

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Midst of this human disaster, we are in Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. In this sorrowful time of our life, the Resurrection of Jesus gives us real hope. It is the feast of our hope and belief. Empty tomb tells us that death & illness cannot take control over our life. Good Friday leads us to Easter Sunday. There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. Suffering is not permanent. This time of suffering will pass and we will overcome this virus disease by the Resurrection. Let us allow the Joy of Resurrection to have room in our lives. Let the Resurrection of Jesus become the center of our lives. Jesus Himself is the Resurrection & the Life. If we live a life of deep faith in Jesus, Resurrection is ours. Let us ask the Lord to deepen His life within us and to make us His witnesses of Easter joy and hope. Let us be Easter People! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I thank you so much for participating in the Mass by TV Channels & through internet.

Also available at

<https://www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/>

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Easter Sunday
April 12th, 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 15 Mass for Wes Laughery+

Sun., April 19 Mass For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., April 16 Mass for Margie Galli+

Sun., April 19 Mass for Allen Theis+

We are never without hope. "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed"

(2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

Birthdays

April 17 Clyde Kringlen
April 17 Mark Randall
April 17 Erwin Zitzow
April 18 Lisa Nesvold

Anniversaries

April 18 Steve & Sarah Chalich

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 19, 2020
Acts 2:42-47, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 Peter
1:3-9, John 20:19-31

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.

During this time, many of us are physically separated from our parishes and communities. We are happy to provide opportunities for you to connect and pray with the Universal Church to enrich your observance of these Holy Days.

Be sure to share the link formed.org/faithathome with friends and family not yet on FORMED to get them started with a complimentary subscription. Check out movies Go to formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542
No password.

Since Roe vs. Wade, there have been over 60,000,000 U.S. abortions. This does not include 11,000,000 women who used "the morning after pill." The death toll from abortion is climbing at over 2,800 per day. This eugenic mentality—deciding who should live and who should die—is a threat to all of us. The next time you gather with family or friends, count thirty-three people and then arbitrarily subtract seven. This is the math we're talking about: the absent carpenters, doctors, teachers, scientists, caregivers, artists... the list is endless. What important contributions have been foreclosed on because of abortion? - a.m.opdahl

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 www.surveymonkey.com/r/PolkVolunteer

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)
Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

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.

Diocese of Crookston COVID-19 Resource Page Janelle Gergen has compiled a helpful list of resources and ideas for individuals and the family during this time when so much has been cancelled and so many are homebound. Resources include online masses, adoration, spiritual tips and ideas, prayers and updated health information. Please visit <https://www.crookston.org/covid19>

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.

2020 DAA Report

The Diocese has received 71.94% of our goal of \$9046. Amount received is \$5657.50 with \$850 more pledged. That leaves it short \$2538.50. If you are not one of the 32 donors, would you please take time to respond? Even if you are unable to donate at this time, please send in your prayer request to be prayed for at the Chancery. DAA, Box 610, Crookston MN 56716. Contact Renee Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call toll free 1-855-397-8252.

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.

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.

Read this excellent **Life Teen** blog post by Rachel Penate on how to participate in Mass remotely. What a great resource this article is for families:

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/mass-covid-19/>

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
34 Adults	\$ 1760.00
Total Collections	\$ 2395.00
CRS (Rice Bowl)	\$ 50.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Grotto Fund	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 750.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1064.08

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl Donations.
Please mail to: St. Mary's Church, 725 6th St.
NE, Fosston, MN 56542

Lent has passed but giving alms and making sacrifices is not. 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. The local Loaves and Fishes food shelf. 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 giving a priority.

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

First Communion Sunday has been postponed until a later date.

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 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land has been transferred to Sept. 13 by the Pope.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP:
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 Sundays at 8 am on Fosston City Cable Channel 65. Also, 8:30am and 10:30am on Garden Valley Television Channels 31 and 33.
Masses will be celebrated by Fr. John non-publicly.

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."

Divine Mercy Sunday Today

The Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena started on GOOD FRIDAY, but you can still participate. You can use regular Rosary beads or your fingers for this prayer.

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with *(three times):*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.