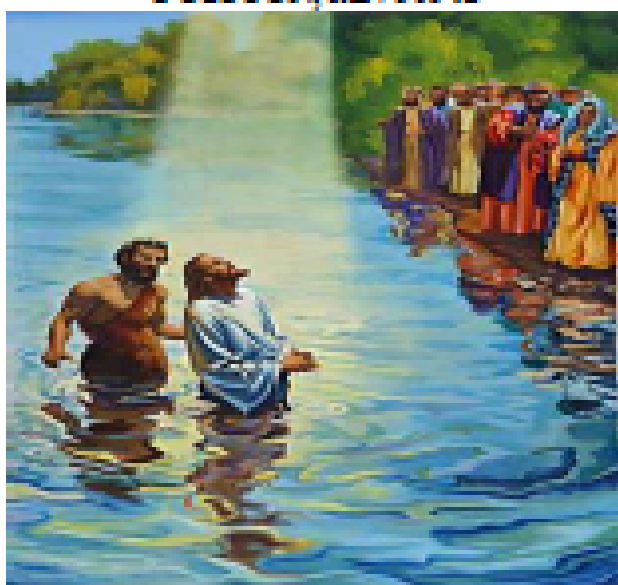


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings: from Deacon Aaron
Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In the liturgical rite of Baptism we receive the gift of new life from God. As Parents and Godparents our responsibility is to live out the faith as a witness to others. May we imitate Jesus by doing good works and shepherding those who may have lost their way. The Sacrament of Baptism is the gateway to receive the other Sacraments. May the Lord give us the courage to approach those loved ones who may need this significant Sacrament. St. Augustine is quoted for saying: "God does not forgive sins except to the baptized. Let us pray this week for the grace to live out OUR baptismal promises with joy.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

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

In his absence, in case of emergency, call Fr. Chuck Huck, Bemidji, at 218-329-6372.

Guild Meeting, January 14, 6 PM

The Baptism of The Lord

January 12th, 2020

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7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
Trustees: Joanne Sanden and Erv Wickham
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7893
24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions
Wednesday: Adoration Noon - 6:30 pm
Sun., Jan. 19 8:10 a.m. *Rosary for Life*
8:30 am Mass,
Betty Bingham†

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions
Tuesdays: Adoration Noon - 6 pm
Sun., Jan. 19 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

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 Ziemosier, 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 15 Theresa Zitzow
Jan 16 Carol Broadwell
Jan 17 Jan Hemmingson
Jan 18 Ernie Nervold

Anniversaries

Jan 19 Lisa & Larry Handyside

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 sheet.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Hannah Keller, Brady Jones,
Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Sarah Ryan
Walcker, Josh Martinson, Roger Scharandroich,
Nora Ann Lantz, Loni Jirik, Debbie Martin, Kristin
Litzinger, Allie St. Pierre, Richard Parent, Dennis
Omang, Tracy Kozitka, Bev Drellack, Bernice
Brannan, Paul Silver, Joyce Klinkhammer, Bob
Clyton, Ben Hougen, Marge Messer, Dave Blazek,
Christine Johnson, Chad Blaser, Rod Nielsen, Kerry
Redder, Ethan Asher, Shirley Kowalski, Tom
Sedlar, Ava Lamb-Lopez, Florence Nervold, Bruce
Donnell, Sam Christopherson, Dorothy Killian, Sue
Vannes, Laura Stark, Bethany Anderson, Eunice
Reinbold.

"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 19, 2020
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM 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 Wisner
218-280-2187 or at amandawisner@hotmail.com

You are welcome to register your children for RE
any time.

TEC - Teens Encounter Christ The TEC
retreat weekends February 13-17 at St. Joseph's,
Moorhead. March 21-23 at Sandhill Lake Bible
Camp by Fosston. Information regarding TEC,
contact Terry Steen at sjchurchlady@yahoo.com

2020 Youth Rally: Open to all 9-12th graders
and youth leaders in the Crookston Diocese.
Being held the Crookston High School Sunday,
March 1st, from 10AM-6PM. Keynote speaker is
Doug Tooke of ODE Films. Forms are on the
Diocese of Crookston website.

From FORMED: We know it can be hard to
choose what to watch. Every week, we will be
highlighting different content to make the
decision easier for you. This week's selection
is *City of Satius*, which is a docu-series from St.
Michael's Abbey bringing the light of Christ to
the faithful through powerful testimonies from
lay people and deep insight from the Norbertine
Fathers.

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.

Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 14th, 11:30AM-
3:45PM at Kingo Lutheran Church. Please call
Sue Balstad at 218-431-0241. Sponsored by
Fosston GFWC Athenian Club.

Did you know the *Doe v. Gomez* decision of 1995 obligated Minnesota to pay for abortions for low-income women receiving state assistance? In 2017, taxpayers paid over \$1,000,000 for abortions. Taxpayers are now financially responsible for—a record-high—44 percent of all abortions performed in Minnesota. The *Doe v. Gomez* decision established a constitutional “right” to abortion on demand, protecting that “right” even if the U.S. Supreme Court were to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Minnesota has one of the most extreme abortion policies in the nation. -a.m.opdahl-resource credit: MOCL

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health! Many in our parish have attended Curialo weekends over the years and give great testimony to the power of such weekends. Curialo is pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning - short course in Christianity. Weekends are being offered at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston. Curialo weekends include quiet time, inspirational talks, and most importantly, time to be with Jesus without the many distractions of daily life. Grow closer to Jesus by taking the time to join us. HE will bless your sacrifice of time for HIM. The weekend starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. Men’s Curialo February 20-23. Women’s Curialo March 26-29. Contact Bobbi Marcell (701-866-5706) for more information. Applications can be printed at crookstoncurialo.weebly.com or picked up at your parish office.

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 Wandt & Cathy Senger
Dianne Christopherson Kim Christopherson
Viola Hand Francis Hand & Rick Hand
Lynn & Sue Varnes Deceased Family Members
Marge Donnell Deceased Family Members
Theresa Zitzow Jarvis Zitzow

Bishop Hoepfner and the bishops (and/or delegated representatives) of Region VIII (Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota) will be in Rouse mid-month for their “ad limina” visit, which typically occurs every five years. It is a time for bishops to have an audience with the Holy Father, after having submitted a report to him about the state of affairs in his respective diocese. Visits to other offices, such as dicasteries of the Holy See are also scheduled. Please keep in prayer our Region VIII bishops; that their journey this month is safe, and their visit is fruitful.

Sunday, January 19, is Respect Life Sunday. Please come to church by 8:10 a.m. to pray the Rosary for Life. The US Bishops remind us that “The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life Novena** Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Wed., Jan. 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com. Copies of the Novena are available for those who do not have internet access.

Please note changes made to schedule.

Thank you for all your help & understanding.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 19, 2020

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, John Blaser

Gifts: Rosemarie & David Brinkman

Lector: Rick Newbold

Commentator: Lori Balstad

Eucharist: *Jeanne Sanden, Linda Blaser,

Mark Bingham, Clyde Kringlen

Servers: Faith Balstad, Iziah Lewis, Grace Rue

Hospitality: Melissa & Ben Hamberger Family,

Eileen Hegg

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 26, 2020

Ushers: David Brinkman, Doug Schoenborn

Gifts: Dennis & Jan Hammingen

Lector: Margaretta Rue

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermsier,

Michèle Schoenborn, Gabe Wisner

Servers: Anna Jackson, Kayla Zitzow,

Ellis Wisner

Hospitality: Doug & Linda Hand,

Pat & Tony Maruska

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Past Week's Collections:

Dec. 29th: 19 Adult Donors \$ 575.00

Jan. 1st, Holy Day: 8 Adults \$ 202.00

Sunday, Jan. 5th: 30 Adults \$ 1257.00

6 Children/Student Donations \$ 10.00

Loose \$ 49.05

Total Collections \$ 2093.05

Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 37.98) \$ 46.00

Donation for Flowers \$ 35.00

Grotto Memorials (Dave Holzer) \$ 40.00

Building Fund \$ 406.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6485.76

Please pick up your 2019 Stewardship Reports at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's church with your donations.

Jan. 19, Collection, Solidarity Fund Church in Africa.

Jan. 21, 4pm, Catholic United Financial meeting.

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 Bemidji

is Sat., Jan. 18. Meet at the back Courthouse parking lot at 9:45am. March to stoplights (bring signs) and then west to St. Joseph's parish hall where a pro-life presentation by Deacon Aaron Kaiser will begin at 10:15am. Refreshments will be served. Participate in one or both activities to show your respect for life.

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.

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

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 433-6484.

Please donate your spare change to Northwoods Pregnancy Center of Bemidji by collecting in the baby bottle provided today. Return to the parish office by Feb. 2. Your donations provide babies a bright future.