

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

Today we celebrate the Palm Sunday. As we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, we enter into our Holy Week. Holy Week challenges us to remember & relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. It invites us to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God's love for us (expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus) by loving others. Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus's life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and death while awaiting the joy of His Resurrection. The meditation on these Paschal mysteries should enable us to do our own dying to sin and rising with Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. I invite all of you to come and participate in the Holy Week liturgies. I don't want you to miss & I would like to see you all for the Holy Week celebrations. Thank you so much.  
**God Bless You! Have a blessed Holy Week.**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
March 28, 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**

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

**Wednesday:** Adoration Noon – 8 PM  
**Wed., Mar. 31** 11:30 am Mass  
Doug & Linda Hand Family  
**Sun., April 4** 8:30 AM EASTER Mass  
David Bruce Kollitz+

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

**Tuesdays** Adoration Noon – 5 pm  
**Thur., April 1** 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Jim Vorgerbruggen+  
**Fri., April 2** 6:00 pm Good Friday Service  
**Sat., April 3** 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass  
Annammal & Suvakeen+  
**Sun., April 4** 10:30 AM EASTER Mass  
For the Parishes

**HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY SATURDAY CELEBRATIONS ARE AT ST. JOSEPH'S, BAGLEY. No Services on these days at St. Mary's, Fosston.**

### Birthdays

March 30 Michele Schoenborn  
April 4 Jackie Randall  
April 4 Ruth Palmer

### 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, Richard Parent,  
Bruce Donnell, Lucille Dufault, Mark Randall,  
Brady Jones, John Blaser, Carly Hemmingsen,  
Doris Thyen (3/7), Jerry Garding(3/21)  
*"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, April 4, 2021

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 115:1-2,16-17,22-23;  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**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).

Faith is to believe what you do not see.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class after Sunday Mass

9:45-10:45 AM, April 25

**Confirmation & Theology of the Body Classes**  
**6:30-8pm, Wed. March 31, April 14 & 28, May**  
**12 & 26** with Tricia Proulx & Margarett Rue  
Youth Group Grades 7-12 Wed., March 31 at the  
Fosston Theater, **April 7 and 21 from 6-8 PM.**

Contact Savannah Conger, youth leader 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 [amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com](mailto:amandaw Wiener@hotmail.com)

**The Students** will be ministering at Mass May 2.

**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 **Tuesday, March 30,**  
7-8PM

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

**Your Child and God's Gift of Sexuality**  
Deacon Mark Krejci Thursday, May 6, 7-8 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.

**Magnificat – Ministry to Catholic Women** Sat,  
May 1. Register at <https://magnificat-ministry.net/>

**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 – 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.catholicsatthecapitol.org> for info.**

**On [formed.org](http://formed.org): The KIDS will love Benjamin Cello, a Lenten Special bringing to life the Greatest Love Story Ever Told. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup). "Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password needed. Share with others to get them started with a complimentary subscription. It is amazing!**

**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.voterveice.net/usccb/campaigns](http://www.voterveice.net/usccb/campaigns).**

**Consecration of our Diocese to St. Joseph on May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 10 a.m. at the Cathedral in Crookston. Keep up on the Year of St. Joseph at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>**

**FEED YOUR SOUL GOSPEL REFLECTION PROGRAM sign up at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)**

**"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love". St. Mother Teresa.**

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"*  
– **MARK 15:12-13**

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

#### **SPEAK LIFE #4**

Our life stories begin in our mother's womb. Some lives unfold idyllically, others are fraught with trauma. Regardless, life is a gift. While some choices are out of our control, other choices we make depend on whether we comprehend that matchless gift. There will never be another "you." You are irreplaceable. As am I. We are here because someone, somewhere valued our lives. God knew us before we were in the womb. He designed us to bless others. We can honor our gifts of life in our actions. Together, we can Speak LIFE. *-a.m.opdahl*

**Pilgrimage to Israel with Fr. Chuck Huck. January 10-19, 2022. Contact Fr. Chuck at [www.worldstrides.org/register](http://www.worldstrides.org/register). Trip ID: 195451 or 218-847-1393 or [fchuck@holyrosvcc.org](mailto:fchuck@holyrosvcc.org).**

#### **Easter Flower Donations**

Please make our Easter special by donating toward flowers and decorations. Just fill in the blanks and put in the offertory basket.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
39 Adults	\$ 2062.00
2 Youth	3.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2115.00</b>
CRS collection & Rice Bowl	\$ 23.18
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5566.97</b>

**Collection Good Friday is for the Holy Land**

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL needs nine deeds to earn \$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.)

**2021 DAA: We are not done yet!** We still need \$3598. Thus far, \$3990 has been donated and \$1135 pledged. Thank you to 25 households! Be sure to include prayer requests, too. Watch this short but sweet video for a message from Deacon Mark: <https://vimeo.com/user26947741/review/521086495/84de6b68b6>

**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.

**Our heart-felt condolences to the families of Wayne Paulson who passed away last week. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord! Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

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

Sunday, March 28: Margarette Rue  
Thursday, April 1: Kathryn Ziermeier  
Friday, April 2: Margarette Rue  
Saturday, April 3: Jan Hemmingsen  
Michele Schoenborn  
Sunday, April 4: Margarette Rue

**Chrism Mass Monday, March 29, at the Cathedral in Crookston at 6:30PM.**

**Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.**

April 11<sup>th</sup>, after Mass, the Parish will honor Lori Balstad for her many years of teaching and coordinating Catholic faith formation. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

#### **ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS ?**

**Protocol change allows 6 per table with eating & drinking while seated only. We could start April 18 if you volunteer to serve. Please call or email the parish office with the date you can serve. Because of the pandemic, we do not want to assign people without their expressed consent.**

**Sunday, April 11, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Mary's.** Divine Mercy is an awesome message to share with friends & family. To find a list of Minnesota parishes offering special Divine Mercy Sunday observance and to learn more about Divine Mercy, visit these websites: [www.3oclockhour.org](http://www.3oclockhour.org) (Divine Mercy of the Midwest) & Faith Fitness Club at [www.faithfitnessclub.org/mercy](http://www.faithfitnessclub.org/mercy)

**Tape from pews has been removed as decided by the Pastoral Council. Families may sit in adjoining pews but we still need to follow social distancing guidelines, wear masks** (if over 5 and not medically challenged), and use touch-free hand sanitizer located by each door. You may choose to sit in the church sanctuary or the hall. 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 Sunday's holy. You can join Mass on TV or at <http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

**Turn in your Lenten Rice Bowl sacrifices by Easter Sunday.**