

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



Greetings: from Deacon Aaron.

In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother Mary and his foster father Joseph. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child Jesus is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. The Christ child is a manifestation of God's glory, a visible sign of God's saving presence. The Holy Spirit is also present just as he was at the Baptism of the Lord. We witness the loyalty of God to Simeon as the Holy Spirit had promised him, he would not see death until he had seen the Christ. In addition, Anna who worshiped day and night in fasting and prayer was rewarded the same privilege, a personal encounter with the living God, the One who would redeem mankind.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Welcome Home Fr. John

The Presentation of the Lord
February 2nd, 2020

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PARISH STAFF:

Pastor: Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
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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: Adoration Noon – 8 pm
Wed., Feb. 5 3:30 pm Mass First Care NH,
Madelyn Hoffman+
Sun., Feb. 9 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Thurs., Feb. 6 10 am Mass,
Larry Kliner Jr.+
First Fri., Feb. 7- 5:30 pm Mass & Adoration,
Annammal+
Sun., Feb. 9 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

Lent starts Feb. 26, but you can sign up now to have the Best Lent Ever by signing up with Dynamic Catholic at bestlentever.com/invite. You will receive emails each day of lent to help you become the best version of yourself.

Birthdays

Feb 5 Tricia Proulx
Feb 6 Eldin Okstad
Feb 6 Randy Rue
Feb 8 Angie Shimpa
Feb 9 Carol Aaland

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, 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,
Grandma Dorothy, Roy Dufault, Donna Carlson
"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. 9, 2020
Isaiah 58:7-10, Ps 112: 4-9, 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5,
Matthew 5: 13-16

Cursillo is held at Sand Hill Bible Camp.
Men's Feb. 20-23. Women's March 26-29.
Contact Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706)
Applications at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com
or picked up at parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM. 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 amandawienier@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.

Did you know about the extensive eBook
collection on FORMED? This week's FORMED
Feature is a children's book on Saint Thomas
Aquinas by Raissa Maritain. Saint Thomas gave
not only beautiful sermons and books, but also his
heart, his devotion, and his love. Initially written
for children, but a delight for grownups as well,
these pages show the beauty and holiness that
belonged to Saint Thomas Aquinas: the patron
saint of all those, young and old, who love the
truth with their whole hearts, and who wish to
know and serve it well.

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.

Sister Bethany, of Students for Life of America says, "In this culture there is a deep unspoken, subconscious grief." Her comment mirrors President Reagan's statement that abortion is a wound in our national conscience. The emotional and physical fallout of abortion is a festering sore. Babies are not the only victims of abortion. When the scabs are ripped off, instances of infertility, PTSD, depression and suicides—both of mothers and fathers—surface. If a plague were responsible for such fallout, we would fight to eradicate it. There is a national plague and it is legal. Speak LIFE to end abortion. -a.m.opdahl

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend its annual fundraising banquet in Fargo on Monday, February 17 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott! This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ray Guarendi host of EWTN's "The Dr. Is In." You can register or find more information at www.yourCatholicradiostation.com/banquet, by calling (877) 795-0122 or emailing jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com.

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.

St. John Paul 2 Camp Registration will open Friday, February 7th. Contact Bob Noel at bnoel@crookston.org.

Today we heard our call to GOD, PRAYER and SERVICE in the Diocesan Annual Appeal letter. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time gift to the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your gifts support the education of our seminarians and other offices and ministries. These include the Office of Worship; Communications; the Padre A'plás Program, St. John Paul II Leadership Camps; Youth Rallies; Adult, Emerging Adult and Youth Formation; Marriage and Family Life; Vocations; Newman Ministries; Deacon Formation; Catholic Schools; Tribunal; Safe Environment and the Office of the Bishop. Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal bring Catholics together throughout the Diocese making us One Church, One Family and One Body of Christ. Fill out an in-pew envelope here in the parish or make a gift by using the mailing you will receive at home. If you choose to make an online or sustaining gift (preferred method of support) with a credit card or checking account, go to www.crookston.org/daa. Thank you for all you do to support your parish and Diocesan ministries.

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 16, 2020

Ushers: Jerry Erdmann, David Brinkman

Gifts: Mary Jacobson Family

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Clyde Kringlen

Eucharist: * Jan Hemmingsen, Valarie Holzer,
Mark Bingham, Michele Schoenborn

Servers: Darien Holzer, Genevive Rue,
Tyrus Lewis

Hospitality: Sue & Lynn Vennes, Erv Wickham

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

38 Adults \$ 1530.00

9 Children/Student Donations \$ 9.60

Loose \$ 74.00

Total Collections \$ 1613.60

Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 44.99) \$ 36.00

Solidarity Fund for Africa \$ 20.00

Grotto in honor of Fr. Bryan Kujava \$ 10.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6550.76

Guild Meeting February 11th, 6 PM

MCCL Meeting February 11th, 7 PM

Lots of dishes left from your food donations, please stop by the cart in the gathering area 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.

Still time to 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 today, Feb. 2.

Catholic United Financial is offering you an opportunity to earn funds for all the good deeds you are doing. Take a card from the MiniTree. 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 "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.

THANK YOU from the Family Safety Network, Domestic Violence Center of Bagley. Thank you guys so very much for thinking of us with your donations during Christmas. Our victims will be able to use the items that you donated. Our numbers have been increasing over the last year. Just the month of December we had 28 domestic violence victims come to our office. Please keep us in mind in the future. Again, thank you from FSN.

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.

WOW, notice the beautiful floor covering in the kitchen area and what a nice change to the serving area. Also, check out the bathroom floors. **Thank you to everyone who gave their time** to making this happen. Beautiful update to our church.