

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Third Sunday of Lent. This Sunday we have another youth Mass. Our St. Mary's Kids are so excited. Please come and see our youth activities. They have a great message for us all. I invite you all to come for Sunday Masses. Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time for cleaning out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by following the Ten Commandments. God wants that we should keep our parish Church holy and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance, and holy by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives. Today's Gospel gives us an account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple. Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

Finance Council meeting Mar. 11 at 6PM

Third Sunday of Lent
March 7th, 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 – 5 PM

Wed., Mar. 10 5:30 pm Mass

Cecelia Finseth+

Fri., Mar. 12 8:30 AM Mass

Betty Bingham+

Sun., Mar. 14 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Wed., Mar. 10 6:30 pm Mass

Earl & Pearl Madre & Perry Levett+

Thur., Mar. 11 11:30 am Mass

Anna & Jim Drlina+

Sun., Mar. 14 10:30 AM Mass

Jim Vorderbruggen+

**Wed., March 10, 6pm Stations of the Cross led
by the Pastoral Council after 5:30pm Mass**

Birthdays

March 8 Sue DeFrang

Anniversaries

March 8 Gene & Clara Manecke

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), Eddie Ziermeier (2/17),
Carly Hemmingsen, Doris Thyen (3/7)
"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. 14, 2021

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,
6, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

**Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and
Men "Project Rachel"** is offered from the Diocese
of Crookston. The confidential phonenumber 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. or
stmarysfosston.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class after Sunday Mass

9:45-10:45 AM March 7, April 25

Savannah Conger leads Youth group, Grades
7-12 Wed., 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.
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 17: Jonathan Roumie MS & HS

Recognizing & Responding to Teen Distress
Laura Lewis, MA, LPCC-S March 30, 2021 7:00
PM – 8:00 PM

**Addressing the Elephant in the Room: What
Parents Should Know About Pornography**
Brandon Clark – Covenant Eyes Monday, April
12 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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/tocamp.

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 (filling up quickly)

**Looking for Service, Staff and Leadership Team
Members for Diocese of Crookston Summer
Camps.** Contact 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
Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877
mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net

Catholics at the Capitol – April 15, 2021.
Speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! join Catholics from across Minnesota for Catholics at the Capitol. For those who've not attended before, it is a day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul.
For information visit
<https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org>
Reflections for Lent with Fulton Sheen in 2-minute emails available free at www.fultonsheen.institute.

On formed.org: "The Case for Jesus," The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ. Many Lenten enrichment offerings. Go to 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>.

"Living the Word" Bible study online with Deacon Aaron Wednesdays or Deacon Mark on Mondays in March from 7 - 8pm. Email Deacon Aaron at akaiser@crookston.org.

MEN: Become a Deacon! Learn from Director of Formation Deacon Mark Krejci on zoom April 5 from 6:30-8:30pm
Email mkrejci@crookston.org.

U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS SAY ACT NOW! Please be informed of what is happening in government. Action is made easy by signing up for email alerts.
Go to www.voterveice.net/usccb/campaigns.

The Year of St. Joseph St. Joseph can be called the "Savior of the Savior" because he saved Jesus from the wicked intentions of Herod by taking Jesus to Egypt. *"To him (St. Joseph) was entrusted the Divine Child when Herod loosed his assassins against him."* Pope Pius XI
Consecration to St. Joseph: You can get this information from the Diocese of Crookston at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>

Stewardship Bits: "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4
How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

SPEAK LIFE! The local MCCL chapter is working with Alison Opdahl, author, to roll out Speak Life snippets based on the growth of new life in the womb. This week of March 7, it will be in church bulletins, several area newspapers and on three radio stations. It will also be posted on the rjbroadcasting.com website. The voice you hear will be that of Alison's daughter, Dinah. MCCL would appreciate feedback from those who hear or see it. The next MCCL meeting is March 18. Watch for details.
SPEAK LIFE 2021 #1 I am six. Six weeks old. You might not have noticed me yet because I am only as big as a grain of rice. When you discover me; my presence may fill you with joy or paralyze you with fear. I have arrived because of you and I am grateful. I am packed with potential; I can feel it whizzing around and doing oh, so many things. When you realize I am here, what will you do? I am just wondering because my life depends upon it. -a.m.opdahl

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
32 Adults	\$ 1465.00
2 Youth	3.00
Loose	\$ 40.00
Total Collections	\$ 1508.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 6172.97

2021 DAA: Thank you to the 22 households who have donated \$3595 and pledged \$1135 toward our goal of \$8723 for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We need \$3993 to meet the goal. Please send your donation to PO Box 610, Crookston, MN 56716-0610 or drop in the collection basket to avoid more mailings from the Diocese. A gift of any size is appreciated. Be sure to send your prayer requests whether you give or not. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

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. The Rice Bowl is by the entrance of the church if you missed them.

**2nd Collection Mar. 14th for
Catholic Relief Services**

**PEACE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN-FREE-
Online-March 12-14 with 50 presenters**
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>

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to The Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. The Campaign runs through April 11, making donations eligible for incentive grants. The Food Shelf served 936 families (2,176 individuals) in 2020, distributing 66,133 pounds. Monetary donations may still 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 (envelopes available by bulletinboard)

**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 10 Stations led by Pastoral Council
March 17 Stations led by the Youth Group
March 24 Stations led by the Guild**

Pastoral Council meeting Mar. 18 at 6PM

Our sincere sympathy to the Chuck Redder family in the loss of his uncle, Lawrence Stassen. May Lawrence and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.