

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOSSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Third Sunday of Easter. The Emmaus incident described in today's Gospel tells us that our God will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed. He will come in search of us. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain true relationship with their Risen Lord through the Eucharist and the Word of God. The gospel also reminds us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist should help us to understand better his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in an unfamiliar appearance to support and strengthen us in this time of distress, agony, sorrow, pain. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the Risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.

I miss you all. I pray that we all come together very soon as one family of God & celebrate our Sunday Mass. It is really hard to celebrate Mass without our people. Let us be united in prayers. Be safe & stay healthy.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2020

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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:

First Fri., May 1 Mass for

Phil Schouviller Family

Sun., May 3

Mass for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., April 30

Mass for
Annammal+

Sun., May 3

Mass for
Jim Vorderbruggen+

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

Birthdays

May 1 Melissa McGlynn
May 1 Steve Chalich

Anniversaries

April 29 Jenny & Erwin Zitzow
May 1 Leslie & Tony Haugen
May 1 Audrey & George Doyle 72 years

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, Loui 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, Bonnie
(Bob) Schirlinger, Kari Trappen, Lucille Dufault
"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, May 3, 2020

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6,

1 Peter 2:20b-25, John 10:1-10

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

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

St. John Paul II Middle School Camp

Depending on the COVID-19 situation that is
being monitored. www.crookston.org/jp2camp.
This is true for all summer programs such as the
Padre Ablas trip to Guatemala, Esto Vir Camp,
etc

DIOCESAN SUMMER MISSION TO ST.
MARY'S MISSION Red Lake, JUNE 15 - 19,
2020 contact Bob Noel at bnobel@crookston.org for
more details and information.

**The Coronavirus Shut Down from a Pastor's
Perspective with Fr. Brian Larkin. Also,
check out movies Go to formed.org/signup.
"Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code
of 56542**

No password. Be sure to share this link
formed.org/faithathome with friends and family
not yet on FORMED to get them started with a
complimentary subscription.

Allie Stuckey, a conservative commentator,
wife and mother, gave powerful testimony on
why life should be protected at a recent hearing
on "reproductive rights." While most of the
advocates gathered were pro-abortion, she was a
voice for the preborn. She explained that she had
been observing the growing radicalism of the pro-
abortion movement, as well as the injustice
visited upon preborn children. "I am here as a
mom fighting for a future for her kids, in which
rights are not dependent upon whether a person is
wanted, but upon their humanity."
-a.m.opdahl -source:liveaction.org

**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. Please 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

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" (John 11:40) Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

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.

The eOND newsletter will come twice per month to your box. Parishes pay the subscription cost for parishioners (and all Catholics living within parish territory). To subscribe for the digital news from *Our Northland Diocese* send your email address to www.crookston.org/subscribe. This is a great opportunity to stay connected and informed between print issues of OND.

In the April 15th OND, on page 9, Fr. John was interviewed with Fr. Gothman about Pastors miss "real presence of their people. Take a minute to read the article.

2020 DAA Report: The Diocese has received 75.86% of our goal of \$9046. Amount received is \$6012.50 with \$850 more pledged. That leaves it short \$2183.50. If you are not one of the 36 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.

From Bishop Hoepfner: Unfortunately, we have seen an uptick in email scams targeting clergy and diocesan staff. Email accounts using the name of Bishop Hoepfner and other priests have been created and messages have been sent asking for supplies, donations or gift cards. Please be cautious in responding to emails about such matters. Emails of diocesan staff will always end in crookston.org; priest's email addresses can be verified in our online directory: www.crookston.org/directories/priests If you receive messages from suspicious addresses with vague monetary or supply requests, delete the message and block the sender. Bishop Hoepfner, other clergy or those in Church leadership will not ask for supplies, donations or gift cards in this way. These emails are meant to bait you in to responding. We all need to remain vigilant to avoid being scammed! People attempting to manipulate and scam others surely need our prayers for conversion.

Thanks be to God; For the fruits of His creation. For the gifts to every nation. For the plowing, sowing, reaping. Silent growth while we are sleeping. **During this Planting Time.** Thank you, God, for farmers! For those people who have touched the soil. Be with farmers, Lord, and particularly the farming families in our church.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
22 Adults	\$ 1170.00
Easter	\$ 195.00
Total Collections	\$ 1365.00
CRS (Rice Bowl)	\$ 70.64
Holy Land	\$ 40.00
Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Youth Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1149.08

Thank you for your CRS Rice Bowl Donations.

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 6th St. NE, Fosston, MN 56542
May you be blessed for making giving a priority.

"Jesus is risen not because his memory remains alive in the hearts of his disciples, but because he himself lives in us, and in him we can already savor the joy of eternal life." –
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our heart-felt condolences to the families Mary Anne Kinney who passed away April 18th. There was a private family graveside service at St. Mary's cemetery. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

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.

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.

Join online Mass

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

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

Deacon Mark Krejci of the Office of Formation in Discipleship is holding a Shepherding Them Home "Prayershop" online April 27 and 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. The two-session workshop will help participants approach people, especially family members and loved ones, who have fallen away from the Catholic faith. He will share tips about discussing the faith with others, what to do if resistance is encountered and ways to pray. Participants will also develop a plan to reach out to a friend or family member during the sessions. Registration is required to attend, as well as an internet connection that allows for streaming video and audio. Register at: bit.ly/STHApril2020.

Diocese of Crookston COVID-19 Resource Page Helpful list of resources and ideas for individuals and the family. Resources include online masses, adoration, spiritual tips and ideas, prayers and updated health information. Please visit <https://www.crookston.org/covid19>