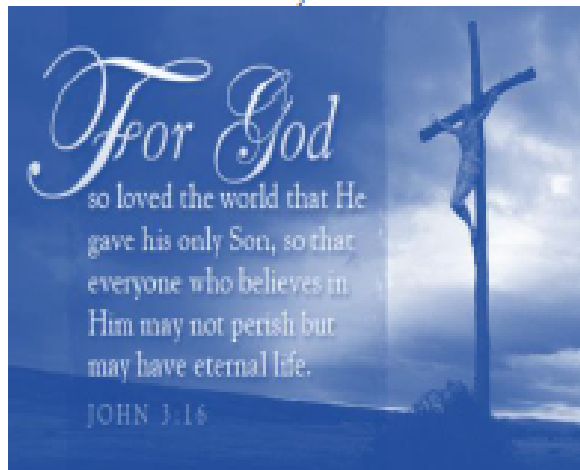


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
725 6<sup>th</sup> STREET N.E.  
FOSSTON, MN 56542



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

I am so happy to see more people in the church last Sunday. I sincerely thank St. Mary's kids & youth for their great message. We are almost half way through the season of Lent. Fourth Sunday of Lent reminds us of the great love, kindness and grace extended from God to us in Christ. The Gospel teaches us that God expressed His love, mercy and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation. Just as God saved the victims from serpent bites through the bronze serpent, He is going to save us from our sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus because the love of God for us is really great. We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love. The Cross of Jesus inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for suffering of others but also to try our best to remove that suffering. We need to respond to God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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Valarie Holzer  
**Youth Group Leader:** Savannah Conger  
**Pastoral Council Chair:** Dennis Sanden  
**Trustees:** Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham  
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**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. 17 5:30 pm Mass**

Joey Gieseke+

**Fri., Mar. 19 8:30 AM Mass**

Bill Aaland+

**Sun., Mar. 21 8:30 AM Mass**

John & Eunice Reinbold+

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

**Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm**

**Tues., Mar. 16 5 pm Mass**

Franklyn Renner+

**Wed., Mar. 17 6:30 pm Mass**

Norman Larsen+

**Thur., Mar. 18 11:30 am Mass**

Benton Kortan+

**Sun., Mar. 21 10:30 AM Mass**

For the Parishes

### No Birthdays Listed

#### Anniversaries

March 18 L. J. Wang & Byron Kaupang

#### 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 Henningsen, 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. 21, 2021  
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15,  
Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33

**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 [stmarysfosston.org](http://stmarysfosston.org)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class after Sunday Mass

9:45-10:45 AM, 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](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 ministering at Mass** did a wonderful job depicting Jesus cleaning the Temple. 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

**PARENTING SESSIONS:** Register at [www.crookston.org/stjoseph](http://www.crookston.org/stjoseph). It is hoped that the virtues of St. Joseph may be illuminated and imitated through a 3-part series which includes the following:

**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. June 20-24. Register at: [www.crookston.org/toccamp](http://www.crookston.org/toccamp).

**The St. John Paul 2 Camp** July 18-22, 2021. For youth entering grades 7 & 8 only. Registration at: [www.crookston.org/jp2camp](http://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](http://crookston.org/estovir)  
Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877  
[mschmitz@sacredheartef.net](mailto:mschmitz@sacredheartef.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 a day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul or **simultaneously online**. Go to <https://www.catholicatthecapitol.org> for info.

**Reflections for Lent with Fulton Sheen** in 2-minute emails available free at [www.fultonsheen.institute](http://www.fultonsheen.institute).

**On formed.org: THE SEARCH:** This stunning series addresses life's most fundamental questions: "Why am I here?" "Does my life have a meaning?" "What happens when I die?" The questions are all there. And, the answers are too. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://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.

**PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK:** Virtual Bible Conference, Sat., March 27, 9am-2pm via Zoom with some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars. **FREE!** Register at <https://bible.conference.augustineinstitute.org>

"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](mailto: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](mailto: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.votervoice.net/usccb/campaigns](http://www.votervoice.net/usccb/campaigns).

**The Year of St. Joseph:** "In every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat.' Through his constant care for both mother and child, Joseph makes a true gift of himself. God chose this humble carpenter of Nazareth to guide the beginnings of our redemption, and it is Joseph "who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence" (From USCCB's Pray for Life email 3/8/21)

**March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph.**  
**Consecration to St. Joseph on May 1** information can be found at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>

**SPEAK LIFE!** 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

**St. Lawrence Parish, Mentor** (1.5 miles south of Highway 2 on Co. Rd 10) is doing a **FREE drive-through fish fry** March 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7PM. It's open to everyone who has been touched by the pandemic. They encourage you to bring orders to the homebound or those who are not able to come. Sponsored by a grant from Faith for Tomorrow Catholic Community Foundation and St. Lawrence Parish. Reservations required due to planning purposes. Call Teri and leave a message 703-798-4622 or email [jsteri7@aol.com](mailto:jsteri7@aol.com)

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
32 Adults	\$ 1450.00
3 Youth	4.00
Loose	\$ 49.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1496.00</b>
Capital Improvement	\$ 390.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5562.97</b>

**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. 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! (No update from Diocese this week.)

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

Sunday, March 14 Michele Schoenborn

Sunday, March 21 Jan Hemmingsen

Sunday, March 28 Margarete Rue

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. This Lenten season, we saw Christ in the faces of our sisters and brothers experiencing hunger around the world. Visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org). The Rice Bowl is by the entrance of the church if you missed them. Turn in your Lenten sacrifices by Easter Sunday.

**Thank you for all your prayers for Jodi Nelson and Mark Randall. See card on the bulletin board from Mark & Jackie Randall.**

**Chrism Mass Monday, March 29, at the Cathedral in Crookston at 6:30PM.** The oils for sacramental anointing used in the diocese are blessed at the Chrism Mass. Representatives from our parish will receive the blessed oils and bring them to our parish.

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 Campaign runs through April 11.** Your donations are eligible for incentive grants. 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. Envelopes are available by the bulletin board.

**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 17 Stations led by the Youth Group March 24 Stations led by the Guild**

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL** needs more deeds to max out their offer of \$250 for the first half of 2021. Drop a note with your name, address & phone No. in the collection basket or email the parish. Your DAA or food shelf contribution is eligible. (No need to include the amount.)

**Wed., March 17, 6pm Stations of the Cross led by the Youth Group after 5:30pm Mass**

**Pastoral Council meeting Mar. 18 at 6PM**

**March 18, 7pm MCCL meeting at Mt. Carmel Church, McIntosh.**

**Confessions: Sun. 8am & Wed. Noon -1pm**