

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

We are in the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This week we begin the graceful season of Lent. Let us be united with Jesus and journey with Him in the Way of the Cross, accepting our own sufferings and pains in our lives. In the Gospel we have the healing of the leper by Jesus. The leper comes to Jesus with a request to be healed and Jesus has pity on the person and touches him and heals him. Perhaps he might have heard about the healing power of Jesus. He simply comes to Jesus and makes a request with the words: "If you want, you can heal me." This is a bold move on the part of the leper, given the seriousness of the disease and the problem of uncleanness. He comes with confidence to Jesus and places his trust in him with the sure hope that Jesus is capable of healing him and he could rejoin the society. Here we have one of the most revealing pictures of Jesus, his kindness, compassion and humane attitude. This is the right time for us to turn back to Jesus and ask his healing. Let us come to Jesus with complete trust & confidence to enjoy his healing, his kindness & his compassion.

**God Bless You! Have a Good Week.**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**R.E. Coordinators:** PreK-6: Amanda Wiener & Valarie Holzer  
**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**  
**During Lent Wednesdays 12-1 PM**

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

**Wednesday:** Adoration Noon – 6:15 PM  
**Wed., Feb. 17** 7 pm Mass, Ash Wednesday  
Paul Kalinoski+  
**Fri., Feb. 19** 8:30am Mass  
Orville Pederson+  
**Sun., Feb. 21** 8:30 AM Mass  
Annammal & Suvakeen+

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

**Tuesdays** Adoration Noon – 5 pm  
**Tues., Feb. 16** 5 pm Mass  
Franklyn Renner+  
**Wed., Feb. 17** 5 pm Mass, Ash Wednesday  
Allen Theis+  
**Thur., Feb. 18** 11:30 am Mass  
Margie Galli+  
**Sun., Feb. 21** 10:30 AM Mass  
For the Parishes

### Birthdays

Feb 17

Linda Hand

### 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, Jodi Nelson, Brady Jones, John Blaser (27) Betty Hogan, Jinny Jones(214)  
*"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 Ash Wednesday, Feb 17

Joel 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14,17, 2  
Corinthians 5:20-6:2

The readings for next Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 1 Peter  
3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15

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

**First Link Suicide Prevention:** Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 from anywhere in our service area <https://myfirstlink.org/>

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**  
<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class after Sunday Mass  
9:45-10:45 AM Feb. 21 and 28.

Savannah Conger leads Youth group, Grades 7-12 Wed., Feb. 24 from 6-8 PM. Contact Savannah at 218-556-9286 or [savannah.kaiser12@gmail.com](mailto:savannah.kaiser12@gmail.com)

For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or at [amandawiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandawiener@hotmail.com)

**The Students will be ministering at Mass one Sunday of each month. (Feb. 28) We welcome their help.**

**You're always welcome to join Religious Education, any time.**

Upcoming **Together in Spirit** online events for Middle School and High School:

March 3: Katie Prejean MS & HS

March 17: Jonathan Roumie MS & HS

**Diocese of Crookston Summer Camp.** At Oak Hills College in Bemidji. **The St. Teresa of Calcutta Camp** for youth who are entering grades 9 and 10 will be June 20-24. The theme for this camp is EXTRAordinary. Registration opened at: [www.crookston.org/toccamp](http://www.crookston.org/toccamp).

**The St. 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 at: [www.crookston.org/jp2camp](http://www.crookston.org/jp2camp)

**Looking for Service, Staff and Leadership Team Members for Diocese of Crookston Summer Camps.** To be a part of leadership for the upcoming Camps, please share those names of young people and contact emails with Bob Noel.

**Estovir! Be a man! July 7-9, 2021,** at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston. A chance for Catholic guys, 18 years+, to hang out, Pray, Plan and Discuss. **Free.** Register: [crookston.org/estovir](http://crookston.org/estovir)  
Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877  
[mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net](mailto:mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net)

**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!

For information visit  
<https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org>

**On formed.org:** Bakhita: Film on the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, a kidnapped slave turned Catholic Saint. Feast day Feb. 8. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup). "Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password needed. Be an evangelist and share the link with friends and family not yet on FORMED to get them started with a complimentary subscription.

**This Lent**, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on [formed.org/lent](https://formed.org/lent)

**WAKE CATHOLICS to the awesome power, the incredible gift that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!** 10 episodes with Scott Hahn will uncover how and why all God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Sign up at <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass>.

The "Living the Word" Bible study is a four-session reflection on how the Gospels call us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. An initial study was offered during Advent and now, in time for Lent, a new series will be freely available for anyone in the Diocese of Crookston located on the Diocesan Web page (beginning February 17th look under the "Discipleship" tab). You are encouraged to either form a study group or work through the four sessions on your own. In case you do not have a group but wish to join one, Deacon Aaron Kaiser and Deacon Mark Krejci will offer a zoom Bible Study on two different nights during Lent. Deacon Mark's Living the Word group will meet on Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 on March 1, 8, 15 & 22 and Deacon Aaron's will meet on Wednesday nights 7:00-8:00 on March. To join one of these groups please email Deacon Aaron at [akaiser@crookston.org](mailto:akaiser@crookston.org).

**Men of the Diocese of Crookston** Are you being called to be a Deacon? If you wish to explore a vocation as a Permanent Deacon, the next formation group will begin in the Fall of 2021. The Diocese will be holding two more Discerning the Diaconate zoom sessions for men who want to find out more about diaconate discernment and ministry. Each session will be an opportunity for men, and their wives if married, to hear from deacons, wives of deacons, and the Director of Formation (Dcn. Mark Krejci) about the ministry of the deacon and the formation program. **They will be held via zoom on: Saturday February 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday April 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** If you wish to join one of these sessions, or if you have any questions about the diaconate, email Dcn. Mark at [mkrejci@crookston.org](mailto:mkrejci@crookston.org). You are also strongly encouraged to talk with your pastor as well as deacons you may already know.

**Guidelines for activities and events**, during COVID-19 while indoors: Protocols can be found at [www.crookston.org/statements](http://www.crookston.org/statements). or [stmarysfosston.org](http://stmarysfosston.org)

**Join Matthew Kelly at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)** for a free daily reflection based on his book, "I Heard God Laugh" and start feeding your soul like never before. There are still a few books left from the December give-away. *"It's not what you give up for lent, it's who you become."*

**I am seven. Seven weeks old.** I have been busy. I am now 10,000 times bigger than when I was conceived. My legs are finding their legs; stretching out from my body which is now about as big as a cucumber seed. My brain is forming five separate vesicles—(what are those, Mom and Dad?)—and my kidneys are starting to filter toxins. The hollows where my eyes and nose will grow are forming. Who will my eyes remind you of? Mommy? Daddy? Will I get to see you soon?

*-a.m.opdahl*

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
27 Adults	\$ 1045.00
Youth	0.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1045.00</b>
Capital Improvement	\$ 355.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5082.97</b>

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) Last year our diocese was unable to reach the overall goal. But even facing the obstacles that we did, with people absent from the pews, cautious, facing job losses and on the tail of a very tough season for our farmers, the faithful in the Diocese of Crookston made contributions of an outstanding 95% of the 2020 DAA goal. Thank you and please be generous once again. (St. Mary's parish's individual goal is \$8,723.00) For more information about how your gifts are used go to [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA). And do not forget to share your prayer requests! Where there is faith, there is hope!

#### Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

February 14: Jan Hemmingsen  
February 21: Margarette Rue  
February 28: Lori Balstad  
February 17: Kathryn Ziermeier (Ash Wednesday)  
February 24: Nina Bingham

**CRS RICE BOWL** "Lord, may we love as one human family". CRS Rice Bowl is our tool to do just this. To give us the opportunity to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through our prayer, fasting and alms giving. Make your Lenten practice this year one of mercy. Visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org). Your Rice Bowl is included with you bulletin as a reminder. Check out the meatless recipes inside of the "Bowl".

**Feb. 17, Ash Wed., Collection for Eastern Europe**

**Feb. 21 Collection for Black & Indian Missions**

### Lent starts Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary's Mass will be 7 PM. Bring your old Palms before then to be burned. Place them in the box provided by the Church entrance.

On Ash Wed., when you come up for ashes, please draw a prayer card from the basket and pray for one another during Lent.

#### Wed. Feb. 24, 6:30 PM. After Stations.

Deacon Aaron Kaiser will talk on "Going Forth as Disciples"

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>

#### **Remember the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.**

In past years donations received from our SoupSupper would be donated to the Food Shelf. In March the Food Shelf receives some matching funds so your donation will mean more. Monetary donations may be put in the Sunday collection basket marked for the food shelf or mailed directly to Loaves and Fishes at PO Box 152, Fosston, MN 56542

#### **Minnesota Citizens Concerned For Life**

(MCCL) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7pm at Mt. Carmel Church in McIntosh. To join the local chapter, please come to the meeting or contact Eileen Hegg at [eileenh@gvtel.com](mailto:eileenh@gvtel.com) or 563-3152.

**Confession During Lent: Every Wednesday we have confession offered 12Noon-1 PM Every Sunday Confession is offered before Mass at 8 AM**