since last November, our parish has mourned the passing of: Candy Keller, Jim Mireault, Mary Griffin, Dennis Killian, Rose Mireault, Herman Burggraf and Betty Bingham. Blessed be their memories and their souls.

Thank You to St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council for serving hospitality last Sunday after Mass.

St. Mary's Mission Appeal (SMMA) 2019 will be Sunday, December 1st. The work of Fr. Jerry Rogers and a dedicated team of teachers and lay ministers at the Mission offer 131 Ojibwe children a quality Catholic education. Your support has been critical to the success of the Mission. You can support the Mission by responding to the SMMA mailing that will arrive in your home this week. Or you can see the video and donate online at www.crookston.org/smma. Please be generous! We received an Impact Report in the mail for Fall 2019. Take a minute to read it to see the good our donations are doing for the children of Red Lake.

Reminder: DEBBIE'S BASKET SALE, Sunday, DEC. 1. In memory of Debbie Agnes, who loved the Basket Sale held annually by Catholic United Financial (CUF), please plan to fill a basket, cookie tin, plate or whatever you wish for the silent auction to be held after Mass during coffee and rolls Sunday, Dec. 1. This is the second matching grant fund raiser by our CUF Council this year. It all goes to the parish for the religious education program.

Our sincere sympathy to John Cullen in the loss of his sister, Loretta Stucy. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.