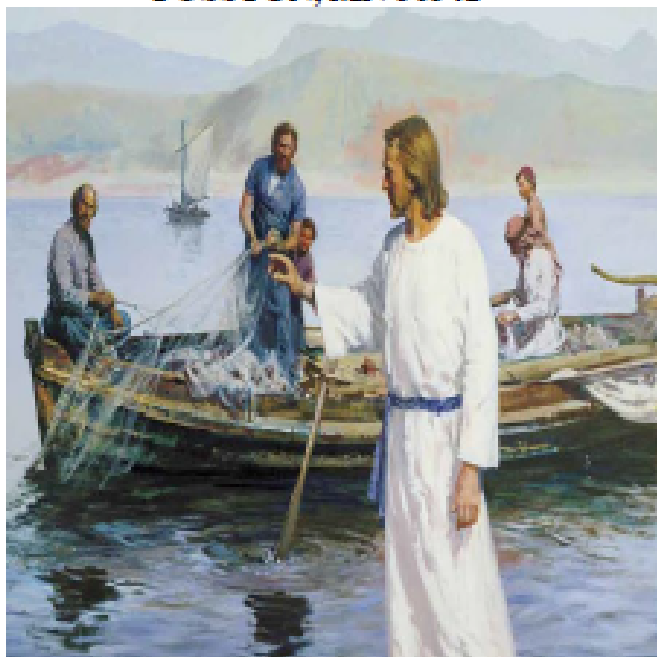


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings: from Deacon Aaron. We are in the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus calls two sets of brothers in today's gospel to be His disciples. Their encounter with the Son of God acknowledges an immediate response to leave everything behind and follow Him. Jesus spoke, did, and was the Good News, that is the Gospel, prophesized by the prophet Isaiah, "*the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.*" May we desire to grow in knowledge of God's love and possess a heart of a disciple who is willing to follow the Lord Jesus.

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 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time January 26th, 2020

St. Mary's: 218-435-6484
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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: Adoration Noon – 6:30 pm
Sun., Feb. 2 8:30 am Mass,
Mary Griffin+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions
Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Sun., Feb. 2 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

On Sept. 30, 2019, Pope Francis established the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the annual "Word of God" Sunday, starting January 19, 2020. Pope Francis intends for us to realize the importance of Sacred Scripture in our faith, prayer and lives. This would be a great year to read the whole Bible. It is said to take about 75 hours, or 12-15 minutes a day. Many books and smart phone apps could make it easier.

Birthdays

Jan 31 Erv Wickham
Feb 1 Rita Holland

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 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, Loui 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,
Grandma Dorothy, Roy Dufault, Donna Carlson,
Gene Manecke.

"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, Feb. 2, 2020
Malachi 3:1-4, Ps 24: 7-10, Hebrews 2: 14-18,
Luke 2: 22-32

Pope Francis poses for a group photo with U.S.
bishops during a meeting in the Apostolic Palace
at the Vatican Jan. 13, 2020. Bishop Hoepfner
was making his "ad limina" visit to the Vatican to
report on the status of the dioceses to the pope and
Vatican officials. Check it out at eOND , opt in
www.crookston.org/subscribe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM. Feb. 2nd & Feb. 9th.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Feb. 12th & 26th, 6-8 PM. Supper provided.

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

All Fridays in February.

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

For grades K-6th please contact Amanda Wiener
218-280-2187 or at amandawiener@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

2020 Youth Rally: Open to all 9-12th graders
and youth leaders in the Crookston Diocese. It is
being held at the Crookston High School
Sunday, March 1st, 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.

In an age when life itself seems disposable, how
can we follow God's call to protect and promote
the dignity of the human person in all places and
circumstances? This week's FORMED Feature
is from the Augustine Institute Original
Series, *Symbolon: Living the Faith*. To better
understand the Church's teachings on human
rights, join us in watching the episode *Catholic
Social Teaching - Protecting the Dignity of the
Human Person*.

Go to formed.org/signup. "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.

"Abortion makes promises that it cannot keep," says Sister Bethany of Students for Life of America in their introductory website video. She goes on to say, "It's not even just that the vulnerable unborn are under attack. But really, human life is not revered. The human person is under attack." Statistics show 52% of women seeking abortion are under the age of 25. College and high school is a time when worldviews are challenged and formed. Culture is shaped by the young. If we want to end abortion we have to start with the youth. - a.m.opdahl-source: studentsforlife.org

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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.

Cursillo is pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning - short course in Christianity. Starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon at Sand Hill Bible Camp. Men's Cursillo February 20-23. Women's Cursillo March 26-29. Contact Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) Applications can be printed at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com or picked up at your parish office.

Times of crisis are, perhaps, the most important times to turn to God. Sometime we cry, "Help me!" or "Please!" or "Save me!" God wants to be there for us. God wants us to turn and ask for intimacy, comfort and help.

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. Please contact St. Michael's School 218-935-5222 for more information or tickets.

National Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26-Feb. 1) We are blessed to have 8 Catholic Schools that employ 170 committed staff members to partner with parents and form over 1500 students in body, mind and soul. The January print issue of *Our Northland Diocese* highlighted some of the great things happening in Catholic Education across the Diocese of Crookston. Included is a message from Andrew Hilliker, our Director of Catholic Schools.

Seminary "Come and See" Retreat Weekend
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary (Winona, MN) is hosting a "Come and See" retreat weekend. This is an opportunity to experience what seminary life is like and to learn more about a vocation to the priesthood. Fr. Matt Schmitz will attend the retreat weekend with a group of young men (high school sophomores through young adulthood) from the Diocese of Crookston. Retreat weekend: March 13-16. Registration deadline: Monday, February 10, 2020. Contact: Fr. Matt Schmitz. For more Information: contact Fr. Matt Schmitz at mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net T: 218-773-0877

Simple prayer for Christian Unity: *God, giver of life, we thank You for the gift of Your compassionate love which soothes and strengthens us. We pray that our churches may be always open to receive Your gifts from one another. Grant us a spirit of generosity to all as we journey together in the path of Christian unity. We ask this in the name of Your Son who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 2, 2020

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Rita & Tom Holland

Lector: Jan Hemmingsen

Commentator: Clyde Kringlen

Eucharist: *Linda Blaser, Carol Aaland,
Erv Wickham, John Keller

Servers: Isabel Klink hammer, Jesse Worshek,
Grant Hemberger

Hospitality: Elden & Alice Okstad,
Doug & Linda Hand

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 9, 2020

Ushers: John Blaser, 2 YOUTH

Gifts: YOUTH

Lector: YOUTH

Commentator: YOUTH

Eucharist: *Mark Bingham, Gabe Wiener,
Erv Wickham, Clyde Kringlen

Servers: YOUTH

Hospitality: Kristen & Craig Hemmingsen Family,
Tennis Balstad

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

33 Adults \$ 1860.00

0 Children/Student Donations \$ 0.00

Loose \$ 117.00

Total Collections \$ 1977.00

Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 30.00) \$ 48.25

Solidarity Fund for Africa \$ 142.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6550.76

Guild Meeting February 11th, 6 PM

MCCL Meeting February 11th, 7 PM

Lots of dishes left from donations at gatherings, please stop by the cart and take your dishes home.

You can go to <https://stmarysfosston.org/> and view the bulletin. While there, check if you are scheduled for Liturgical ministry.

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.

Catholic United Financial met last Tuesday and decided to offer you an opportunity to earn funds for all the good deeds you are doing. The MinisTree is back! Take note that printed in the upper right corner is what that card is for, such as donation, service need, etc. Some will also have a specific "Volunteer Need" printed further down like "Donate to Mary Statue for Grotto.". Please fill out a card that matches what you have done or intend to do. Each card earns \$5 for the parish. Maybe you helped a neighbor with snow removal or donated to the Food Shelf. Fill out a card and put it in the Sunday collection. True humility means admitting your good side, too, so don't be shy about exposing your kindness.

-Did you know that kids placed in foster care often arrive with their only belongings in a trash bag? Well, St. Mary's Kids have been working on a very important service project and they will get to finish it at Sunday School today! They have already decorated duffel bags and today they will work on stuffing the duffel bags with blankets, stuffed animals, snacks and books. They will also pray for the children who will receive them. These duffel bags will be donated to benefit the foster children placed in Polk County. Please pray for our preschoolers through 6th graders and their teachers who will be working on this service project after Mass today. Our hope is that these duffel bags will be a blessing to local kids in need within our community. Thank you for your support and prayers as our children complete this important service project today.