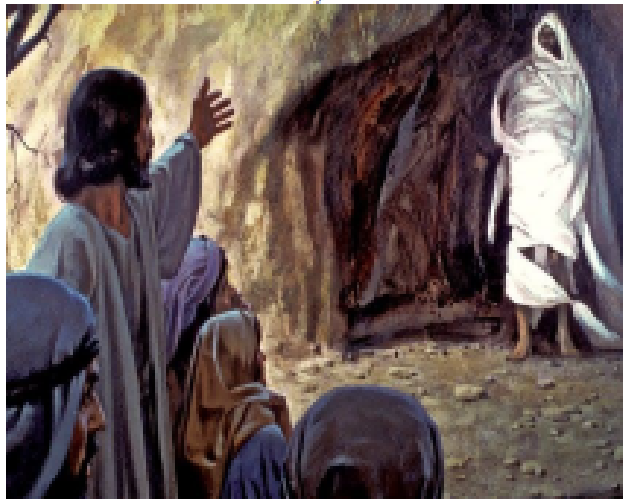


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

Hope in resurrection is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Prophet Ezekiel assures his people that nothing, not even death, will stop God from carrying out His promise. In John's gospel today the raising of Lazarus is the final and greatest sign of Jesus, the Deliverer, a symbolic narrative of his victory over death at the cost of his own life and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Through this great miracle Jesus assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. "Untie him let him go". Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred, and guilt, let us ask Jesus to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit to liberate us from this new sickness of COVID-19. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command, "Come out"! This is good news for all of us: "Lazarus, come out!" This can be the beginning of a new life.

Please stay healthy. My prayers are with you.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29th, 2020

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
24-hour confidential number

Individual Reconciliation:

Wednesday's 12 noon – 1pm

Please use the screen provided.

St. Mary's Private Mass with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm

For Adoration, Not more than 10 people at a time, using social distancing.

Fr. John will celebrate Mass privately, (non-public) on the following days:

Wed., April 1 Mass for Debbie Agnes+

Palm Sun., April 5 Mass For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Not more than 10 people at a time, using social distancing.

Thurs., April 2 Mass for Emily Gardner+
Reconciliation 12-1 pm

First Fri., April 3 Mass for Lillian Haider+

Palm Sun., April 5 Mass for
Jim Vorderbruggen+

Birthdays

April 4 Jackie Randall

April 4 Ruth Palmer

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, Lynn & Sue Vennes, Laura
Stark, Bethany Andersen, Eunice Reinbold,
Grandma Dorothy, Connie Smeby, Ernie Agnes Jr.,
Gene Manecke, Nancy Silver, Lynn Vennes, Clara
Mae, Eldin Okstad

"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

This is an extra stressful time for anyone who
needs to be in the hospital. Please ask for
prayers of calmness to surround them and their
family. May the Lord guide all who take care of
them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note with your
donation whether intention is for a deceased or
living person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, April 5, 2020

Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 22: 8-9,17-20, 23-24,

Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26: 14-27

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

**All RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES at
St. Mary's: Canceled until further notice**

Please contact www.crookston.org/jp2camp.
Registration for the St. John Paul II Middle
School Camp For youth entering grades 7-9
who have a desire to deepen their faith. Held at
Northern Pines Camp, 20033 County Road 1,
Park Rapids, MN 56470 Dates: July 5th – 9th
AND July 12th – 16th.

**"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for
Christ." Pope Saint John Paul II**

Now more than ever, we must hold fast to the
great virtue of Hope.

In an effort to assist Catholics everywhere, we
are opening our doors to make the FORMED
platform free to everyone for 40 days. Sign up
today and get immediate access to the best
Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio
talks, and great children's videos.

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

Dr. Anthony Levatino's abortion track
record was nearly 1,200 between 1977 and
1985. Tragically, in 1984, he and his wife lost
their five-year-old daughter to a bizarre car
accident. When he returned to work, his next
few abortions would be his last. No longer did
he see himself as a great doctor helping a
woman with her "problem." He said, "I didn't
see that I was supporting a woman's right to
choose." He further explained, "I saw that I was
killing someone's son or daughter." Now Dr.
Anthony Levatino's track record is 30+ years
committed to pro-life advocacy. -a.m.opdahl

CAMP GOOD MOURNING: Kids and teens
grief camp. *Life after loss.* June 26-28, 2020 at
Park River Bible Camp, Park River, ND.
altru.org/hospice (under Grief Support)

An organized group of at least 14 people are willing to help out in the local area if you cannot run necessary errands, get groceries, etc. Just call 218-668-2013 or 701-261-6198.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1Samuel 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

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. This has been extended through April. 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 to "Feed My Starving People"
Send checks to Bagley Food Packing Event (In check memo write: 2020 NW MN Bagley) NW MN BFPE, 14340 Glacier Rd, Clearbrook, MN 56634. Call 218-766-8176 to volunteer for a two-hour shift May 12 or 13. No online volunteering. What a great way to exercise the First Corporal Work of Mercy: To Feed the Hungry.

Bishop Baron of Word on Fire invites us to participate in daily Mass with Word on Fire CEO Fr. Steve Grunow, at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.

Join online Mass, Bishop Baron encourages you to read the Gospels, pray with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith—by making an act of spiritual communion

And please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

Good News! Fosston cable TV network now offers EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), a Catholic television station, on channel 66. What a great time to check it out! It broadcasts daily Mass, rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet programs. You can find Catholic programming on Garden Valley TV, Dish, etc., as well. **Keep the faith!**

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

Goal:	\$9046.00
Donations	4625.00
Pledges (Unpaid)	1062.50
Still needed for goal	3358.50

Just 25 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.

Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook, MN. \$20 donation per food share. Bring 2 boxes, or containers for your food share. Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook, MN. First Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 PM. Anyone welcome.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
18 Adults	\$ 990.00
Children/Student Donations	\$.00
Loose	\$ 00.00
Total Collections	\$ 990.00
Feed My Starving People	\$ 220.00
CUF Technology Grant	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1135.51

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter Sunday, April 12th. Please mail to: St. Mary's Church, 725 6th St. NE, Fosston, MN 56542

Lent is a special time for giving alms and making sacrifices. The opportunities for giving are numerous. Besides the need to meet our parish operating expenses, Catholic Relief Services will need funds now more than ever to fight the Covid19 virus. An envelope is included in your packet. The Holy Thursday collection (no envelope) goes to the local Loaves and Fishes food shelf and the Good Friday collection is for the Holy Land. We are also hoping to meet our goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. DAA donations may be sent directly to Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716. Please sign up for electronic giving, drop your donations off at the church office during office hours or send in the mail. May you be blessed for making Lenten alms giving a priority.

Thank you St. Mary's from Catholic United Financial, Fosston!! The maximum allowance of \$250 for the first half of 2020 has been earned in the MinisTree project. We can resume collecting cards again in July. Catholic United Financial has blessed St. Mary's with a technology grant of \$500 to be used for an electronic device benefiting the faith formation program. We are so grateful for all that Catholic United Financial does for St. Mary's.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

As of March 20th, 2020, in light of public health concerns relating to Coronavirus: All "public" celebrations of the Holy Mass are cancelled.

Sunday remains a holy day and, although dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays, you are encouraged to observe the Lord's Day by watching Mass online or on TV and by making a "spiritual communion." For contact information go to www.crookston.org/covid19.

Mass will be aired on Sunday's at 8 am and 10:30am on Garden Valley Television Channels 31 and 33.

Making an act of spiritual communion:

"I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints."

There are no Communal Penance Services. Only Individual Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance may be celebrated. Penitents are to use the screen in the reconciliation room.

The Church building will be open, according to the regular schedule, for visits and personal prayer.

You are encouraged to continue attending Adoration, practicing "social distancing" and limiting the number of persons present to no more than 10 persons.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be celebrated by Fr. John non-publicly, as well as Easter Sunday in Fosston and in Bagley.

The Chrism Mass has been postponed.

Lent is always for us a special time of prayer, sacrifice, and charity. The invasion of the coronavirus has certainly now provided us with added reason for prayer, sacrifice, and charity.