

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday Jesus makes it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor. God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. Jesus teaches reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor. Jesus promises his disciples that he will give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Savior and Humble Lord.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**The Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 16th, 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 - 8 pm
Wed., Feb. 19 11:30 am Mass,
Jerry Carlson+
Fri., Feb. 21 8:45 am Mass with Students,
Margaret Hugenst+
Sun., Feb. 23 8:30 am Mass,
For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays: Adoration Noon - 6 pm
Tues., Feb. 18 3:30 pm Mass Cornerstone NH,
Franklyn Remert+
Wed., Feb. 19 1:30 pm Youth Mass,
Frank & Minnie Shereck+
Thurs., Feb. 20 11:30 am Mass,
Margie Galli+
Sun., Feb. 23 10:30am Mass,
Jim Vordsebruggen+

Birthdays

Feb 11 Sarah Bjerklie
Feb 17 Linda Hand
Feb 23 Rosemarie Brinkman

Anniversaries

Feb 23 Doug & Linda Hand

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, Bruce Donnell, Sam Christopherson,
Dorothy Killian, Sue Vennes, Laura Stark, Bethany
Andersen, Eunice Reinbold, Grandma Dorothy,
Donna Carlson, Connie Smeby, Ernie Agnes Jr.,
Gene Manecke, Nancy Silver

"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. 23, 2020
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, Ps 103: 1-4, 10-13
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23, Matthew 5: 38-48

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. March 1st.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Feb. 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 amandawwiener@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".** 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/in2camp.

**Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace
him and let his mercy pierce your heart during
this Lenten season.** Join us for a 40-day journey
of allowing his tender love to entirely transform
our lives. Receive short, daily videos from
Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray straight to your
inbox every morning. Apply our suggested
challenges throughout the rest of your day to fully
invite Christ in each and every moment. Go to
formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in
Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password.

Frederica Mathewes-Grene, formerly with the unique pro-life organization—Feminists for Life of America—said, “Abortion is not a sign that women are free, but a sign that they are desperate.” This pro-life effort facilitates an environment where pregnancy, motherhood and birth-motherhood are accepted. They support the roles of mothers, value the roles of fathers and help parents provide both financially and emotionally for their children. Did you know if one person reaches out to a woman considering abortion—she is 20 times more likely to give birth? Be the “one” to someone! -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.

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20) The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

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

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

Have you taken a card from the MinisTree 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.

St. Bernard’s, Thief River Falls, Lenten Fish Fry’s: Starts February 28th, every Friday through April 3rd. Serving deep-fried beer battered walleye 5:30PM – 7 PM. Check out the bulletin board.

St. Ann’s Church of Waubun, French Toast Breakfast. Sunday, February 23rd, 9 AM-1 PM. French toast, eggs and sausage. Also Raffle.

St. Michael’s Catholic School Fish Fry. Friday, March 6th, 5:30PM -7:30PM. At the church social hall.

St. Peter Damian, 1007-1072, Feastday: February 21st. Stern figure like St. John Baptist, raised up to recall men in a lax age from the error their ways and bring them back to the narrow path of virtue.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY Feb. 23, 2020

Ushers: Tom Weber, Erv Wickham

Gifts: Pat & Michael Lynch

Lector: Rick Nesvold

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Kathryn Ziermeier,
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: Margarete Rue

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

Servers: Tessa Zitzow, Anna Jackson,
Logan Hemberger

LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 1, 2020

Ushers: David Brinkman, Doug Schoenborn

Gifts: Tyler & Melissa McGlynn Family

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Margarete Rue

Eucharist: * Carol Aaland, Linda Blaser,
John Keller, Clyde Kringlen

Servers: Kaitlyn Jackson, Iziah Lewis,
Lance Balstad

Hospitality: Mark & Nina Bingham Family,
Sue Defrang

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

37 Adults \$ 1275.00

9 Children/Student Donations \$ 10.00

Loose \$ 44.00

Total Collections \$ 1329.00

Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 51.99) \$ 84.00

Grotto Fund \$ 50.00

Grotto Memorial \$ 15.00

(Louise Mulvaney, Bernie Brennan)

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 6966.76

Ash Wednesday, February 26. Mass at

St. Mary's, Fosston, 7 PM

St. Joseph's, Bagley, 5PM

Please bring your palms from last year at anytime
& put them in the box provided in gathering space.

Collection Ash Wednesday for the Church in
Central and Eastern Europe.

Have you made a commitment to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA)? Consider our call to GOD, PRAYER and SERVICE. If you have not made a commitment, please make your gift or pledge this weekend by using the mailing received at home or an envelope in your parish. You may make a one-time gift online or set up a sustaining gift by credit card or automatic withdrawal from your checking account over the course of 10 months. Sustaining gifts may be suspended at any time. Go to: www.crookston.org/daa for more information about the 2020 DAA. Thank you for supporting your parish and diocesan ministries. **And please send in your prayer requests whether or not you are able to make a gift.**

Lent is just 10 days away. If you haven't yet read the "Rediscover the Saints" book given out just before Christmas (and even if you already did read it), Dynamic Catholic has the daily devotion for you with their Best Lent Ever email program. Matthew Kelly will be going through that book. Sign up at bestlentever.com/invite. The publishers of "the WORD among us" have given us 50 copies of their edition for lent which includes the daily Mass readings and meditations from Ash Wednesday through Easter, along with several very interesting articles. Inspiring stories include "The Hitchhiker's Tale" and "A Painter with a Purpose." Be sure to get your copy next Sunday, the 23rd, and bring it with you to Mass, especially during Holy Week so you can participate in the Passion readings.