

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday Jesus inviting us to be salt & light of the world. As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews. In the ancient world, salt was a preservative, used to prevent the putrefaction of food. Salt lends flavor to food items and was used to season and preserve food. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning, for example, red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun's, gives warmth and heat. As the salt of the earth, the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. As salt preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian cultural values, and moral principles which Jesus has given us. The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service. With a little bit of Christ's Light, we become a veritable lighthouse, illuminating the way for many and removing the darkness caused by hatred and jealousy. Thank you so much for your prayers for my trip. God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**The Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 9th, 2020**

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PARISH STAFF:

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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
Wed., Feb. 12 1 pm Mass McIntosh NH,
Gloria Bauer+
Fri., Feb. 14 8:30 am Mass,
Herman Burggraf+
Sun., Feb. 16 8:30 am Mass,
Rose Mireault+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Thurs., Feb. 13 11:30 am Mass,
Earl & Pearl Madre+
& Perry Levet+
Sun., Feb. 16 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

Guild Meeting February 11th, 6 PM
MCCL Meeting February 11th, 7 PM

Birthdays

Feb 14 Doreen Brovold
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, Bruce Donnell, Sam Christopherson,
Dorothy Killian, Sue Vennes, Laura Stark, Bethany
Andersen, Eunice Reinbold, Grandma Dorothy,
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. 16, 2020
Sarach 15:15-20, Ps 119: 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10, Matthew 5: 17-37

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.

Thank you, Catholic United Financial, for the
matching grant of \$826.50 from the 2019 Bakeless
Bake Sale and Debbie's Basket Sale. The goal for
next year is to earn the full \$1000 match allowed
by increasing our fundraiser receipts. Thank you
to all who made this possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM. March 1st.

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 amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com

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

Registration for the St. John Paul II Middle

School Camp "Into the Deep" opened February

7th. The Camp is for youth entering grades 7-9 who
have a desire to deepen their faith, live in that faith

and share their faith with others. Throughout the
camp, youth will be encouraged and mentored as

they engage in prayer, worship, leadership
development, spiritual reflection and service. The

five-day experience is designed to encourage and
equip youth for discipleship. Spots are limited, so

register soon. The 2020 Camps will once again be
held at Northern Pines Camp, 20033 County Road

1, Park Rapids, MN 56470 Dates: Sunday, July 5th
– Thursday, July 9th AND Sunday, July 12th –

Thursday, July 16th. Cost: \$325.00 per camper OR
\$300.00 per camper for two or more members of

the same family. (A confirmation email will be
sent to the e-mail address provided during

registration.) Spots are not held. Visit & register
www.crookston.org/ip2camp.

**Looking for a formative series as a man of
God or for the men in your life?**

Kapaun's Men has multiple series designed to
help spur discussion among men about

practically living out faith as sons of God. Based
on Father Kapaun's life and spirituality, the

videos are open to men of all levels. Check out
the latest season on FORMED, *Pilgrimage*.

Go to formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish,"
type in Fosston's zip code of 56542 No

passwords needed.

We also express our appreciation for the grants received from the Diocesan Catholic Community Foundation: \$500 for the Foster Care Duffel Bag Project by the youngest Sunday School group and \$1000 for Vacation Bible School. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

One of the ways Students for Life of America reaches out to their peers is with an army of sidewalk counselors outside of abortion clinics. Their groups show up on Saturdays by the hundreds. Not only do they share informational resources with those considering abortion, they invite them to discover their own dignity. Students for Life of America's presence—in over 1,000 groups nationwide—is winning hearts and minds for the pro-life movement. They are recruiting, training and motivating an entire generation of pro-life leadership. Do you want to find or start your own group? Go to studentsforlife.org-a.m.opdahl

Marriage Enrichment Weekend Retreat:

Married couples from the Diocese of Crookston are invited to a weekend marriage retreat beginning Friday night at 7 p.m., March 6th through noon on Sunday March 8th. Deacon Mark Krejci, Office of Formation in Discipleship and author of the Praying With the Family column in the Our Northland Diocese newspaper, will lead couples through a series of reflections on the Spirituality of Marital Tenderness with Monsignor Michael Foltz offering mass and leading prayer (Sunday mass will be offered). The retreat will be held at Trapper's Landing on Leech Lake outside of Walker, Minnesota. Accommodations will be in their modern family cabins with each couple having their own bed and bath rooms. The cost is \$115/couple and includes Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. To register for the retreat please email Deacon Krejci at mkrejci@crookston.org.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine!

STATEMENT RE: BISHOP HOEPPNER INVESTIGATION February 4, 2020 – Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has recently been authorized by the Congregation for Bishops in Rome, to conduct further investigation related to claims that Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner had engaged in "acts or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid civil or canonical investigations of clerical sexual misconduct" as prescribed by the motu proprio, Vos estis lux mundi. Judge Timothy O'Malley (email: omalleyt@archspm.org), Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment, will serve as the Archbishop's Delegate for that investigation. The Congregation has also specified that for the duration of the investigation, the faculty to deal with cases of sexual abuse against clerics of the Diocese of Crookston has been transferred from Bishop Hoeppner to Archbishop Hebda. Contact Information: archbishop@archspm.org
Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda 777 Forest Street St. Paul, MN 55106

The Grotto Committee has narrowed the choice of statues down to Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima and the choice of locations down to the corner by the sacristy window where St. Francis now stands and in the area by the lighted sign near the office door. Pictures are available in the social hall. You are invited to make your preference known by putting your initials for your choice under the pictures. Questions may be addressed to Kathryn Ziermeier, Erv Wickham, Jan and Dennis Hemmingsen, Linda Hand or Fr. John

February 14th, Giving Hearts Day. Go to GivingHeartsDay.org & donate to your favorite local charities.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 23, 2020

Ushers: Tom Weber, Erv Wickham

Gifts: Pat & Michael Lynch

Lector: Rick Nesvold

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermier,
Michele & Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Sofia Rue, Ronald Jackson,
Dane Schoenborn

Hospitality: Mary Jacobson Family,
Tom & Rita Holland

Ash Wednesday

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 26, 2020

Ushers: Doug Hand, Doug Schoenborn

Gifts: Jerome & Linda Klinkhammer

Lector: Michele Schoenborn

Commentator: Margarette Rue

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Linda Blaser,
Jan Hemmingsen, Mark Bingham

Servers: Tessa Zitzow, Anna Jackson,
Logan Hemberger

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
39 Adults	\$ 1675.00
16 Children/Student Donations	\$ 19.30
Loose	\$ 78.00
Total Collections	\$ 1772.30
Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 48.00)	\$ 49.00
Grotto Fund	\$ 500.00
CUF Match	\$ 826.50
CUF Grants	\$ 1500.00
Building Fund	\$ 396.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 6946.76

Thank You to everyone who donated to the Northwoods Pregnancy Center of Bemidji during the BabyBottle Campaign.

Have you taken a card from the MiniTree offered by CUF? Please fill out a card that matches what you have done or intend to do and put it in the Sunday collection. Each card earns \$5 for the parish.

You can receive each day, from Ash Wednesday through Divine Mercy Sunday, an email with an inspiring passage from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, followed by a meditation from a Marian priest. For this "Pausing to Pray" devotional, sign up at TheDivineMercy.org/ptpsignup.

Ash Wednesday, February 26. Mass, 7PM
Please bring your palms from last year & put them in the box provided in gathering space.-

Today is the beginning of the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Our theme this year is GOD, PRAYER, SERVICE. The Diocesan goal for the Appeal is once again \$900,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes based on the prior year's offertory and the number of donors who offer more than \$50 per year to their parish. Our parish goal for 2020 is \$9046. Please pray about a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. You have each received an Annual Appeal letter at home in your mailbox. Enclosed is a brochure that features how DAA funds are used during the year.

Visit www.crookston.org/daa to donate online and view a detailed guide to how your DAA gifts are used in diocesan ministries. Prayer request cards are enclosed in all the mailings. Whether or not you are able to make a gift, please send in your prayer requests so that Chancery staff and our Bishop can pray for your intentions at daily Mass. Envelopes and prayer cards are available here in our own parish.

NEEDED: 1) Youth Group Coordinator (paid position) **2) Bazaar Leader** **3) Funeral Coordinator** with Deb Wille Call 435-6484.