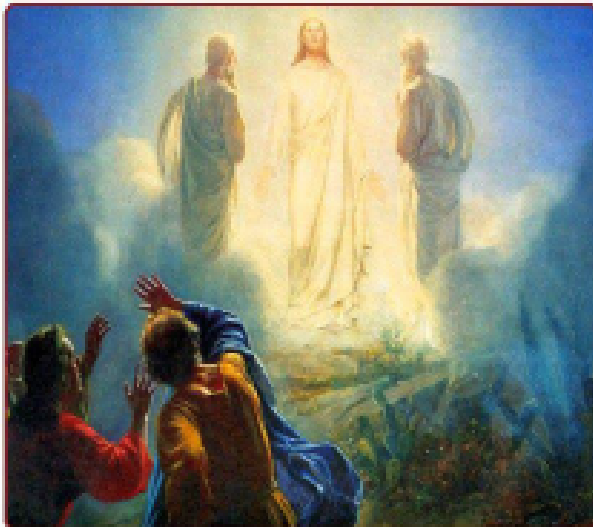


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel of today gives us the beautiful story of Transfiguration. For Jesus this is a special moment. He is now close to Jerusalem and hence close to his passion and death by crucifixion. This is the important moment when he has to strengthen his disciples. Jesus wants his Sonship to be revealed to them with the voice of the Father telling them that Jesus is his Beloved Son in whom he is well pleased and they ought to listen to him. Secondly, when his face shines like the sun, and his clothes becomes dazzling white, the event has testified to the fact that Jesus is the true Light which enlightens everyone. Thirdly, the transfiguration foreshadows the eternal reign of Jesus as God and King in Heaven. For Jesus this is the confirmation of his mission given by his Father and the confidence that he has been faithful to him to the end. Today let us look beyond the pain of life and see the presence of God in our life, and the gift of life that God makes to each of us. Let us listen to Him intently and put His words into practice.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Second Sunday of Lent March 8th, 2020

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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 – 5 pm

Tues., Mar. 10 6 pm Mass,
Loretta Stucy+

Wed., Mar. 11 1 pm Mass, McIntosh NH
Marie Straub+
5:30 pm Mass,
Cecelia Finseth+

Fri., Mar. 13 8:30 am Mass
David Siedschlag+

Sun., Mar. 15 8:30 am Mass,
Suvakeen+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Thurs., Mar. 12 10:30 am Mass,
Lillian Haider+

Sun., Mar. 15 10:30am Mass,
For the Parishes

**Deacon Mark Krejci will give the Mission
Talk after Soup Supper, 6:30 PM March 11th**

Slow week. No Birthdays or Anniversaries

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, Connie Smeby, Ernie Agnes Jr.,
Gene Manecke, Nancy Silver, Lynn Vennes.

"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 15, 2020
Exodus 17: 3-7, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9,
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8, John 4: 5-42

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

Cursillo is held at Sand Hill Bible Camp.
Women's March 26-29. Contact Bobbi Mercil
(701-866-5706) Applications at
crookstoncursillo.weebly.com

Today's insert has much information to aid in
our fight against the abortion industry from
Deacon March Krecji. Take time to read it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

For PreK-10th grades Class after Mass
9:45-10:45 AM. March 29th.

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

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

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 amandawienner@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. **50 Spots left at
this time.** 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
sjchurchlady@yahoo.com.

Receive daily reflections and challenges to fuel
your Lenten journey towards the tender love that
waits for you. Go to formed.org/signup. "Find
Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542
No password.

**Abortion rights actually hinder the equality of
women** by taking the wombless male body as
normative, thereby promoting cultural hostility
toward pregnancy and womanhood," said Erika
Bachiochi, a pro-life, feminist legal scholar. What
does that mean? Basically, abortion erases the
function of the female womb. Abortion equates the
woman with the procreation potential of a male;
having the means to contribute but not able to
complete the process. If Adam and Eve had been
made in the likeness of each other, we wouldn't
even be here to debate abortion or equality. -
a.m.opdahl

Pleas take a card from the MinisTree offered by
CUP? 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.

The Project Rachel Ministry Confidential
Phoneline Project is now available in the Diocese. This phoneline 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.

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1) God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

Feed My Starving People Food Packing
May 12 & 13, 2020, at Bagley Hockey Arena
Thousands die daily from starvation worldwide. We can help. Volunteers are needed to package for two-hour packing shifts. Call now 218-766-8176 to sign up. Donations are also needed. Write checks to “Bagley Food Packing Event” and write 2020 NW MN Bagley in the memo. Mail to NW MN BFPE, 14340 Glacier Rd., Clearbrook, MN 56634

Help Make our Easter special by donating toward the Easter Decorations in Honor/Memory of a loved one
Name: _____
In memory/Honor of: _____

DIOCESAN SUMMER MISSION TO ST MARY’S MISSION, JUNE 15 - 19, 2020 This summer the Diocese of Crookston will sponsor a mission experience for current sophomores, juniors or seniors at St. Mary’s Mission in Red Lake, MN. The cost of this experience is \$125.00 per participant. Chaperones provided by the Diocese of Crookston. If you have a student who might be interested, please contact Bob Noel at bnoel@crookston.org for more details and information. The trip is limited to twelve participants.

The month of March is the Annual MN Food Share March Campaign. Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated.

Are you considering the Diaconate OR do you know of a man in your parish who should?
If you are considering discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate: The Permanent Diaconate is a ministry of Word, Sacrament and Service. As a ministry of the Word, Deacons proclaim the Gospel during Mass and through their lives. As a ministry of Sacrament, Deacons assist at Mass and preside at baptisms, weddings, funerals and wake services depending on the needs of the parish. And as a ministry of Service, deacons carry out all manner of works of charity from visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and participating in prison ministry among many other Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. There are currently five Deacon Candidates discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate who are in their second year of formation – please pray for them. The next group of men will gather for the first year of formation (called the Aspirancy year) in 2021-2022. While this may seem well into the future, if you are considering the Diaconate (or think someone else should) you are encouraged to talk with your priest and to also contact Deacon Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Formation (mkrejci@crookston.org), so that they can both pray for you and provide you with further information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 15, 2020

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Eldin & Alice Okstad

Lector: Michelle Schoenborn

Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Valarie Holzer,
Jeanne Sanden, Doug Schoenborn

Servers: Darien Holzer, Olivia Rosendahl,
Emily Chalich

Hospitality: Lynn Jackson, Florence Nesvold,
Tricia Proulx Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 22, 2020

Ushers: John Blaser, Jerry Erdmann

Gifts: Tricia Proulx Family

Lector: Margarete Rue

Commentator: Kathryn Ziermeier

Eucharist: * Jan Hemmingsen, John Keller,
Michele Schoenborn, Mark Bingham

Servers: Ellis Wiener, Tessa Zitzow,
Dane Schoenborn

Hospitality: Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen,
Gene & Clara Manecke

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
30 Adults	\$ 950.00
6 Children/Student Donations	\$ 6.00
Loose	\$ 121.25
Total Collections	\$ 1077.25
Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 51.99)	\$ 41.71
Donation to Youth	\$ 20.00
Grotto Fund	\$ 1250.00
E. Europe	\$ 268.00
Black & Indian	\$ 125.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 351.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1070.51

Thank you to the anonymous donors who have Thrivent dollars deposited to St. Mary's bank account. We appreciate your generosity!

The CRS RICE BOWL boxes are located by each entrance door of the church. Please take one home.

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

Have you made a commitment to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA)?

Goal:	\$9046.00
Donations	3550.00
Pledges (Unpaid)	1062.50
Still needed for goal	4433.50

Just 20 percent of parish have responded. Please participate as soon as possible. Envelopes are located by the missalettes. Mail in or put in collection basket. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Contact Renee' Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll free 1-855-397-8252. Please send in a prayer request to be prayed at the Chancery, whether or not you can make a gift.

The Grotto Committee thanks you for making your preferences known. Our Lady of Lourdes was chosen 46 to 22 over Our Lady of Fatima. The location selected by 42 to 21 is the corner by the sacristy window. Our goal is to have work begin when the ground thaws.

In light of public health concerns relating to Coronavirus and Influenza during this cold and flu season: Ministers of Holy Communion, are to practice good hygiene, washing hands before Mass begins or even using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.

Alcohol based anti-bacterial solution is located by each entrance of the church for everyone's use if you choose.

You are free to exchange the sign of peace without physical contact and you are free to abstain from receiving Holy Communion via the chalice if you choose.

The Catholic Devotional, a small blue book with a collection of Catholic prayers and inspiration for EVERY Catholic are located in the gathering area. Please take them home to use and to give to your family and friends. Great for helping kids learn prayers.

Sign up for Triduum (Holy Week), sheet is on stand in gathering space. Help needed and welcomed.