

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

This Sunday we are celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday. The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy and the need for the forgiveness of sins. Today's Gospel clearly explains to us how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives. One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice Divine Mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. God bless you.

Have a Happy Divine Mercy Sunday.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

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

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**Trustees:** Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham

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Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895

24-hour confidential number

**Individual Reconciliation Wed., 12-12:30 PM**

**St. Mary's Private Mass with Intentions**

**Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 pm**

You are encouraged to continue attending Adoration. Please, Not more than 10 people at a time in the church, using social distancing.

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

**Wed., April 22** Mass for Orville Pederson+

**Fri., April 24** Mass for  
the Doug Hand Family

**Sun., April 26** Mass for Betty Bingham+

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

**Tuesdays** Adoration Noon – 5 pm

**Thur., April 23** Mass for  
Helen Barry Broth+

**Sun., April 26** Mass for the Parishes

**The Church building will be open, according to the office schedule and Adoration, for visits and personal prayer. Enter at the office doors.**

Birthdays

April 21 Jerry Erdmann  
April 24 Robert Drellack

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, Laura Stark, Bethany  
Andersen, Eunice Reinbold, Grandma Dorothy,  
Connie Smeby, Ernie Agnes Jr., Gene Manecke,  
Nancy Silver, Clara Mae, Eldin Okstad, Emma  
Sannes, Bonnie (Bob) Schirlinger  
*"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 26, 2020  
Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11,  
1 Pet 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

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

Read this excellent Life Teen blog post by  
Rachel Penate on how to participate in Mass  
remotely. What a great resource for families:  
<https://lifeteen.com/blog/mass-covid-19/>

**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>.  
Contact [www.crookston.org/jp2camp](http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp).

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](http://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](http://formed.org/signup). "Find Your Parish,"  
type in Fosston's zip code of 56542  
No password.

Do you have an Advanced Directive for  
Health Care? One option is a Durable Power of  
Attorney for Health Care. You appoint an agent  
who acts as a trustee to value and protect your  
human dignity if you become medically  
incapacitated. Discretionary health decisions  
will be made for you by someone you trust  
instead of by a medical professional who may  
not even know you. But where are the medical  
trustees for the unborn? Where is the nationwide  
legislation protecting their human dignity? Their  
right to simply live? Speak LIFE to preserve life  
in any circumstance: yours, theirs and mine. -  
a.m.opdahl -Source: Human Life Alliance

An organized group of 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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PolkVolunteer)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)  
Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships - with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

**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.

**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>

**Divine Mercy Sunday Today (April 19<sup>th</sup>)**  
The Lord Jesus said to Sister Faustina: *"At three o'clock implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world"* (Diary 1320). This Divine Mercy Sunday is particularly a great time to be reminded of our Lord's request to think of Him and seek His mercy.

#### **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](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or call toll free 1-855-397-8252.

**SUNDAY & DAILY WORSHIP AID: FREE** from Liturgical Press in Collegeville, MN. **"Give Us this Day"** for the month of May is in the back of the church. Pick it up during office hours or let us know if you want a copy mailed to you. Besides the Mass prayers and daily Scripture readings, this publication includes a daily reflection, short biography of a saint and other spiritual readings. It will be very helpful for praying along with the televised Mass.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for the donations for Easter flowers which were instead used for palms because of Diocesan directives to only have private Easter Masses in order to slow the spread of the corona virus. JoAnn Anderson gave in honor of family members and Lynn & Sue Vennes gave in memory of deceased family members.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
19 Adults	\$ 1085.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1085.00</b>
CRS (Rice Bowl)	\$ 115.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Grotto Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1149.08</b>

Thank you for your CRS Rice Bowl Donations.

Thank you for your Donations to "Feed My Starving People"

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 damage being done by Covid19 virus. The local Loaves and Fishes food shelf ( PO Box 152, Fosston) and Diocesan Annual Appeal need donations. 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. St. Mary's Church, 725 6<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Fosston, MN 56542

May you be blessed for making giving a priority.

April 26<sup>th</sup>, Collection for Catholic Home Missions to support the Church in poor or remote areas of the United States

ROOF REPAIR above the main entrance to the church was begun on April 6 by Herzog Roofing of Detroit Lakes. The entire project will cost \$24,900, a bit more than projected as some rotting wood needed replacing and some metal fabrication was necessary. Donations to the Capital Improvement Fund would be most welcome to reduce the withdrawal from savings.

Congratulation to Fr. John on his 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. God Bless you.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP:**

Due to 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).

Sunday Mass at 8 am on Fosston City Cable Channel 65. Also, 8:30am and 10:30am on Garden Valley Television Channels 31 and 33. Also, <https://www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/> at the times listed above: 8:30am & 10:30am Masses are celebrated by Fr. John non-publicly.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>.

Join online Mass

Fosston cable TV network now offers EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), a Catholic television station, on channel 66.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Today (April 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Hour of Mercy 3 PM**

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.