

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's gospel, Jesus continues his teaching on law. He tells us how the law must be understood in today's context. He also tells us that our attitudes and actions lead to imitate God who is merciful, kind and loving. He wants us to live a life of holiness where we discover God in people, both our friends and enemies. It is easy to love those who love us, but Jesus asks us to do much more, to love our enemies. When he says to be perfect like the heavenly Father, he sets a high standard for us and he himself becomes the shining example of such holiness. As we know, we begin the faithful season of Lent this Wednesday. This holy season of Lent calls us to become more like Jesus. This is a time for renewal & repentance. As we walk with Jesus' passion, suffering & death, let us dispel the darkness of sin and take up our cross and follow Jesus by participating all the events of Lent in our parish.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**The Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 23rd, 2020**

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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 6:30 pm

Ash Wed., Feb. 26 7 pm Mass,
Orlean Agnes+

Fri., Feb. 28 8:30 am Mass,
Cathy Senger+

Sun., Mar. 1 8:30 am Mass,
Dave Holzer+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Ash Wed., Feb. 26 5 pm Mass,
Lillian Haider+

Thurs., Feb. 27 11:30 am Mass,
Theres O'Neil

Sun., Mar. 1 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

**Lenten Penance Service Wednesday,
March 25th at 6:30 pm.**

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, 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, Lynn & Sue Vennes, Laura
Stark, Bethany Andersen, Eunice Reinbold,
Grandma Dorothy, Donna Carlson, Connie Smeby,
Ernie Agnes Jr., Gene Manecke, Nancy Silver,
Elaine Martz.

"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, March 1, 2020
Genesis 2: 7-9, 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-6, 12-13,17
Romans 5: 12-19, Matthew 4: 1-11

Cursillo is held at Sand Hill Bible Camp.
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, 8th and 29th.

Youth group, grades 7-12 meet Wednesday,
Feb.26th, March 11th,25th. 6-8 PM. Supper provided.

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

February 28th. All Friday's in March except 20th.
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

**Registration for the St. John Paul II Middle
School Camp** For youth entering grades 7-9 who
have a desire to deepen their faith. Spots are
limited and not held, so register soon. Held at
Northern Pines Camp, 20033 County Road 1, Park
Rapids, MN 56470 Dates: July 5th – 9th AND
July 12th – 16th. Cost: \$325.00 per camper OR
\$300.00 per camper for two or more members of
the same family. www.crookston.org/jp2camp.

**There is still room available for the TEC
Retreat:** March 21-23, 2020 at Sandhill Lake
Bible Camp by Fosston Contact Terry Steen at
sichurchlady@yahoo.com

Check it out, movies & more for Lent. Go to
formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in
Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password.

**Incremental, legal strategy has made a huge
impact for the pro-life movement in Mississippi.**
Over the past 15 years, they have adopted 15
pro-life laws. Their abortion rates have dropped
by nearly 60%. Not only that, but six out of
seven abortion clinics have closed. They are
down to one embattled abortion clinic in their
entire state. North and South Dakota, Missouri,
Kentucky and West Virginia each have one
abortion clinic remaining. Which one will claim
the distinction of being the first American state
without an abortion clinic?

-a.m.opdahl-resource: Americans United For
Life

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.

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 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. The cost is \$115/couple. email Deacon Krejci at mkrejci@crookston.org.

The Project Rachel Ministry Confidential Phonenumber Project is now available in the Diocese. This phonenumber is meant to help those who are post-abortive because they had an abortion or they were the father of a child who was aborted, or they have a family member impacted by abortion. The phone line will be answered by Julie Krejci who participated in Project Rachel training sponsored by the USCCB and has a M.A. in Counseling Psychology. The purpose of the helpline is not to provide counseling but to refer the caller to others including priests to allow for healing and reconciliation. The helpline number is 218-470-0112 and the caller's number is not identified by the receiving number.

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.

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

For your spiritual growth from Ash Wednesday through Divine Mercy Sunday, sign up at TheDivineMercy.org/ptpsignup to receive daily "Pausing to Pray" emails with an inspiring passage followed by a meditation.

Dynamic Catholic has the daily devotion for you with their Best Lent Ever email program. Sign up at bestlentever.com/invite.

The publishers of "the WORD among us" have given us 50 copies (located by doors of the church) 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." Get your copy today and bring it with you to Mass, especially during Holy Week so you can participate in the Passion readings.

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44) Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy." When we pray for others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 1, 2020

Ushers: David Brinkman, Doug Schoenborn
Gifts: Tyler & Melissa McGlynn Family
Lector: Lori Balstad
Commentator: Margarette Rue
Eucharist: * Carol Aaland, Linda Blaser,
John Keller, Clyde Kringlen
Servers: Kaitlyn Jackson, Iziah Lewis,
Lance Balstad
Hospitality: Mark & Nina Bingham Family,
Sue Defrang

LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 8, 2020

Ushers: Tom Weber, 2 Youth
Gifts: Youth
Lector: Youth
Commentator: Youth
Eucharist: * Jan Hemmingsen, Gabe Wiener,
Michelle, Schoenborn, Erv Wickham
Servers: Youth
Hospitality: Carol Broadwell, Gabe Schouville,
Tricia Proulx Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
37 Adults	\$ 2200.00
9 Children/Student Donations	\$ 9.00
Loose	\$ 60.00
Total Collections	\$ 2269.00
Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 30.00)	\$ 59.80
Aid to E. Europe	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 6966.76

Collection Ash Wednesday for the Church in
Central and Eastern Europe.
Collection March 1st, Black & Indian Missions

Ash Wednesday, February 26. Mass at

St. Mary's, Fosston, 7 PM

St. Joseph's, Bagley, 5PM

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

When you come up for ashes Wed., please draw
a name from the basket and pray for that family
during Lent as we did last year.

Lenten Schedule is an insert in the bulletin.

Help Yourself to Lenten materials on the
table in the social hall.

**Have you made a commitment to the Diocesan
Annual Appeal (DAA)?** If not, please make your
gift or pledge this weekend. Pledges can be paid
over 10 months. Consider increasing your gift this
year by 5 or 10% if you have not changed your gift
in several years. For questions about automatic
sustaining gifts (which is the highly recommended
method for supporting our Church) contact Renee'
Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll free 1-855-
397-8252. You can suspend a sustaining gift at any
time by calling Renee'. See detailed information
about online giving and the work your gift
supports at www.crookston.org/daa. Thank you for
all you do to support your parish and diocesan
ministries. And please send in a prayer request to
be prayed at the Chancery, whether or not you can
make a gift.

CRS RICE BOWL During Lent our Church will
again participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-
action program that invites us to encounter the
needs of the world with the hope of the
Resurrection. Boxes will be provided next week.

**Healing Service by Brendan Case on Friday,
February 28th from 7-9 PM at St. Joseph's
Church, Bagley. Everyone welcome.**

THANK YOU for your donations to
Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center of
Bemidji. Director Gretchen Thompson reports
the total contributed through the Baby Bottle
campaign was \$536.48.

Finance Council Meet March 10th, 6:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meet March 19th, 6:30 PM