

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

We are in the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Today's Scripture emphasizes the need for us to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness. In the Gospel, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent - as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like. We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with the courage of our Christian convictions. We need to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us. Today we are celebrating our youth Mass. Let us pray for our youth.

God bless you. Have a Blessed week.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2nd, 2021

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Youth Group Leader: Savannah Conger
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham
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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., May 5 11:30 AM Mass

Dave Holzer+

Fri., May 7 5:30 PM Mass, First Friday

Nicholas Agnes+

Sun., May 9 8:30 AM Mass

For the Parishes

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon - 5 pm

Tues., May 4 5 PM Mass

Jim Vorderbruggen+

Thur., May 6 11:30 AM

Perry Kortan+

Sun., May 9 10:30 AM Mass

Earl & Pearl Madre+ & Perry Levett+

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

Birthdays

May 3 Roxanne Stordahl
May 6 Shirley Paul
May 9 Sylvia McCarty

Anniversaries

May 6 Paulette & Clyde Kringlen

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. Take one
home from the table in hall or
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.

1THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, May 9, 2021

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Ps 98:1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 1
John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

**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/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class resume in the Fall.

Confirmation & Theology of the Body Classes
6:30-8pm, Wed., May 12 & 26 with Tricia Proulx
218-368-2635 & Margarett Rue 218-280-8968

**Youth Group Grades 7-12 Wed., May 5 & 19
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

**2021 Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Mary's
June 6th – 10th, 5-8 PM. All young people in the
area 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/toccamp.

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. Contact 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>.

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

Applications now open for the next Deacon Formation group. Deacon Mark Krejci has hosted several “Discerning the Diaconate” sessions over the past seven months and anyone who participated in one of these sessions has been notified that applications for the next group to enter Deacon Formation for the Diocese is now open. If you or someone you know has been discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate but was not able to attend one of the discernment sessions you may still apply for this next group beginning formation in the Fall of 2021. Those interested in learning more and/or applying should email Deacon Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Personnel and Formation (mkrejci@crookston.org) for information.

On formed.org: May 1st we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The FORMED team has content of all kinds to help you grow in devotion to St. Joseph. 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.

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.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” - 1 JOHN 3:18
Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

Sunday, May 2	Kathryn Ziemmer
Sunday, May 9	Nina Bingham
Sunday, May 16	Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, May 23	Lori Balstad
Sunday, May 30	Michele Schoenborn

SPEAK LIFE #7

I am twelve. Twelve weeks old. Things are on the move in here; my eyes are getting closer to each other and I am practicing nursing with my mouth. Please tell me milk tastes better than red onions! My first bones are forming in my skeleton. And did you know my bones will keep growing through my childhood? Oh, and sometimes it gets bumpy in here—especially if Mommy’s belly gets poked—so I am making big expansion plans. Next week I will be bigger than an avocado pit! *-a.m.opdahl*

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 realpresenceradio.com/donate

MEMORANDUM Re: Covid-19 Protocols
Fr: Bishop Richard Pates Date: April 27, 2021
We have been advised by qualified health experts; the pandemic is far from over. The situation requires mitigation practices to continue. Thus, I ask all activity on parishes continue to maintain 6-foot social distancing and utilize face masks. When these requirements will be lifted, a clear notification will be forthcoming. Thank you for the conscientious attention to these practices. At best, they represent a charitable concern for one another.

Deb Wille is in charge of serving the food at funerals. She would like to have another person working with her. Volunteer needed. Training available. Call 668-2096 for information

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
34 Adults	\$ 1918.00
4 Youth	\$ 16.00
Loose	\$ 65.00
Total Collections	\$ 1999.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 32.00
Home Mission	\$ 130.00
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.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Catholic United Fund **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**. Thank you for your generosity to the faith formation at St. Mary's.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for donations received for Easter flowers from Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen. Also, in memory of Deceased family members by Joanne Anderson, Karen & David by Marge Donnell, Dave Holzer by Val Holzer, Emma Proulx, Alois & Paul Schmitz by Tricia Proulx, Jarvis Zitzow by Theresa Zitzow.

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS

Protocol change allows 6 per table with eating & drinking while seated only. Jeanne & Dennis will serve May 2. Nina & Harley Bingham will serve May 9th, Mother's Day. Florence Nesvold & Dorothy Killian will serve on May 16. Still need servers for May 30th. 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>

Consecration to St. Joseph was held yesterday in Crookston. Take a moment to pray and reflect on the prayers from the insert today.

Keep up on the Year of St. Joseph at <https://www.crookston.org/stjoseph>

On May 1st decorations/flowers can be placed on the graves for Memorial Day.

Please remove them by June 20, Father's Day.

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, October 10th, 2021
Please pray for those preparing: Genevieve Rue, Kylie Geray, Katelyn Jackson, Chloe McLean, 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. Take an envelope and make a donation to the VBS.

What an uplifting Mass we have with the students' participation. So great having the choir lead us again. **Thank You to all the Students and the Teachers for a job well done.** Next youth Mass will be in the Fall. Today, after Mass, is the last Sunday School class until it resumes in the Fall.