

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



**Greetings:** from Deacon Aaron

How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. To know Jesus is spending time understanding who He is. When we trust in the Lord, humbly deny ourselves and obey Him, we desire to become more holy. Obedience is fundamental to knowing Jesus – this is not a relationship between equals, it is a relationship which starts when we make him Lord of our lives. We are all “called to be holy” and holiness comes through the Holy Spirit. The meaning of holiness is to be like God “in every aspect” of our lives. The Spirit makes us holy and is a gift from the all-holy God. Father, send us your Holy Spirit to increase our desire for holiness. 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 218-329-6572.*

The Second Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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7-12: Lori Balstad  
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden  
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Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm

Sun., Jan. 26 8:30 am Mass,

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Sun., Jan. 26 10:30am Mass,

Earl & Pearl Madre+ &

Perry Levett+

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Our sincere sympathy to the Clara Manecke Family in the loss of her sister, Bernie Brennan. May Bernie and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Sisters share a special bond that only they can know. Clara has lost 2 sisters in a month.

### Birthdays

Jan 20 Doug Schoenborn  
Jan 21 Tom Weber  
Jan 23 Roger Vedbraaten  
Jan 23 Kim Anderson

### Anniversaries

Jan 25 Tom & Eileen Hegg

### 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, Paul Silver,  
Joyce Klinkhammer, Bob Clayton, Ben Hougen,  
Marge Messer, Dave Blazek, Christine Johnson,  
Chad Blaser, Rod Nielsen, Tom Sedler, Ava Lamb-  
Lopez, Florence Nesvold, Bruce Donnell, Sam  
Christopherson, Dorothy Killian, Sue Vennes,  
Laura Stark, Bethany Andersen, 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 26, 2020  
Isaiah 8:23, -9:3, Ps 27: 1,4,13-14,  
1 Corinthians 1: 10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-17

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.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):**

**For PreK-10<sup>th</sup> grades Class after Mass**  
9:45-10:45 AM. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

**Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,**  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 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-6<sup>th</sup> please contact Amanda Wiener

218-280-2187 or at [amandawwiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawwiener@hotmail.com)

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

**TEC – Teens Encounter Christ The TEC**  
retreat weekends February 15-17 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](mailto:sjchurchlady@yahoo.com)

**2020 Youth Rally: Open to all 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders**  
and youth leaders in the Crookston Diocese. It is  
being held at the Crookston High School  
**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10AM-6PM.**

Registration starts at 9:30 AM Keynote speaker  
is Doug Tooke of ODB Films. Workshop music  
will be provided by The Name Worship from  
Mpls.-St. Paul. Forms are on the Diocese of  
Crookston website.

This past Sunday, we celebrated the Baptism  
of the Lord. To continue the celebration, this  
week's selection is the Augustine Institute  
Original Series, *Reborn*. This series presents the  
foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism,  
including its profound place in scripture and  
tradition. To better understand the sacrament of  
Baptism, watch Episode 2 - The Rite Explained.  
**REBORN: You, your child and the heart of  
Baptism.**

Go to [formed.org/signup](https://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.

Did you know 79% of Planned Parenthoods are located within 5 miles of college campuses? Students for Life of America boldly states on their website: "We are the Pro-Life Generation and we will abolish abortion." They have a national presence on Middle School, High School, College and Med/Law campuses. Their introductory video states: "Campuses are ground zero for the Pro-Life movement." Students for Life of America is actively building an army willing to engage in this battle for the hearts and minds of younger generations. They are empowering students to choose life. - a.m.opdahl-source: studentsforlife.org

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." (Isaiah 49:5) God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

**What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health!** Cursillo is pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning - short course in Christianity. Weekends are being offered at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston. Cursillo 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 Cursillo February 20-23. Women's Cursillo March 26-29. Contact Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information. Applications can be printed at [crookstoncursillo.weebly.com](http://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com) or picked up at your parish office.

The first "Word of God" Sunday is January 26, 2020. To help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has declared the third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be dedicated to the word of God. Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture, he said in a new document. Devoting a special day "to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God" will help the Church "experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world," the pope said.

St. Michael's Catholic School in Mahanomen will be holding its Annual Benefit Dinner & Raffle on February 9, 2020. Enjoy a delicious steak and shrimp dinner while supporting the Catholic school's key fundraising event. Benefit Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$500 and gives you a chance at these great prizes: \$7500, \$1500 and \$1000. The benefit raffle ticket also includes a dinner ticket and a chance at the prizes listed below. A separate dinner ticket can be purchased for \$75 (per couple) and includes two meals and a chance for these prizes: \$500, \$250, and \$100(10). New this year is Table Sponsorship for \$100.00. Please contact St. Michael's School 218-935-5222 for more information or tickets.

*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 435-6484.

**Please note changes made to schedule.  
Thank you for all your help & understanding.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Jan. 26, 2020**

**Ushers:** David Brinkman, Doug Schoenborn

**Gifts:** Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen

**Lector:** Margarette Rue

**Commentator:** Nina Bingham

**Eucharist:** \*Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermeier,  
Michele Schoenborn, Gabe Wiener

**Servers:** Anna Jackson, Kayla Zitzow,  
Ellis Wiener

**Hospitality:** Doug & Linda Hand,  
Pat & Tony Maruska

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 2, 2020**

**Ushers:** Mark & Harlee Bingham

**Gifts:** Rita & Tom Holland

**Lector:** Jan Hemmingsen

**Commentator:** Michele Schoenborn

**Eucharist:** \*Clyde Kringle, Carol Aaland,  
Linda Blaser, John Keller

**Servers:** Isabel Klink hammer, Jesse Worshek,  
Grant Hemberger

**Hospitality:** Elden & Alice Okstad,  
Paul Rsendahl Family

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
37 Adults	\$ 1501.00
13 Children/Student Donations	\$ 13.00
Loose	\$ 19.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1533.00</b>
Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 51.99)	\$ 60.17
Jan 1, Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 65.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6550.76</b>

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

**Guild Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM**

**Lots of dishes left from the last funeral, please stop by the cart and take your dishes home.**

My Dearest St. Mary's Family,  
Words can't express how much we have felt your love and support!  
Dave was our everything and our new normal is so very hard...  
I would like to express how grateful we are to call you family. For so long we always knew we had many acquaintances but were never sure this was home. Our eyes were opened with something so very tragic and now we know where we belong...and we are home! Thank you for all you have done and continue to do! We are so very blessed to be here!  
Please consider this our thank you to each and every one of you!  
Love, Valarie & Darien Holzer

**Please pick up a baby bottle (located by each church door) and donate your spare change to Northwoods Pregnancy Center of Bemidji. Please return to the parish office by Feb. 2. Your donations provide babies a bright future.**

This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms for the legal protection of human life. The Church is open from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. this Wednesday. Stop in to pray!  
You're invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called 9 Days for Life. Visit [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com) to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 21st through the 29th. Copies of the novena are at the pro-life table in the social hall. More info: [respectlifeprogram.org/january22](http://respectlifeprogram.org/january22)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helps with the decorations in the church, changing altar cloths and the decorations in the gathering area.  
**Amazing, great job.**