

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

Today we celebrate the Palm Sunday or the Passion Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The laying of palm branches indicated that the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph. As Jesus began His cheerful entrance into Jerusalem, many people gathered on the road and spread their clothes in front of him and shout Hosanna. This Sunday Church holds a similar procession to remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and also to remind people of the beginning of the Passion of our Lord. The simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and death while awaiting the joy of His Resurrection. This time of distress, let us be one with Jesus. Let us all spend more time prayers to overcome this sad situation. Let us pray for our country for the whole world. I miss you all. I pray for you to stay healthy. I hope soon we will come back as one family of God. I am so happy to meet you again this week through local television. Thank you so much.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Palm Sunday  
of the Passage of the Lord  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

**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 8 Mass for Margaret Haugen+**

**Holy Thurs., April 9 Mass for Dave Holzer+**

**Good Friday, April 10 Service**

**Holy Sat., April 11 Vigil Mass**

**for Gloria Thul Hacker+**

**Easter Sun., April 12 Mass**

**For Paula Erdmann+**

**St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions**

**Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm**

**Easter Sun., April 12 Mass For the Parishes**

### Birthdays

April 6 James Gregory  
April 7 Bobby Drellack  
April 8 George Doyle  
April 12 Kristen Hemmingsen

### Anniversaries

April 9 Ricky & Lisa Nesvold

### 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, Emma Sannes

*"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 12, 2020  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23,  
Colossians 3:1-4, 1 Cor 5:7b-8a, John 20:1-9

**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](http://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 – 16<sup>th</sup>.

Here are ways you can engage in your faith  
by utilizing FORMED. **PRAY:** Daily Rosary  
with Dr. Tim Gray. Divine Mercy Chaplet with  
the Franciscan Friars. Watch Daily Mass Video.  
**ENGAGE:** Pick a Saint for the day and watch their  
content! Chose an audio drama for the whole  
family to listen along to. Dedicate 1 hour of  
television time to FORMED. **JOIN:** FORMED live  
Bible Studies. Sunday Mass live at 10am,  
recording available. Learn from Augustine  
Institute professors in Faith at Home collection.  
Share the link [formed.org/faithathome](http://formed.org/faithathome) with friends  
and family not yet on FORMED to get them  
started with a complimentary subscription.  
Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup). "Find Your Parish,"  
type in Fosston's zip code of 56542  
No password.

What if your "health insurance" informed  
you it was more cost effective to provide  
assisted suicide drugs to you than your life-  
sustaining medications? It happened to  
California resident, Stephanie Packer. In 2019, a  
hearing on a bill to legalize assisted suicide in  
Minnesota convened. No vote was taken but  
"Compassion and Choices," a thinly veiled  
euthanasia organization, sought to lay groundwork  
for this dangerous legislation. Since when do  
"compassion" and "choice" mean deciding whom  
to kill and when? The slippery slope of Roe vs.  
Wade has birthed an avalanche of legalizing  
unnatural death by human design—for all of us. -  
a.m. opdahl -source: MCCL

**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](http://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.

Polk County Public Health is offering coordination of Essential Services to all residents of Polk County. This includes groceries, medication or other items needed for daily living. If you know of any parishioners that need essential services, please have them contact Polk County Public Health at 218-281-3385. If you would also like to volunteer, please contact or register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PolkVolunteer>

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32)

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

**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](mailto:bnobel@crookston.org) for more details and information. The trip is limited to twelve participants.

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. **Fosston cable TV** network now offers EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), a Catholic television station, on channel 66. It broadcasts daily Mass, rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet programs.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**The Annual MN Food Share Campaign** 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.

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
23 Adults	\$ 2395.00
Children/Student Donations	\$ .00
Loose	\$ 00.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2395.00</b>
Feed My Starving People	\$ 30.00
CRS (Catholic Relief Services)	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 314.08</b>
(After floor tile project paid for)	

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl by Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please mail to: St. Mary's Church, 725 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Blessed Palms:** On Palm Sunday you may pickup your Palms at the front door of St. Mary's Church between 11am – 12:30pm. Erv Wickham and Joan Varholdt will be there to greet you and pass the Palms through the car window. Please remain in your vehicles and form a line. You may also give Erv your weekly envelopes at that time.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

### **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

As of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.crookston.org/covid19).

Mass will be aired on Sundays at 8 am on Fosston City Cable Channel 65. Also, 8:30am and 10:30am on Garden Valley Television Channels 31 and 33. Holy Thursday Mass 7pm, Good Friday Service 6pm on same stations. All Masses will be celebrated by Fr. John non-publicly, as well as Easter Sunday in Fosston and in Bagley.

#### **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.**

#### **The Chrism Mass has been postponed.**

**Blessed Palms will also be available by the office area at St. Mary's on Wednesday 9am - 8pm. If you are not able to come to the church, please call Denny & Jeanne Sanden at 668-2239 and they will deliver them to your home.**