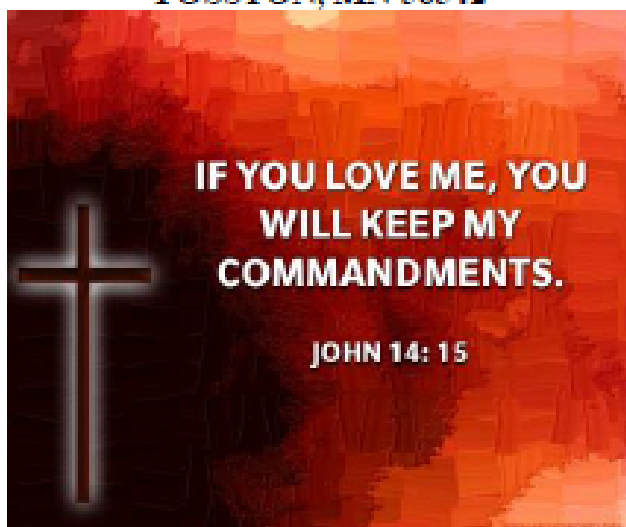


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the sixth Sunday of Easter. The readings of this Sunday invite us to follow the Commandments of Jesus to realize His continued presence in our lives. As Jesus is about to leave the world and return to his Father, he promises to send us the Holy Spirit. He also assures us that he will not leave us orphaned but his spirit will be with the church till the end of time. As he prepares his disciples for his Ascension, he tells them that even afterwards he will remain with them. He explains that if they truly love him, they will keep his commandments. We note here Jesus stresses on the important word, 'My Commandments'. To put in very simple terms, his commandments are to love God with all our heart and our soul, our mind and our strength and to love others as we love ourselves. Jesus showed this love in practice as he died on the cross praying for his enemies and forgiving all. In this time, this love includes to deepen our faith and help make the lives of others and our life healthy and safe. Let us continue to pray for the healing all over the world.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17th, 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 20 Mass for Madelyn Hoffman+

Fri., May 22 Mass for Dave Holzer+

Sun., May 24 Mass for
Delphine Grembowski+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., May 19 Mass for Franklyn Renner+

Thur., May 21 Mass for Lillian Haider+

Sun., May 24 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 21

Dorothy Paulson

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, 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 24, 2020
Acts 1:12-24, Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, 1 Peter 4: 13-16,
John 17: 1-11

**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.

What do you seek? What is that deep longing
in your heart all about? Series "The search
begins" is the kerygmatic program introducing
people to Jesus Christ and his Church through an
innovative video series that tackles the key
questions of every human heart. Join Chris
Stefanick and experts from the fields of science,
medicine, psychology, art, and religion in seven
powerful episodes. 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 been confronted with a devastating
prenatal test? Fear can attack like an unwanted
invader, raiding hopes and dreams. You want to
deny the prognosis, erase it. You would never
have considered it before—but is abortion a
solution? What if the prenatal prognosis is
wrong? It could be. Many are. But if it isn't,
Prenatal Partners for Life offers life-affirming
support for families facing challenging outcomes
for their babies. Providing care during pregnancy
and on into their baby's childhood; they work to
replace inevitabilities with possibilities while
supplanting fear with love. -a.m.opdahl -
Source: Human Life Alliance

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>

The Fertile Journal Newspaper has a wonderful article about one of St. Mary's long-standing parishioners', Charles Agnes. Teacher in Fertile for about 30 years, also principal there for a few years, and principal for three years at St. Phillip's in Bemidji. He also helped with Summer VBS for several Catholic Churches. Thank you, Chuck, for your dedication to children.

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."
(1 Peter 3:17) The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured; God has a better plan in store for you.

St. John I, Pope & Martyr. Feastday: May 18th. Death: 526. Elected Pope upon the death of Pope Hormisdas in 523. Theodoric the Goth, emperor of Italy, sent John to talk to emperor Justin I in Constantinople, requesting he stop persecuting Arians. Theodoric was not satisfied with the outcome so he imprisoned the pope who died soon after. St. John I is buried in St. Peter's with the epitaph "victim for Christ."

YOU ARE INVITED! Jesus has given you an open invitation to spend time with Him on Wednesdays between noon and 8pm for Eucharistic adoration. Make an appointment with the Divine Physician. You need tell no one but Him what time you will be there or how long you will stay. Just keep your appointment, whether it be for preventative well-being or curative, or just because He invites you.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Cori Keefe of St. Joseph, Bagley, is a pharmacist at Wal-Mart in Bemidji. Keefe is grateful for the peace she finds in the Catholic faith, particularly in her devotion to the Blessed Mother. "I have found myself leaning on Jesus and Mary to get me through this time of the pandemic and all of its unknowns. Even simple prayers throughout the day begging for their help have gotten me through this time," she said. Read the full article in the eOND May 13th.

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who wants one. Free.

Please contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836
Thank you, Dorothy and Lynn, for keeping this ministry thriving.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
33 Adults	\$ 2495.00
Total Collections	\$ 2495.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 10.00
Votive Candles	\$ 94.75
Catholic Communications	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 80.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 499.08
(Roof repairs paid for)	

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".
Thank you to everyone who came to honor the graduates. Big Thank you to Lori Balstad for coordinating this and to her family for helping her set it all up.
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.

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 KKCC 96.7FM (even if you can't come). Stay in your car to be in compliance with COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

Tonight, May 17th, enjoy the Baccalaureate for the graduates with the Sunday gathering.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF our Blessed VIRGIN MARY.

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 FINANCIAL of St. Mary's is overwhelmed by your generosity! Thank you so, so much for contributing to our Bakeless Bake Sale. If you didn't get around to sending in your donation, it's not too late. Send to St. Mary's or to Jan Hemmingsen at 39022 335th Ave. SE, Fosston, MN 56542. All contributions and the match are used for faith formation here at St. Mary's. The total received is \$1,205.00

For the young or the young at heart:
LIVE IN CONCERT: The Scally Brothers, a young Catholic band that teens will enjoy. Sat. May 23, 7:30pm. Go to [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THE SCALLY BROTHERS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THE_SCALLY_BROTHERS). Look them up on youtube beforehand to discover their talent.