

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



**Greetings from Deacon Aaron Kaiser:**

Baptism is our birth as Christians. Baptism provides us with a faith identity, welcomes us into a community of believers, and incorporates us into the family of Jesus. Just as it was necessary for Jesus to be baptized by John, Christian parents need the warmth and support of a caring faith community emphasizing the importance of infant baptism. Once we are baptized, our lives become Christ focused and the true Christian spirit is more diffused into the world. In John's first letter children of God see the commandments not as a heavy burden, but as a way to "conquer the world". As disciples of Christ, we are to strive for purity in our relationships and have complete dedication to our faith. As baptized missionary Disciples of Christ we too can give public and private witness of the joy, peace and assurance enjoyed from Jesus' constant presence in word and sacrament.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

## The Baptism of the Lord January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**Youth Group Leader:** Savannah Conger  
**Pastoral Council Chair:** Dennis Sanden  
**Trustees:** Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham  
**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**  
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895  
24-hour confidential number

**Confession 8 AM before Sunday Mass**

**St. Mary's Mass with Intentions**

**Wednesday:** Adoration Noon – 8 PM  
**Sun., Jan. 17** 8:30 AM Mass  
For the Parishes

**St. Joseph's, Baglev, Mass & Intentions**

**Tuesdays** Adoration Noon – 5 pm  
**Sun., Jan. 17** 10:30 AM Mass  
Earl & Pearl Madre+ & Perry Levet+

**PreK-6th grade Sunday School will resume in-person on Sunday, January 24th. There will not be Sunday School classes today (January 10th).**

**Lectors:**

January 10: Lori Balstad  
January 17: Michele Schoenborn  
January 24: Nina Bingham  
January 31: Jan Hemmingsen

### Birthdays

Jan 12 Sue Vennes  
Jan 12 Debbie Illies  
Jan 15 Theresa Zitzow  
Jan 16 Carol Broadwell  
Jan 17 Jan Hemmingsen

### 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.

*Prayer List Policy:* Names from outside our Parish will be removed from the list after one month. Additional months may be requested as needed or desired.

### PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Richard Parent, Bruce Donnell, Lucille Dufault, Mark Randall, Peggy Desizlets,(10/28) Lynn Vennes,(12/6), Jodi Nelson

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

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available.  
Please contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836

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, Jan. 17, 2021  
1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19, Psalm 40: 2,4,7-10, 1  
Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20, John 1:35-42

For Men who are interested in becoming a Deacon: Formation begins in January of 2022. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Deacon Mark at [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org).

Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and Men "Project Rachel" is offered from the Diocese of Crookston. The confidential phoneline is 218-470-0112.

STUDENTS Grade 7-12: National Right to Life's 2021 Pro-Life Essay Contest Dec. 20 – Jan. 21. Enter your 300-500 essay on "Why you are pro-life" Prizes: \$100-\$200. More info at [nrlc.org/students/essaycontest](http://nrlc.org/students/essaycontest). Also, MCCL invites your video for their pro-life oratory contest. Go to [MCCL.org/youthcontests](http://MCCL.org/youthcontests)

### Diocese of Crookston Summer Camp

Announcements. The Office of Formation in Discipleship is excited to announce that we are moving forward with plans to hold two summer camps this year at Oak Hills College in Bemidji, Minnesota. The (new) Saint Teresa of Calcutta Camp for youth who are entering grades 9 and 10 will take place June 20-24. The theme for this camp is EXTRAordinary. Registration opens January 26 at 9:00 AM at:

[www.crookston.org/toccamp](http://www.crookston.org/toccamp).

The Saint John Paul 2 Camp will be from July 18-22, 2021. The theme is "Into the Deep". Open to youth entering grades 7 & 8 only. Registration opens Tuesday, February 2 at 9:00 AM at:

[www.crookston.org/jp2camp](http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp)

Looking for Service, Staff and Leadership Team Members for this summer's camps. If you know of any exceptional juniors, seniors, or college students from your parish that you would recommend for service team, staff, or to be a part of leadership for the upcoming St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul 2 Camps, please share those names and contact emails with Bob Noel. Applications open on the same dates as participant registration opens for each camp.

First Link Suicide Prevention is available to anyone 24/7/365 for listening and support, referrals to resources/help, and crisis intervention. FirstLink answers the 211 helpline, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and communicates via the text line 898-211. Dial 2-1-1 or text your zipcode to 898-211 from anywhere in our service area <https://myfirstlink.org/> National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

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**Catholics at the Capitol** – “On Mission for Life and Dignity” April 15, 2021. Speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials. “CatCap” will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers. For information visit <https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org>

**On formed.org:** New live show every Tuesday at 7PM EST featuring Dr. Tim Grey discussing topics relating to Catholic life style.

Also, *The Father of Modern Genetics*. This beautiful documentary tells the story of Gregor Mendel, a scientist, Catholic priest, and scholar renowned as the founder of genetics.

Go to [formed.org/signup](https://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](https://formed.org/faithathome) with friends and family not yet on FORMED to get them started with a complimentary subscription.

**Guidelines for activities and events**, protecting ourselves from COVID-19 while indoors. Changes announced by Gov. Walz starting Nov. 27th affect only receptions, celebrations, parties or gatherings held at the church and not the capacity of religious services. The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols found at [stmarysfosston.org](http://stmarysfosston.org) or [www.crookston.org/statments](http://www.crookston.org/statments). Stay Safe.

**US Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children— January 22nd —**

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother’s womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

“Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court’s result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the Roe v. Wade decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion “is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be.” Nowhere do the plain words of the Constitution even hint at a “right” so sweeping as to permit abortion up to the time the child is ready to be born. Yet that is what the Court ruled. As an act of “raw judicial power” (to use Justice White’s biting phrase), the decision by the seven-man majority in Roe v. Wade has so far been made to stick. But the Court’s decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, Roe v. Wade has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation.” – President Ronald Reagan, in his book *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation* (1983).

**March for Life:** Sat., Jan. 23, 2021:

Bagley, 9:30 a.m. from the Clearwater County Courthouse to St. Joseph’s Church with speaker & refreshments to follow.

Bemidji, 10 a.m. from St. Philip’s Church.

Crookston, 1:30 p.m. from Central Park with

City Police escort. Bring signs! Show your

support for the respect of all human life. In

2020, over 42.6 million babies were aborted

worldwide. Less than 2 million people

worldwide died from the coronavirus. Abortion

is the leading cause of death in the United

States.

Dear Lord, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power.

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
23 Adults	\$ 2125.00
Youth	.00
Loose	\$ 30.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2155.00</b>
New Year Day	\$ 10.00
Votive Candles	\$ 54.01
CUF Basketless Appeal	\$ 1740.00
CUF MinisTree 2020	\$ 250.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 100.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4232.97</b>

Masses at St. Mary's are held in the church sanctuary with overflow seating in the social hall. We have plenty of space for all to worship while being spaced apart from other households. Please come, wear masks (if over 5 and not medically challenged), use touch-free hand sanitizer located by each door and keep yourself socially distanced.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains indefinitely suspended in our Diocese and the rest of the MN dioceses. If you cannot be with us for Sunday Mass, please find a way to keep Sundays holy. You can join Mass on TV or at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

In case of emergency while Fr. John is gone. Please call:

**Deacon Aaron Kaiser at 218-280-4707**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Jan. 17th, for the Church in Africa.** Envelopes provided by each of the entrances of the church.

**MCCL Chapter 45 meets Jan. 12, 7pm at Trinity Church, 27262 315<sup>th</sup> St. SE, McIntosh**

**Rosary for Life: Sunday, Jan. 17, 8:10 AM**

Come early for Sunday Mass and participate in praying the rosary for an end to abortion and that all human life be respected and revered from conception until natural death.

There are "Blue paper" Rosary guides by each entrance of the church & extra Rosaries.

Thank you, St. Mary's Kids!,

for your participation in the Reverse Advent Calendar service project last month. Together, we donated 188 pounds of food and \$25.01 to the Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf! The food shelf sent a letter of appreciation for our efforts and said our donation will bless many people in the weeks to come. As it says in Proverbs 22:9, the generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

**THANK YOU ST. MARY'S!** During 2020, you turned in Palubicki's grocery receipts totalling \$30,375.78, which were turned over to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Chapter No. 45 to earn a one percent rebate from Palubicki's Family Market. MCCL Chapter No. 45 extends its appreciation to you and to Palubicki's for this support. You are most welcome to join the local group to work toward a day when it is unthinkable to destroy or abuse a precious human life. The next meeting is Jan. 12 at 7pm at \_\_\_\_

**Catholic United Financial (CUF) MinisTree:** As you take note of the financial receipts deposited this past week, focus your attention on the great contribution CUF has made to our parish. Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to share with CUF your deeds of charity and kindness to earn \$5 for the parish. Just drop a note in the collection basket or email to the parish your deed, your name, address and phone number. It can be a donation you have made to a charity, a gift or deed for a neighbor, a task for the parish that is out of the ordinary (not usher, lector, etc.). Together we can earn the max of \$250 for the first half of 2021!

**Stewardship Envelopes:** Apologies from Our Sunday Visitor, our supplier of stewardship envelopes, that you did not receive your envelopes before Jan. 1. They say the postal service has been behind in getting mail delivered due to the holidays and the pandemic (shortage of workers). If you write a check or place your donation in a plain envelope with your name, your donation will be recorded as usual. Thank you so much for your faithful contributions.