

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! In this happy Sunday, I thank everyone who came for the Palm Sunday Mass. My heart was full of Joy to see so many of our people back to Sunday Mass. Thinking about last year Easter, I am so grateful to God and Our Blessed Mother Mary for bringing everyone back for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. In this time of uncertainties, the Resurrection of Jesus gives us true hope. It is the feast of our hope and belief. The Empty tomb tells us that death & illness cannot take control over our lives. There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. Suffering is not permanent. This time of suffering will pass and we will overcome our sufferings & evils by the Resurrection of Jesus. Let us allow the Joy of Resurrection to have room in our lives and become the center of our lives. Jesus Himself is the Resurrection & the Life. If we live a life of deep faith in Jesus, Resurrection is ours. Let us ask the Lord to deepen His life within us and to make us His witnesses of Easter joy and hope. Let us be Easter People! I wish you all Very Happy Easter. **Alleluia, Alleluia!** God Bless you.

Easter Sunday
April 4th, 2021

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PARISH STAFF:

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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., April 7 11:30 am Mass

Clarence Agnes+

Fri., April 9 8:30 AM Mass

Sara Friesen

Sun., April 11 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tue., April 6 5 PM Mass

Carl & Lena Larsen & Norman Larsen+

Thur., April 8 11:30 AM

Len, Steve, & Leonard Shereck+

Sun., April 11 10:30 AM Mass

Carol & Raymond Quade+

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the funeral for Wayne Paulson.

Birthdays

April 6 James Gregory
April 7 Bobby Drellack
April 8 George Doyle
Anniversaries
April 8 Ricky & Lisa Nesvold

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), Dorine
Schmitz

"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 11, 2021

Acts 4:32-35, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 John
5:1-6, John 20:19-31

**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.

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., **April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26**

with Tricia Proulx 218-368-2635 &

Margarette Rue 218-280-8968

**Youth Group Grades 7-12 Wed., April 7 and 21
from 6-8 PM.**

Contact Savannah Conger, youth leader 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 May 2.

PARENTING SESSIONS: Register at
www.crookston.org/stjoseph. It is hoped that the
virtues of St. Joseph may be illuminated and
imitated through a series which includes the
following:

**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.

The St. John Paul 2 Camp July 18-22, 2021. For

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.

Magnificat – Ministry to Catholic Women Sat.,

May 1. Register at <https://magnificat-ministry.net/>

**FEED YOUR SOUL GOSPEL REFLECTION
PROGRAM** sign up at dynamiccatholic.com

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>

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 a day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul or simultaneously online. Go to <https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org> for info.

On formed.org: Lent may be over, but still great watching on FORMED Go to formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password needed. Share with othersto 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.

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.voterve.net/usccb/campaigns.

The NEW Catholic Devotional Books are here again. "The little blue book" is a collection of prayers and inspiration for every Catholic. They are paid for by two sponsors this year, LePier Oil Co. Fosston and Christian Brothers Ford of Crookston.

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

SPEAK LIFE #5

I am nine. Nine weeks old. Guess what? Now you can hear my heartbeat with a special instrument: a gentle pitter-patter pumping blood to my developing organs. My eyes have transparent lids and my body is starting to move. Did you know arms and legs can flap? And my arms are growing this funny little bend in them. Have you felt me trying to flutter, Mom? Maybe not. After all, I am only the size of an almond. I wonder what I will be able to do next week? *-a.m.opdah!*

Pilgrimage to Israel with Fr. Chuck Huck. January 10-19, 2022. Contact Fr. Chuck at www.worldstrides.org/register. Trip ID: 195451 or 218-847-1393 or frchuck@holyrosvrcc.org.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Every April, catholic parishes and schools across the USA participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The effects of abuse are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include 1) Loss of faith and trust in God. 2) Post-traumatic stress disorder. 3) A greater risk of developing behavioral problems. Educate yourself about the five ways to protect your children from sexual abuse. Watch for warning signs of abuse in minors. Declining academics, tries to hide use of technology, no longer interested in activities they use to enjoy, changes in personality. (More in the inserts).

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
30 Adults	\$ 1277.00
2 Youth	2.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 10.00
Total Collections	\$ 1314.00
Flowers	\$ 60.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 2482.20

Turn in your Lenten Rice Bowl sacrifices today, Easter Sunday.

2021 DAA: No update has been received from the Diocese since March 12 when it showed we need \$3598 to meet the goal of \$8723, but here's a video from Janelle Gergen:

<https://vimeo.com/user26947741/review/521436299/cf746840b8> Please make your contribution or pledge to the 2021 DAA this week and be sure to include your prayer requests.

Pay special attention to the decorations in the church and the hall. "Thank you" to everyone who takes time from their busy lives to make our church look so nice. Its wonderful to see the tables back in the hall and looking so spring with the beautiful decorations.

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.

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

Sunday, April 4:	Margarette Rue
Sunday, April 11	Kathryn Ziermeier
Sunday, April 18	Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, April 25	Lori Balstad

April 11th, after Mass, the Parish will honor Lori Balstad for her many years of teaching and coordinating Catholic faith formation. Pastoral Council will serve cake & coffee. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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 (Divine Mercy of the Midwest) & Faith Fitness Club at www.faithfitnessclub.org/mercy

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS

Protocol change allows 6 per table with eating & drinking while seated only. We will start April 18. John & Linda Blaser volunteered to serve the first time. 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.

Guidelines during COVID-19 while indoors is less restrictive but we still need to follow social distancing guidelines Families may sit in adjoining pews but, 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 <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

James Gregory is a longtime member of St. Mary's church, but has not been able to attend Mass in some time. He loved rolls after Mass. His birthday is April 6, please drop him a card at 333 Omland Ave. S., Fosston.

Bishop Hoeppepner invites us to take a moment each day for prayer and reflection for the next days leading up to the Consecration to St. Joseph on May 1. The insert today is an example to use for the first 7 days.