

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Third Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel of today, Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well and gives her the living water. By meeting with Jesus, she and the people are able to trust and accept the eternal life he gives them. They recognize him as the messiah, the savior of the world. We are reminded that as children of God, as members of the Body of Christ, we too have been called to share in the life-giving Spirit through faith in Jesus. Today's readings remind us of the continual and personal love of God towards each one of us. Jesus invites us to enter into this love of God and respond to Him positively. One of the recurring themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God that conveys His love. Repentance on the part of human person indicates the recognition of this love. This requires a spirit of sincerity and a sense of honesty to self and recognition of our nothingness before God. Once a person has accepted this change, God has a ready mission prepared for him to continue to spread his love.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Third Sunday of Lent March 15th, 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

Wed., Mar. 18 5:30 pm Mass,

Delphine Grembowski+

Fri., Mar. 20 8 am Mass

Cathy Senger+

Sun., Mar. 22 8:30 am Mass,

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues., Mar. 17 3:30 pm Mass, (at the Church)

Franklyn Renner+

6 pm Mass

Margie Galli+

Wed., Mar. 18 7 pm Mass,

Mary Muckala+

Thurs., Mar. 19 5 pm Mass,

Harry Kortan+

Sun., Mar. 22 10:30am Mass,

Earl & Pearl Madre+ & Perry Levett+

Pastoral Council Meet March 19th, 6:30 PM

No Birthdays

Anniversaries

March 18 L.J. Wang & Byron Kaupang

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 Reimbold,
Grandma Dorothy, Connie Smeby, Ernie Agnes Jr.,
Gene Manacke, Nancy Silver, Lynn Vennes, Clara
Mae

"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 22, 2020
1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7,10-13a, Ps 23: 1-3a,3b-6,
Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

**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

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 25th. 6-8 PM. Supper provided.

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

All Friday's in March, including 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. **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.**

**YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT, FREE with food
item for food shelf. Sunday, March 29th @
4PM. "I STILL BELIEVE" Fosston Theater.**

**In ancient Times, access to reliable water was
very essential. Without a steady supply of clean
water you could not live. Go to formed.org/signup.
"Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of
56542 No password.**

**On October 22, 2019, abortion was
decriminalized in Northern Ireland. A general
practitioner there has gathered nearly 1,000
signatures of medical professionals who have
vowed not to assist or commit abortions. Dr.
Andrew Cupples, a Northern Irish GP, wrote a
letter. In it, he stated that he and the other 911
medical professionals who signed it—including
doctors, nurses and midwives—will leave their
jobs if their superiors attempt to force them to
participate in abortions. Regulations for legalized
abortion are to be in place, which means the
intervening months have no laws regarding
abortion. -a.m.opdahl-source: liveaction.org**

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

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” (John 4:13) Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

Help Make our Easter special by donating toward the Easter Decorations in Honor/Memory of a loved one. Amount: _____
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 bnobel@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 Loaves & Fishes, PO Box 152, Fosston. Every cent of your donation will go directly for food to be donated. Donations may be dropped in Sunday collection.

Donations to “Feed My Starving People” that are dropped in the container by the missalette by March 30 will be matched from the parish tithing account up to \$500. Checks made out to St. Mary’s will be deposited and included in a check from St. Mary’s. Checks made out to Bagley Food Packing Event will be forwarded to Clearbrook. Call 218-766-8176 to volunteer for a two-hour shift May 12 or 13. What a great way to exercise the First Corporal Work of Mercy: To Feed the Hungry.

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.

Mass at St. Mary’s is at 5:30 PM Wednesdays of Lent through April 1st.
April 18, 5:30 PM Mass,
6 PM Soup Supper by Pastoral Council.
6:30 PM Talk by Deacon Aaron Kaiser.
The free-will donations received for Soup Supper is donated to the Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat & also fasting, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone from the 14th birthday is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Everyone from the 18th birthday up to 60th birthday is bound to observe the law of fast.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY March 29, 2020

Ushers: Doug Hand, Dennis Sanden

Gifts: Mark & Jackie Randall

Lector: Rick Nesvold

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: * Eileen Hegg, Jeanne Sanden,

Doug Schoenborn, Mark Bingham

Servers: Genevive Rue, Jesse Worshek,

Faith Balstad

Hospitality: Tom Weber, Theresa Zitzow,

Tyler McGlynn Family

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$ 2429.00

Last Week's Collections:

42 Adults \$ 1960.00

12 Children/Student Donations \$ 26.00

Loose \$ 64.00

Total Collections \$ 2050.00

Coffee & Rolls (Cost: 51.99) \$ 55.00

Soup Supper for Loaves & Fishes \$ 75.00

Grotto Fund \$ 510.00

Easter Flowers \$ 20.00

Black & Indian \$ 10.00

Capital Improvement Fund \$ 65.00

Capital Improvement Balance \$ 1135.51

2nd Collection March 22nd for

Catholic Relief Services

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter

Sunday, April 12th. The boxes are still

available by the bulletin board.

Lenten Penance Service Wednesday,

March 25th at 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.

You are invited by Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner to attend the Christ Mass Monday, April 6th, 6:30PM at the Cathedral in Crookston. Representatives from our parish will receive the blessed oils and bring them to our parish.

As a Liturgical Precaution, due to the Corona Virus, the diocese of Crookston has suspended distribution of the Blood of Christ until further notice. In addition the following precautions are to be followed:

We will refrain from handholding during the Our Father.

We will offer the Sign of Peace without touching.

The Holy Water fonts are emptied.

We made available Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer by each entrance of the church.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th, 3pm

Chaplet will be at St. Mary's.

Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlet guide is by each entrance to the church.

Please pick one up and start the Novena on April 10th, **GOOD FRIDAY.**