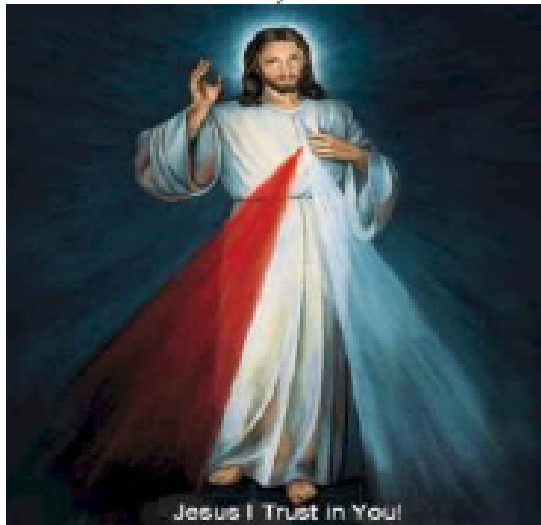


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Greetings from Fr. John:

I thank you all who participated in the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday Mass. Let us enjoy the presence of our Risen Lord in our life. This Sunday we are celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday. This Sunday readings invites us to reflect about God's mercy and the need for the forgiveness of sins. First God revealed His mercy by sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior & Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us. Today's Gospel very clearly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" (John 20:19-23). We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive & give thanks for Divine Mercy. Let us enjoy the Divine Mercy of Jesus by participating in the Eucharistic celebration. God bless you! Have a Happy Divine Mercy Sunday.

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11th, 2021

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Youth Group Leader: Savannah Conger
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24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 PM

Wed., April 14 11:30 am Mass
Margie Messer+

Fri., April 16 8:30 AM Mass
Dave Holzer+

Sun., April 18 8:30 AM Mass
Lawrence Dufault+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tue., April 13 5 PM Mass
Franklyn Renner+

Thur., April 15 11:30 AM
Allen Theis+

Sun., April 18 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

Guild Meeting April 15. 6PM. Everyone welcome

Birthdays

April 12 Kristen Hemmingsen
April 17 Clyde Kringlen
April 17 Mark Randall
April 17 Erwin Zitzow
April 18 Lisa Nesvold
Anniversaries
April 18 Steve & Sarah Chalich

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,
Jerry Garding(3/21), Dorine Schmitz, Marge
(Killian) Cheney (4/7), Brett Schulz (4/9)

"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 18, 2021

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 1 John 2:1-
5a, Luke 24:35-48

**Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and
Men** 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://suicidpreventionlifeline.org/>

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

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 &

Margaret Rue 218-280-8968

Youth Group Grades 7-12 Wed., April 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 amandawwiener@hotmail.com

The Students will be ministering at Mass May 2.

SAVE THE DATE: For our 2021 Vacation Bible

School (VBS) curriculum will be here at St. Mary's

June 6th – 10th, 9am – 12noon. All young people

are welcome Pre-school – 6th Grades.

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.

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. 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](https://www.crookston.org/estovir)
Contact Fr. Matt Schmitz 218-773-0877
mschmitz@sacredheartgf.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: Spiritually enrich yourself throughout the joyous Octave of Easter! (adult & kids content) Go to [formed.org/signup](https://www.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.

MEN: Become a Deacon! It is not too late to enter the next formation group.
Contact Deacon Mark Krejci
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.votervoices.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. **Take a copy home.** The books are located by each entrance of the Church.

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!
Sunday, April 11 Kathryn Ziermeier
Sunday, April 18 Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, April 25 Lori Balstad

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32
All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

SPEAK LIFE #6

I am ten. Ten weeks old. I made it to double digits! This week I have a real chin and the curly shells of my ears are fully developed. I can twist my arms and legs all around now because I have these amazing things called joints. My heart has really picked up the beat and is nearly done forming. It is beating three times as fast as yours, Mom and Dad! The next time you eat grapes hold one in your hand and study it. that's how big I am! -*a.m. opdahl*

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. Educate yourself about the five ways to protect your children from sexual abuse. Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches. Tell them its ok to say "no" if someone makes them feel uncomfortable. Give a way to alert you about unsafe person by using an excuse or share a special "code-word". Tell your kids you trust them. 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, and changes in their personality.

April 15, 7 PM, MCCL meeting at Mt. Carmel Church, McIntosh. Everyone welcome.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
37 Adults	\$ 2480.00
2 Youth	4.00
Loose	\$ 17.00
Total Collections	\$ 2501.00
Flowers	\$ 90.00
Holy Land	\$ 165.00
Holy Thursday (Loaves & Fishes)	\$ 50.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 97.50
Building Fund	\$ 450.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 2932.20

2nd Collection April 25' Catholic Home Mission

If you haven't yet done so, please turn in your CRS RICE BOWL contributions.

2021 DAA: Thirteen parishes have reached their goal. St. Mary's is NOT one of them. We still need \$2673 to make our goal of \$8723, but with only 25.64% of the parish having participated, it can happen. If you haven't made a commitment yet, please do so as soon as possible. Envelopes are at the entrances. Make prayers requests of the Bishop and his staff whether you donate or not. Thank you so much for all you do for the parish and the diocese. Listen to a short video from Bob Noel and Deacon Aaron at <https://vimeo.com/user26947741/review/522800961/3d3a3a77e0>.

Thank you to everyone for your donations to The Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf during the March Campaign

Our sincere sympathy to Theresa Anderson and Bill Bingham Families in the loss of June Bingham. (funeral was Thursday) May June and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Bakeless Bake Sale by CUE this week.

April 25: Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Cemetery Board Meeting April 28, 6 PM

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at both St. Mary's & St. Joseph's at 3:00 p.m., the hour of Divine Mercy.

If you started the Novena Good Friday or not everyone is encouraged to participate.

To learn more about Divine Mercy go to www.3oclockhour.org or www.faithfitnessclub.org/mercy

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS

Protocol change allows 6 per table with eating & drinking while seated only. John & Linda Blaser volunteered to serve the first time, **April 18**. Doug & Michele will serve **April 25**. Jeanne & Dennis will serve **May 2**. 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. 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>

Bishop Hoepfner 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, 10 AM in Crookston Cathedral. Plan to attend. The insert today is the second set of prayers leading up to the Consecration. Please take a moment each day for prayer and reflection.

Our sincere sympathy to Margarett Rue and Deacon Aaron Kaiser and their Families in the loss of their father Floyd Kaiser. May Floyd and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Funeral will be April 16, 11am in St. Joseph's, Bagley. Visitation/wake service April 15, 5-7 pm.