

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On the last Sunday of the calendar year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On this feast day we are offering our own families and all their members on the altar to ask God's blessing on them and to obtain for them the guidance of the Holy Family. We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family. The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child Jesus so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all our families in the New Year 2020. I wish you a

Very Blessed New Year 2020
God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2019

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener
7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions
Wednesday: No Adoration
Wed., Jan. 1 8:30 am New Year's Day Mass,
Ruth Calarese+
Sun., Jan. 5 8:30 am Mass,
Loretta Stucy+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions
Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Wed., Jan. 1 10:30am New Year's Day Mass,
Earl & Pearl Madre+
& Perry Levet+
Sun., Jan. 5 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

**New Year's Day
is a Holy Day of Obligation**

Birthdays

Jan. 1	Mark Worshek
Jan. 2	Clara Manecke
Jan. 3	John Keller
Jan. 4	Amanda Schultz
	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Jan. 1	Mark & Jackie Randall
Jan. 3	Lary & Gemma Scott

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, Sam Christopherson,
Dorothy Killian, Sue Vennes, Laura Stark
"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, Jan 5, 2020
Isaiah 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

When you are not sure if you are on the schedule
for **LITURGICAL MINISTRY**, you can go to
<https://stmarysfosston.org/> and view the
bulletin. Check it out.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass

9:45-10:45 AM. Jan. 12th & Jan. 26th

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,

Jan. 15th & Jan. 29th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided.

Friday class for grades K-6, 8:30-9:30 AM.

All Fridays in January.

7-10 grades contact Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For grades K-6th please contact Amanda Wiener

218-280-2187 or at amandawieners@hotmail.com

If you did not register your children for RE yet, you
are welcome to do so any time.

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

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!

**"Wives, be subordinate to your
husbands...Husbands, love your
wives...Children, obey your parents in
everything...Fathers, do not provoke your
children..." (Colossians 3:18-21)**
Pope Francis said that families, through their life
of prayer and love, become "schools of true
human growth." Being credible witnesses of
Christian love, especially that of family
members, exerts the most positive influence on
our children. We are all children of God, let us
pray and love each other as God, Our Father,
does for us.

**On January 1, 2020, we celebrate the Solemnity
of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please plan to
celebrate this grand occasion honoring the patroness
of our parish, our nation and of all humanity by
attending the 8:30 a.m. Mass.**

Our Northland Diocese is now available via *eOND*, an electronic newsletter. In addition to monthly print issues delivered to household mailboxes, *eOND* arrives to email inboxes twice monthly. **But opt-in is required for eOND.** Subscribe by providing your name and email address. Visit www.crookston.org/subscribe

A Grotto Committee has been formed to explore possibilities to honor our Blessed Mother Mary, patroness of our parish. Please share your vision with Kathryn Ziermeier, Erv Wickham, Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen, or Linda Hand. The Committee will be responsible for presenting options to the parish for consideration. Donations and memorials are welcome.

Have you read Bishop Robert Barron's "Letter to a Suffering Church"? The Diocese of Crookston Chancery Staffers have! For Catholics questioning their faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, even during the Christmas Season, this book will offer reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ. You can learn more about it on the Diocese web site.

"In the end, we are not Catholics because our leaders are flawless, but because we find the claims of Catholicism both compelling and beautiful." *Bishop Robert Barron, Letter to a Suffering Church.*

2020 Calendars are available courtesy of Carlin Family Funeral Service. Please help yourself.

Living Faith, the Daily Catholic Devotion booklets for adults and children for January through March, 2020, are available at both entrances of the church. If all are not taken, order quantity will be reduced.

Please make any donations you want included in your 2019 stewardship report by December 31. Consider making a year-end gift to the building fund for improving our facilities or to the Grotto fund.

Note to those who are required to withdraw from 401k retirement funds: Please consider having your RMD (required minimum distribution), or part of it, go directly to St. Mary's and avoid paying income tax on the amount donated. Ask your 401k administrator for details.

Lutheran Social Services and Essentia Health Invite Caregivers to the Caregiver Discussion Group every 3rd Monday of the month 10-11 AM located in the Essentia Hospital education room. Contact Julie Praska-Moser 218-686-6228 or Julie.praska-moser@lssmn.org or Carrie Danielson LSW 435-7661

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

1. To Catholic United Financial St. Mary's Council for two successful fundraisers for religious education. Bakeless Bake Sale donations: \$737. Debbie's Basket Sale: \$916.
2. To the Decorating Committee for making our church beautiful for Advent & Christmas.
3. To all who made donations to Christmas Flowers, Loaves & Fishes, and the Advent Giving Tree and to those who delivered our gifts.
4. To Fr. John for "making spirits bright."

Please pray for Father John as visits his homeland of India. He plans to be back in Fosston Jan. 31.

Wed., New Year's Day, Mass at 8:30 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 1, 2020

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Alice Balstad, Florence Nesvold

Lector: Nina Bingham

Commentator: Clyde Kringlen

Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Jan Hemmingsen,
Michele & Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Emily & Evan Chalich, Tessa Zitzow

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 5, 2020

Ushers: Erv Wickham, Doug Hand

Gifts: Paulette & Clyde Kringlen

Lector: Jan Hemmingsen

Commentator: Margaret Rue

Eucharist: *Valarie Holzer, Carol Aaland,
Michele Schoenborn, John Keller

Servers: Darian Holzer, Sofia & Genevive Rue

Hospitality: Doug & Michele Schoenborn Family,
LuAnn Dufault

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 12, 2020

Ushers: David Holzer, Tom Weber

Gifts: Melissa & Ben Hemberger Family

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier

Eucharist: *Jan Hemmingsen, Mark Bingham,
Eileen Hegg, Clyde Kringlen

Servers: Olivia Rosendahl, Dane Schoenborn,
Ronald Jackson

Hospitality: Steve Chalich Family, Randy Rue

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

50 Adult Donors \$ 2385.00

5 Children/Student Donations \$ 5.00

Loose \$ 31.00

Total Sunday Collection \$ 2421.00

Retired Religious \$ 30.00

Coffee & Rolls (cost \$33.99) \$ 87.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 85.00

Grotto Fund donations \$ 15.00

Catholic United Financial fundraisers \$ 1653.00

Capital Improvement donations \$ 1500.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6079.76

Parish office will be open Monday, Dec. 30 from 9am to Noon. Please call 218-280-2271 if additional access is desired. Regular hours resume Friday, Jan. 3, 2020.

Bemidji is hosting a March for Life on Saturday, January 18th, beginning at 12 Noon. This is an annual event that gathers people from various denominations in support of the pro-life cause. There will be a prayer outside the courthouse in Bemidji (right across the street from St. Philip's), the March, a free soup lunch back at St. Philip's, and a presentation. This year presenters are a group called Grandparents for Life. They are a group of men from various denominations in Kelliher who have come together for the common cause of saving lives through the pro-life movement.

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12: Enter the National Right to Life 2020 Pro-Life Essay Contest by writing an essay on "Why you are pro-life." Details at National Right to Life website: nrlc.org/students/essaycontest.

11th Annual Immigration Sunday, January 5, "When families are torn apart and people are forced to live in fear it is an attack on their human dignity and a wound to all of us – the body of Christ. As the lack of resolution lingers into yet another decade, the severity of these wounds continues to grow. We must begin to heal our corner of the vineyard from the wounds of division," said Jason Adkins, executive director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference.

Jan. 14, 6pm, Guild Meeting

Jan. 21, 4pm, Catholic United Financial meeting

Please return the invitation form to help with "Lay Ministry" positions.