

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Last week all the priests of our diocese gathered for Priests Study Days and Bishop Richard & all the priests prayed for you. Thank you so much for your prayers. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called *Good Shepherd Sunday*. This Sunday is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because pastor means shepherd of Christ's sheep. As a shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep in the parish. In the Gospel passage, Jesus introduces himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much that he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting Good News is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us. The challenge for us is to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and be *good sheep* in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Let us become good shepherds and good sheep. Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. God bless you. Have a Blessed week.

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25th, 2021

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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., Apr. 28 11:30 AM Mass
Theresa Zitzow Family
Fri., April 30 8:30 AM Mass
Marcella Agnes+
Sun., May 2 8:30 AM Mass
Lawrence Dufault+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Tues., April 27 5 PM Mass
Margie Galli+
Thur., April 29 11:30 AM
Perry Kortan+
Sun., May 2 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

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

	<u>Birthdays</u>
May 1	Melissa McGlynn
May 1	Steve Chalich
	<u>Anniversaries</u>
April 29	Jenny & Erwin Zitzow
May 1	Leslie & Tony Haugen
May 1	Audrey & George Doyle

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 Cheney
(4/7), Brett Schulz (4/9), Doug & Donette Holcomb,
Brady Munroe (4/18), Jean Nielsen.

"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, May 2, 2021

Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32,

1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

**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/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class after Sunday Mass
9:45-10:45 AM, May 2.

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.,
May 5 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
2021 Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Mary's
June 6th – 10th, 5-8 PM. 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:
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/tocamp.

The St. John Paul 2 Camp July 18-22, 2021. For
youth entering grades 7 & 8 only. Registration at:
www.crookston.org/jp2camp Looking for Staff for
Summer Camps. Contac Bob Noel.

The traveling Sacred Relics Exposition tour,
treasures of the Church, is coming to various
locations in MN. (St. Mary's sponsored this in
2018) Use the website for more information.
<https://treasuresofthechurch.com/schedule>.

The DAC of Fosston is looking for donations of
wax from candles of any kind, in containers ok.

**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**

On formed.org: Celebrate St. Mark the Evangelist, learn more about the Gospel writer and saint with this powerful 14-part series by Dr. Tim Gray. Go to 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.votervoice.net/usccb/campaigns.

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice"

JOHN 10:14-16 When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

Sunday, April 25	Lori Balstad
Sunday, May 2	Kathryn Ziermier
Sunday, May 9	Nina Bingham
Sunday, May 16	Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, May 23	Lori Balstad
Sunday, May 30	Michele Schoenborn (tentative)

SPEAK LIFE #7

What about when life takes unexpected turns? Change can be exciting or terrifying. Life is full of challenges. What defines our lives is how we step into opportunities or stand and face our fears. Uncertainty—no matter the reason—can trigger anxiety. At times, we can feel desperately alone. Yet the One who formed us knew we would experience these seasons. He desires relationship with us. He can provide exactly what we need. If we ask. The prophet Joel said, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." -*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.

Real Presence Radio, your only local Catholic radio station, is holding its 16th Annual "Awaken" Spring Live Drive fundraising event on May 4-7. RPR is one of the best resources available to find the answers about our Catholic faith and to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ! RPR is 100% listener supported so our mission continues only because of you!! Phone lines will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT each day! Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to 877-795-0122 or donate online at realpresenceraadio.com/donate.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
Loose	\$ 21.00
Total Collections	\$ 2246.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 2952.20

2021 DAA: Goal for St. Mary's: \$8723.00
Donations reported by Diocese 5615.00
Pledges reported 1020.00
Total received & outstanding 6635.00
Amount needed to reach goal 2088.00
This is from 35 donors (29.91% of parish).
Thank you for your generosity! Envelopes are still available by the missalettes. Please prayerfully participate as you are able.

Catholic United Fund BAKELESS BAKE SALE letters sent. 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

On May 1st decorations/flowers can be placed on the graves for Memorial Day. Please remove them by June 10, Father's Day.

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS

Protocol change allows 6 per table with eating & drinking while seated only. Doug & Michele will serve **April 25**. Jeanne & Dennis will serve **May 2**. (Need someone on **May 9th, Mother's Day**) Eileen Hegg & Dorothy Killian will serve on **May 16**. 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 fourth set of prayers leading up to the Consecration. Keep up on the Year of St. Joseph at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>

St. Mary's Kids! And the area Sunday school kids from all the Fosston churches have been invited to a **FREE movie TODAY, April 25th, 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

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

ROCKY RAILWAY.

Jesus' power pulls us through.
ALL ABOARD FOR ADVENTURE!
What? Vacation Bible School (VBS) here at St. Mary's Catholic Church
When? Sunday, June 6th-Thursday, June 10th.
Time? 5pm-8pm
Ages? PreK-6th Grade
Cost? FREE & Supper will be served.
All are Welcome here.

Notice the wonderful display arranged by Valarie & Amanda in the gathering space.