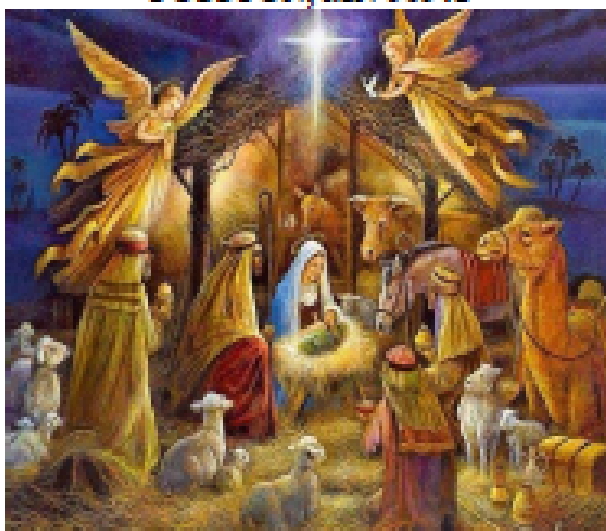


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings:

Happy New Year! May we all seek Jesus in a closer personal encounter like the wise men did. The gospel focuses on the magi who willingly left everything behind in pursuit of the child Jesus, the Son of God. They brought Him gifts, but we get to receive Jesus in the gift of the Eucharist. Let us all bring the light of Christ to those we meet through the witness of our lives and testimony. Let us ask God for vision in this year to see others as He sees them. May today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, reveal our search for meaning for eternal life.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Please pray for Father John as he visits his homeland of India.

Fr. John arrived at his sister's home in India early Sunday morning, Dec. 29th. He expects to be back January 31. He wants us to know he keeps us in his prayers and asks that you keep him in your prayers.

In his absence, *in case of emergency*, call Fr. Chuck Huck, Bemidji, at 218-329-6572.

The Epiphany of The Lord January 5th, 2020

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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
Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm
Sun., Jan. 12 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions
Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Sun., Jan. 12 10:30am Mass,
Jim Vorderbruggen+

Guild Meeting, January 14, 6 PM

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.

Birthdays

Jan 7 Ben Hemberger
Jan 9 Lisa Rosendahl
Jan 12 Sue Vannes
Jan 12 Debbie Illies

No Anniversaries Listed

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 shard.

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, Bernie
Brennan, Paul Silver, Joyce Klinkhammer, Bob
Clayton, Ben Hougen, Marge Messer, Dave Blazek,
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
Vannes, Laura Stark, Bethany Andersen
"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 12, 2020
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9b-10 *, Acts
10:34-38, Matt 3:13-17

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.

Thank You to everyone who is helping.

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 amandawwiener@hotmail.com

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

TEC – Teens Encounter Christ The TEC

retreat weekends this year are: February 15-17,

2020 at St. Joseph's, Moorhead March 21-23,

2020 at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston

For further information regarding TEC, contact

Terry Steen at sjchurchlady@yahoo.com.

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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.

**"Then they opened their treasures and
offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and
myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)**

The image of the Magi kneeling before the
infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for
Him is an image that we should all try to follow
each day. In gratitude for all that we have been
given, we are called to generously share all of
our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.
God wants us to be generous with everything,
but especially that one thing that means the most
to us.

**Our Northland Diocese is now available via
eOND, an electronic newsletter. Opt-in is
required for eOND. Subscribe by providing your
name and email address. Visit
www.crookston.org/subscribe**

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.

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.*

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

O Come Let us Adore Him! St. Teresa of Calcutta said of Eucharistic Adoration: *"The time you spend with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven."* St. Mary's is open for Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from noon until 8pm (earlier closing when activities interfere). Resolve to spend some time in His Presence in 2020. You will be blessed!

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."

Thank you to those who made our Christmas beautiful by donating to our decorations.
Donor: In Memory Of:
JoAnn Anderson Deceased Family Members
Sarah & Lucas Bjerklie Wendt & Cathy Senger
Dianne Christopherson Kim Christopherson
Viola Hand Francis Hand & Rick Hand
Lynn & Sue Vennes Deceased Family Members
Marge Donnell Deceased Family Members

Ryan Bomberger held a sign at a pro-life rally in Montgomery, Alabama that read, "Conceived in rape, adopted and loved." During his speech he shared, "Some say that I should have been aborted. See, I'm the one percent that's used 100 percent of the time to justify abortion. My birth mom experienced the horror and violence of rape, but rejected the further violence of abortion." As an adoptive father himself—he proclaimed, "I'm not the residue of the rapist. I'm the resilience of my birth mom."-
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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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 12, 2020

Ushers: Tom Weber, Harlee Bingham
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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 19, 2020

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, John Blaser
Gifts: Rosemarie & David Brinkman
Lector: Rick Nesvold
Commentator: Lori Balstad
Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Linda Blaser,
Valarie Holzer, Erv Wickham
Servers: Faith Balstad, Iziah Lewis, Grace Rue
Hospitality: Melissa & Ben Hemberger Family,
Eileen Hegg

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adult Donors	\$ 1445.00
11 Children/Student Donations	\$ 11.00
Loose	\$ 252.00
Total Christmas Collection	\$ 1708.00
Donation for Flowers	\$ 15.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 6079.76

Due to Snow Storm the Mass was canceled Sunday, December 29th. No collection.

Jan. 19, Collection, Solidarity Fund Church in Africa

Jan. 21, 4pm, Catholic United Financial meeting

Please return the "Lay Ministry" form to help with needed positions. Do a little or a lot, Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of David Holzer, whose funeral was this past week. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord! Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Our sincere sympathy to the John Cullen Family in the loss of his daughter-in-law, Lynne Cullen, who passed away Dec. 30th. May Lynne and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the David Holzer funeral.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE in Bagley meets at the back Courthouse parking lot Sat., Jan. 18, at 9:15a.m. Walk starts at 9:30 to stoplights and west to St. Joseph's parish hall. A light lunch will be served. Bring signs.

Jan. 14, 2020, 7 p.m. MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Chapter No. 45) meeting at the McIntosh Community Center. Contact Eileen Hegg at 218-779-0174.

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.