

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus. Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power. This Sunday gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completed his mission on earth and he entrusted to his disciples the mission of preaching and teaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their lives. The ascended Jesus is still with us through the indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."* Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' glory. It is in his Ascension that we see him entering fully into the life and glory of God. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

The Ascension of the Lord

May 24th, 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 27 Mass for

Mark & Merideth Hollcraft Family

Fri., May 29 Mass for Emma Sannes

Sun., May 31 8:30 AM Mass for the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Thur., May 28 Mass for David Uhl+

Sun., May 31 10:30 AM Mass

for Harry Kortan+

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 25 Tennis Balstad
May 31 Nina Palubicki

Anniversaries

May 27 Dave & Rosemarie Brinkman

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, Tom Sedler, Ava Lamb-Lopez, Bruce
Donnell, Laura Stark, Bethany Andersen, Eunice
Reinbold, Grandma Dorothy, Ernie Agnes Jr.,
Nancy Silver, Clara Mae, 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 31, 2020
Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

STILL NEEDED:

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

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak
as they dive into the Catholic translation
of the EVS Bible, as seen in the Augustine
Bible. 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.

"I am here as a woman who believes that
female empowerment, equality, and freedom
are not determined by her ability to terminate
her child," said Allie Stuckey, of the
Conservative Political Pundit, at a recent hearing
on "reproductive rights"—a term used for
abortion. "I'm here as an American, afraid for the
fate of a country who no longer considers the
right to life a prerequisite to liberty, or the pursuit
of happiness. I'm here as a human being,
horrified by the violence, the oppression, and the
marginalization of a defenseless people group,
based solely on where they reside." -
a.m.opdahl -source: liveaction.org

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>

"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs. Feast day May 21.

Born in Mexico to a farming family, he entered the seminary at age 19. He worked with the poor and indigenous people, founding schools, and catechism centers. In the 1920s when the anti-Catholic Mexican government closed all seminaries, he made several unsuccessful attempts to start a new one. On May 21, 1927, while on his way to say Mass, he was arrested on the false charge of promoting armed rebellion and executed.

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.

The opportunities of Stewardship are endless it seems. What to give, to whom to give and when is often challenging. *"To whom much has been given, much will be expected."* (paraphrase of Luke 12:48) Looking ahead to the Father's Day Collection scheduled for June 21, 2020. This collection provides for the medical expenses and insurance coverage for our retired priests. Please plan your gift.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is offering a monthly online support group for all victim/survivors of clergy sexual abuse, or any sexual abuse. These monthly meetings will be held via Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. The Archdiocese has an account with Zoom and makes it safe. Once everyone is in the meeting, it is secured so no one else has access to it. If you are interested, please email Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention at kaempfferp@archspm.org. She will send you a link for the meeting with the password. Circle rules will be used so there is an order where one person speaks at a time. What is said in the group, stays in the group. Participants have the option to attend and listen. All victim/survivors are welcome, even those residing outside the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. Please contact Paula with questions or concerns. In addition to email, she can be reached at 651-291-4429. Please know you are valued and are dear to us! The Diocese of Crookston Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at: 218-281-7895.

Memorial Day, (Last Monday in May) honoring the men and women who died while serving the U.S. military.

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a safe Memorial Day weekend.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2429.00
Last Week's Collections:	
23 Adults	\$ 1245.00
Total Collections	\$ 1245.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 499.08

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)

"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.

May 15th, 2020. Recognizing the spiritual impact the COVID-19 crisis is having on the people of Minnesota and the resulting psychological consequences, the Bishops of Minnesota have developed protocols to be taken for limited religious services in church buildings. Minnesota Bishops believe it is possible to provide public Masses in a safe way. For the full letter from the Bishop and Protocols please go to the Website: stmarysfosston.org. Outside Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston, will be offered May 31st at 8:30 AM.

Please bring your own chair. OR stay in your car if you choose.

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

Please contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836

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.

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 \$1,225.00

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.