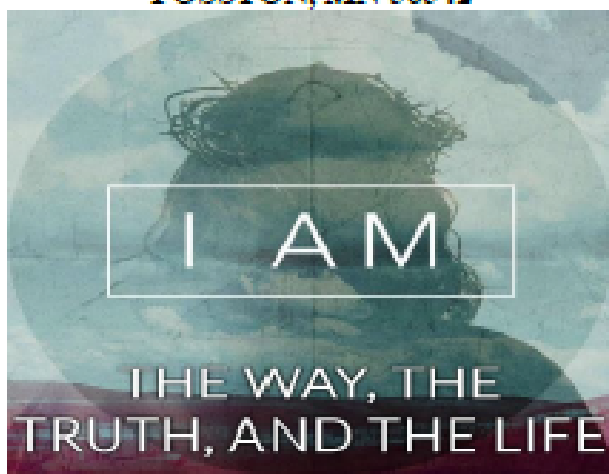


**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSON, MN 56542**



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Fifth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday readings tell us how the early Church remained as a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship and spirit of loving and humble service. In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, "Don't let your hearts be troubled". He asks them to have faith in him. Words of Jesus are very much encouraging & supportive in this time of Pandemic. I think this time of quarantine is the time of deepening our faith in God. Our hearts should focus on Jesus who is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. Jesus consoles his apostles who are sad and disheartened by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in Heaven. The Way of Jesus is the way of loving, humble and sacrificial service. We need to accept the way of Jesus by loving, humble and sacrificial service. We accept Jesus, the Truth, by learning and practicing what he taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church. We share the Divine life of God by making use of the means Jesus established in his Church.

Be safe & Stay healthy.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10th, 2020**

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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., May 13 Mass for Loretta Stucy+

Fri., May 15 Mass for Lynne Cullen+

Sun., May 17 Mass for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., May 14 Mass for Allen Theis+

Sun., May 17 Mass for Suvakeen+

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 11 Tony Maruska
May 11 LJ Wang
May 15 Audrey Schmit

Anniversaries

May 11 Edna & Bill Kaupang
May 15 Justin & Amanda Schultz

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, Bonnie Schirlinger
"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 17, 2020
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20,
1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

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

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. 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! Watch, Listen, and Learn. 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.

Have you heard of David Daleiden? He is an
undercover investigative journalist who was
attacked for exposing Planned Parenthood's
aborted baby parts trade. One of his videos,
released in September 2019, captured employees
of Planned Parenthood callously and flippantly
negotiating the price of tiny baby hearts, lungs,
livers and brains. The specifics are too gruesome
to recount. An independent forensics
investigation verified the videos were authentic
and unaltered. It begs the question Dr. Ben
Carson asked, "If it's not a human being, then
why are you harvesting organs from it?" -
a.m.opdahl -source: LifeNews.com

Theology of the Body Virtual Conference in
your home today, May 10th! Many amazing
speakers have been recorded and can be
accessed free of charge any time until midnight
today. 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.

WAY TO GO ST. MARY'S! We are just \$183.50 short of meeting our 2020 DAA goal of \$9046. Hopefully, with just 32.48 percent of parishioners participating, there are a few more who can send in a donation or pledge to DAA, Box 610, Crookston MN 56716 or contact Renee' Tate at rtate@crookston.org or toll free 1-855-397-8252. You are welcome and encouraged to send in prayer requests even if you are not donating. **THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generosity!**

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

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.realpresenceradio.com. Your donation supports one of the greatest resources we have to find answers about the Catholic faith.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7) Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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 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.

ROOF REPAIR, APRIL, 2020. The flat roof over the main entrance of the church was repaired in April by Herzog Roofing of Detroit Lakes. Besides a complete replacement of the rubber, insulation was added at the suggestion of the Diocesan Building Committee, some rotting lumber was replaced and metal was fabricated along the front. The lumber and metal fabrication had not been part of the plan so brought the price up to \$24,900. Building fund donations were used for \$900 of it and \$24,000 was withdrawn from the Catholic United Foundation annuity that was taken out with funds from the John & Faye Hedin Estate. In thanksgiving, please lift up to the Lord the souls of John, Faye and their infant son who are buried at Hansville Cemetery. May they celebrate everlasting life with Jesus!

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who wants one. Free.
Please contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836

MAY IS THE MONTH OF our Blessed VIRGIN MARY.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
19 Adults	\$ 2295.00
Total Collections	\$ 2295.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 15.00
Paschal Candles	\$ 245.90
Youth Fund Donation	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 160.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 419.08
(After roof repair paid for)	

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)
Food shelf will be open Wednesday, May 20.



"Honoring our High School Graduates" at St. Mary's Church today, May 10th, 11am-12pm. With a drive-by in the church parking lot. Please stay in your cars. Baskets available for cards etc. 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.

*Happy Mother's Day.
Thank you for the gift of life.*

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP:

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

For contact information go to www.crookston.org/covid19.

Minnesota bishops are working collaboratively with government and public health officials to prepare a phased approach with safety parameters for when we can return to the public celebration of Mass.

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 and has been extended through May. 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.

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.