

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



**Greetings from Fr. John:**

This Sunday invites us to live in the living presence of the Risen Lord. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus was to save us from our sins. In the first reading Peter forcefully declares how the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the Risen Lord and challenges the Jews to turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away. In the Gospel Jesus appears to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room and Jesus removes their doubt about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Then he commissions them to bear witness to him and preach "*repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name*" after receiving the Holy Spirit. Jesus invites us to be his witnesses to continue his mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be his eyes, ears and hands and to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness by our interactions with our brother and sisters. Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means of experiencing and sharing the Risen Lord with others. **Please pray for me as I am celebrating my Ordination Anniversary today. Have a Blessed Sunday.**

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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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  
Fri., April 23 8:30 AM Mass  
Joe, Mark & Chris Fesko+  
Sun., April 25 8:30 AM Mass  
Lawrence Dufault+

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

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm  
Thur., April 22 11:30 AM  
Benton Kortan+  
Sun., April 25 10:30 AM Mass  
John & Charlotte Vorderbruggen+

**Priest Study Days April 19-21**

The Rosary will be said 8:10 AM before Mass each Sunday morning during May led by Catholic United Financial.

### Birthdays

April 21 Jerry Erdmann  
April 24 Robert Drellack

### 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), Doug &  
Donette Holcomb, Brady Munroe (4/18)  
*"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 25, 2021  
Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29, 1 John  
3:1-2, John 10:11-18

Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and  
Men 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/>

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](http://dynamiccatholic.com)

**St. Mary's Kids!** And the area Sunday school kids  
from all the Fosston churches have been invited to  
a FREE movie on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM at the  
Fosston Theater! The movie will be appropriate for  
all Sunday School aged students. For questions,  
please reach out to Liza Nelson 218-556-4800

### 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 28, May 12 & 26 with  
Tricia Proulx 218-368-2635 &  
Margarette 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](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** 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12noon. All young people  
are welcome Pre-school – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**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 series which includes the  
following:

**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.

**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)**

**On formed.org:** Looking for faith-based content for your kids? On FORMED there are many shows for kids of all ages to enrich their faith and daily lives. 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.

**MEN: Become a Deacon!** It is not too late to enter the next formation group.

Contact Deacon Mark Krejci  
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).

**"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37**

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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

Sunday, April 18	Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, April 25	Lori Balstad
Sunday, May 2	Kathryn Ziermier
Sunday, May 9	Nina Bingham

#### **SPEAK LIFE #7**

I am eleven. Eleven weeks old. My many body systems are developing at the same time. My finer details like veins and arteries are forming—like a beautiful picture coming into focus—making me look more like "me." And since my fingers have separated from each other, I can open and close my hands. Can you see me waving? Hey, Dad can you tell Mom I do NOT like red onions. But I do like strawberries. And guess what? This week, I am as big as a strawberry! *-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 it's 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.

St. Michael's School, Mahanomen, is a wonderful faith-based school with small classes and great teachers. **Pre-K Kindergarten round-up** Thursday, April 22, 5-7PM. Financial aid and scholarships are available as well. If you would like further information, please contact Tina or Sarah Chalich 218-935-5222.

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Please pray for those preparing: Genevieve Rue, Kylie Geray, Katelyn Jackson, Chloe McLane, Olivia Rosendahl.

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
<b>Last Week's Collections:</b>	
38 Adults	\$ 2032.00
Easter	50.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 2107.00</b>
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
<b>Capital Improvement Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2952.20</b>

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection April 25 Catholic Home Mission**

**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>.

**Catholic United Fund BAKELESS BAKE SALE** letters are in the mail. Please be generous so that we can earn the maximum match allowed. 100% of the funds donated and the match from Catholic United Financial are given to the parish for faith formation.

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

### Cemetery Board Meeting April 28, 6 PM

**Thank You:** I want to thank all those who brought bars and goodies to Wayne's memorial service. Special thank you to John, Linda & Eileen for doing all the serving. Blessings to each of you. Dorothy Paulson.

**Holy Father Pope Francis** has accepted the resignation of our Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner and appointed Bishop Richard E. Pates as Apostolic Administrator. Take a moment to read the insert today from Rev. Michael J. Hoeppner and Bishop Richard E. Pates.

### **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:  
**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. You can join Mass on TV or at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

**Take a moment each day for prayer and reflection for the next days leading up to the Consecration of our Diocese to St. Joseph on May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 10 AM in Crookston Cathedral. Plan to attend.** The insert today is the third set of prayers leading up to the Consecration. Please take a moment each day for prayer and reflection. Keep up on the Year of St. Joseph at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>

**A heartfelt Thank You to everyone at St. Mary's for the wonderful celebration, cake and very generous gift. You did not have to go to all the trouble for all that I have learned from the youth about God as RE coordinator was more than enough payment. Thank You! Lori Balstad**