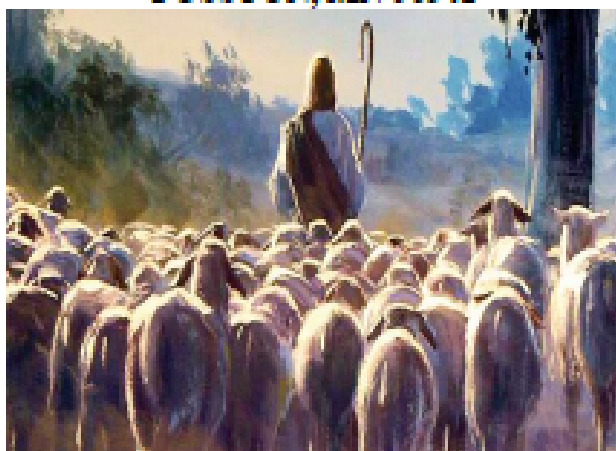


**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542**



Greetings from Fr. John:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is generally called the Good Shepherd Sunday & Vocation Sunday. In the Gospel of John, Jesus calls himself as the Good Shepherd and promises to take care of the sheep entrusted to his care. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion for us. A shepherd in those days walked ahead of the sheep seeking out a safe path. The sheep followed him, because they recognized his voice, and they trusted him. An image of Jesus as a Good Shepherd is reassuring us that he is always our support on our journey through life. When we encounter difficulties in our life's path and face serious problems, the presence of the Good Shepherd reassures us that we are not abandoned, that Jesus is supporting and holding us up. As we are facing so many difficulties and sufferings in this time, let us focus our mind & heart towards our Good Shepherd, to heal & rescue us from this sorrowful situation. Let us pray to the Lord that we may be His good sheep, listening attentively to His voice, and follow His example of self-giving love. Let us also pray for our shepherds, especially our religious and political leaders, and for increase of vocation in our diocese.
God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 2020**

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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., May 6 Mass for Betty Bingham+
Fri., May 8 Mass for Clay Hammond+
Sun., May 10 Mass for Mary Griffin+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Thur., May 7 Mass for
Earl & Pearl Madre+ & Perry Levett+
Sun., May 10 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

May 6 Shirley Paul

Anniversaries

May 4 Wayne & Dorothy Paulson

May 6 Paulette & Clyde Kringlen

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, Lucille
Dufault, Mark Randall, Jodi.

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

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

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 10, 2020
Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Peter 2:4-9,
John 14:1-12

STILL NEEDED:

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

In a Statement May 1st, 2020 from the Diocese
of Crookston, Office of Formation in
Discipleship re: Cancellation of 2020 St. John
Paul II Camp. Countless youth have had
beautiful encounters with our Lord Jesus Christ at
Saint John Paul II Camp. This camp is and will
remain a priority for the Diocese of
Crookston. Over the past few months we have all
made sacrifices we were not anticipating two or
three months ago due to the COVID-19.
Adjustments to future plans must be made.
Our greatest priority is the safety and well-being of
everyone, especially the students and staff
participating in St. John Paul II Camp. As difficult
as it is, we believe the most prudent decision is to
cancel the 2020 St. John Paul II Camp "Into the
Deep". Read the full statement
at www.crookston.org/statements.

**Haven't had a chance to tune into other
FORMED Live events?** Browse the whole library
of recordings on the FORMED Live Strip!
The SEARCH: What is this journey in between the
event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"?
The questions are there. And, the answers are too.
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.

**Stealth Euthanasia. That phrase sounds like
science fiction but guess what?** It isn't. Stealth
Euthanasia is defined as hastening death, by
neglect or intention, while pretending to provide
appropriate end-of-life care. As an example, giving
clinically unnecessary doses of opioids or
administering extreme increases in dosages of
medication is also Stealth Euthanasia. What?
Medical professionals choosing to administer
death to human beings rather than life-sustaining
care? Well, that is certainly not science fiction. In
fact, it sounds sickeningly familiar; to the tune of
60,000,000 deaths and counting. Speak LIFE to
end abortion. -a.m.opdahl-Source: Human Life
Alliance

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38) The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

SUNDAY & DAILY WORSHIP AID
books: **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.

Diocese of Crookston COVID-19 Resource Page Visit <https://www.crookston.org/covid19>

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.

Real Presence Radio is holding their annual Spring Feed My Sheep fundraising event on **May 12 - 15**. Tune in to hear amazing stories of renewal of faith, returning to and growing your faith. We will also be sharing wonderful stories about some of the incredible priests and parishes in our dioceses, hear from some of our supporters about how Real Presence Radio has made a difference in their lives and daily contests! You can support the Real Presence Radio fundraising event in two ways: Call **877-795-0122 - 7AM - 7PM CST - May 12-15**. Donate online at www.realpresencerasdio.com. Your donation supports one of the greatest resources we have to find answers about the Catholic faith.

Please keep in mind when choosing Flowers and Decorations for St. Mary's Cemeteries: All flowers and decorations not in a vase permanently attached to monuments or gravestones shall be removed after Father's Day for mowing. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood or iron cases, and similar articles on plots are not be permitted. Flowers only if vases are permanently attached to monuments or gravestones will be permitted past Father's Day. All other decorations will be removed. Watering cans or other utensils shall not be left in the cemetery.

The leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops re-consecrated the United States of America and Canada to Our Lady under the title: Mary, Mother of the Church., led by Archbishop Jose Gomez, President, USCCB last Friday, May 1st at 2p.m. Catholic United Financial led a Rosary walk from the back of St. Mary's Church to the cemetery to coincide with it.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER,
Thursday, May 7. Theme: "Pray God's Glory Across the Earth Habakkuk 2:14" Let us unite in prayer to seek God's mercy upon our nation. Pray for our three branches of government, Executive, Legislative & Judicial, for the Military and Media, for Business and Education, for the Church and for Family. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Feeding Starving People food packing event, Bagley, has been postponed to a later date.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
18 Adults	\$ 1025.00
Total Collections	\$ 1025.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 1159.08

2nd Collection May 17th, Catholic Communication/Catholic University

Due to the Covid19 virus: The local Loaves and Fishes food shelf needs are greater than ever. Please keep them on your donation list. (PO Box 152, Fosston)

Next Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day.



We were scheduled to "Honor our High School Graduates" from St. Mary's Church May 10th.

Congratulations to:

Kiana Anderson
Harlee Bingham
Carly Hemmingsen
Kyle Jacobson

Please pray for wisdom and guidance for them, and God's protection as they face temptations.

Theology of the Body Virtual Conference in your home next weekend! Many amazing speakers have been recorded and can be accessed free of charge any time between 1pm Friday, May 8, and midnight Sunday, May 10. Register at TOBVirtualConference.com. Check it out! Listen to one session or many! This is a rare opportunity to hear conference speakers of this caliber.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP:

All "public" celebrations of the Holy Mass are cancelled. Sunday remains a holy day.

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/> 8:30am & 10:30am

Join online Mass

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

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

SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNITY

PRAYER GATHERING is in Palubicki's parking lot at 6pm. Tune your radio to KKCQ 96.7FM (even if you can't come). Stay in your car to be in compliance with COVID-19 gathering restrictions. (Note: Radio program has been starting about 6:05pm.)

The Rosary is usually prayed in the church before Mass each Sunday morning during the month of May to put a stop to abortion and increase of vocations. This would be a great way to start your Sunday worship at home.

Catholic United Fund **BAKELESS BAKE SALE** letters are in the mail. Though this fundraiser for St. Mary's religious education is usually held in late fall, members voted in January to hold it just after Easter this year. Then came Covid-19. Rather than delay it any longer, it was decided to do it by mail. Please be generous so that we can earn the maximum match allowed. 100% of the funds donated and the match from Catholic United Financial are given to the parish for faith formation.