

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

After having very severe cold weather for few weeks, I hope everybody is enjoying the sunshine now. Slowly things are getting better and coming back to normal. As your Pastor, I would like to see you all back to our church. We have plenty of space for everybody. We need Jesus more than anything else in our life. We are in the Second Sunday of Lent. The first reading explains how Abraham's faith in God's mercy and power and his strong obedience to God's order to sacrifice his only son of his old age, transformed the life of Abraham. This made him the supreme model of Faith. In today's Gospel, the primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration is to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and to ascertain the plan for His suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make the disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they may discard their worldly ambitions. Through Transfiguration of Jesus, God invites us to listen to Jesus and with humble obedience God wants us to follow his words. Let us make a resolution to listen & follow the words of Jesus during this Lent.

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

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 28, 2021**

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**PARISH STAFF:**

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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 – 5 PM  
**Wed., Mar. 3** 5:30 pm Mass  
Dave Holzer+  
**Sun., Mar. 7** 8:30 AM Mass  
Bernice Fesko Family

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

**Tuesdays** Adoration Noon – 6 pm  
**Wed., Mar. 3** 6:30 pm Mass  
Frank & Minnie Shereck+  
**Thur., Mar. 4** 11:30 am Mass  
Margie Galli+  
**Fri., Mar. 5** 5:30am First Friday Mass  
Perry Kortan+  
**Sun., Mar. 7** 10:30 AM Mass  
For the Parishes

**Wed., March 3, 6pm Stations of the Cross led by the Finance Council after 5:30pm Mass**

### Birthdays

March 4 Dorothy Killian  
March 5 Pat Jackson  
March 6 Karen Dyrdaahl

### 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, Brady Jones, John Blaser, Betty  
Hogan, Ginny Jones (2/14), Vicki Anderson, Eddie  
Ziermeier (2/17), Lawrence Stassen (2/23), Louise  
Cullen, Karen Mielke (2/25)

*"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, Mar. 7, 2021

Exodus 20:1-17, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, 1 Corinthians  
1:22-25, John 2:13-25

**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/>

**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  
smarysfosston.org

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class after Sunday Mass  
9:45-10:45 AM Feb. 28 and March 7.

Savannah Conger leads Youth group, Grades  
7-12 Wed., March 3 & March 17 from 6-8 PM.  
March 31 is free movie night at Fosston Theater  
Contact Savannah at 218-556-9286 or  
savannah.kaiser12@gmail.com

For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187 or  
at amandawiener@hotmail.com

**The Students will be ministering at Mass today  
and March 7. We welcome their help.**

**You're always welcome to join Religious  
Education anytime.**

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

March 3: Katie Prejean MS & HS

March 17: Jonathan Rounie 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

**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](https://formed.org):** Watch the movie, St. Peter or listen to a discussion of Mother Teresa's book, "I Thirst." Many offerings for lent on [formed.org](https://formed.org) 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.

**10 episodes with Scott Hahn on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.** Limited free availability. 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. It is freely available on the Diocesan Web page under the "Discipleship" tab. Form a study group or work through on your own. If you wish to join a group, Deacon Aaron and Deacon Mark are on zoom Bible Study. 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 in 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 Discerning the Diaconate zoom session for men who want to find out more about diaconate discernment and ministry. This 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. **It will be held via zoom on: Monday April 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** If you wish to join the session, 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.

#### **U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS SAY ACT NOW!!**

The Senate may vote the week of March 1 on the new Covid relief bill, the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is communicating to Congress its strong opposition to any taxpayer funding of abortion as part of this legislation, saying that the Hyde Amendment policy must be included before this bill moves forward. **Your voice is critically needed today** to tell your representatives in Congress to support amendments that prevent abortion funding and to work for their inclusion in the final bill.

**ALSO, The Equality Act** discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life. **Tell your elected officials to oppose it!** Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a "public" place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs. Contact your legislators.

**[www.votervoice.net/usccb/campaigns/80967/respond](https://www.votervoice.net/usccb/campaigns/80967/respond)**

**The Year of St. Joseph** "There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard." *St. Thomas Aquinas*

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
38 Adults	\$ 2182.00
3 Youth	13.00
Loose	\$ 60.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2255.00</b>
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 75.00
Central & East Europe	\$ 85.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 0.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6162.97</b>

For those of you who have made a gift to the 2021 DAA – Thank you! For those who are still discerning, it is not too late. Go to [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa) to learn more about diocesan ministries. You can always make a gift online on our web page. Your prayer requests are precious even if you are not able to give to the DAA. Please pick up a prayer request form and DAA envelope at your parish to send them in. (St. Mary's parish's individual goal is \$8,723.00) **Where there is faith, there is hope!**

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

Sunday, February 28: Emily, Jesse, Faith  
Sunday, March 7 Genevive, Chloe, Grace  
Sunday, March 14 Michele Schoenborn  
Sunday, March 21 Jan Hemmingsen  
Sunday, March 28 Margarette Rue  
Wednesday, March 3 Kathryn Ziermeier  
Wednesday, March 10 Lori Balstad  
Wednesday, March 17 Jan Hemmingsen  
Wednesday, March 24 Kathryn Ziermeier

**CRS RICE BOWL** "Lord, may we love as one human family". CRS Rice Bowl is our tool to do just this. Visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org). The Rice Bowl is by the entrance of the church if you missed them.

**PEACE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN-FREE-Online-March 12-14 with 50 presenters**  
[info@virtualcatholicconference.com](mailto:info@virtualcatholicconference.com)

**Confession During Lent offered Every Wednesday from 12Noon-1 PM and Every Sunday before Mass at 8 AM**

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>

#### **The Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf**

In past years donations received from our Soup Supper 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

**Mass will be at St. Mary's at 5:30 PM Wednesdays of Lent, through March 24. There will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM. March 3 Stations led by Finance Council March 10 Stations led by Pastoral Council March 17 Stations led by the Youth Group March 24 Stations led by the Guild**

**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED:** Please take an extra prayer card located at the entrances so that every household of this parish is prayed for during Lent.

**Our sincere sympathy to the Mark & Jackie Randall Family on the loss of Jackie's twin sister, Jodi Nelson and to Ernie & Florence Nesvold on the loss of their nephew, Loren Nesvold. May Jodi, Loren and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**