

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



Anyone who receives my
commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me; *John 14:21*

Greetings from Fr. John:

As we are celebrating Mother's Day weekend, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the self-giving love of Jesus. Let us thank God for the great love of our mothers. This Sunday Jesus gives us his commandment "Love one another as I love you"- a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love is wholly directed toward the good of others. He loves us for our sake and for our welfare. That is why he willingly laid down his own life for us to free us from sin, death, fear, and everything that could separate us from the love of God. Our love for God and our willingness to lay down our life for others is a response to the exceeding love God has given us in Christ. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus calls us friends. We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus and to express it in our relationships with others by loving them and showing them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice. **God bless you! Enjoy the Mother's Day weekend.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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., May 12 11:30 AM Mass

Martha Agnes+

Fri., May 14 8:30 AM Mass

Phil Schouville

Sun., May 16 8:30 AM Mass

Dave Bruce Kollitz+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., May 11 5 PM Mass

Franklyn Renner+

Thur., May 13 10:00 AM

Duane St. George+

Sun., May 9 10:30 AM Mass

For the parishes

Honor Mother Mary!

**Plan to pray the rosary Sundays in May
(Month of Mary) at 8:10 AM before Mass.**

Birthdays

May 11 Tony Maruska
May 11 LJ Wang
May 15 Audrey Schmit

Anniversaries

May 10 Edna & Bill Kaupang
May 15 Justin & Amanda Schultz

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,
Dorine Schmitz, Marge Cheney (4/7), Brett Schulz
(4/9), Doug & Donette Holcomb, Brady Munroe
(4/18), Joyce Klinkhammer (from Montana)
"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available. Take one
from the table in the hall for someone in need or
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 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19.

**Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and
Men** is offered from the Diocese of Crookston. The
confidential phonenumber is 218-470-0112.

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

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 & Margarette Rue 218-280-8968

Youth Group Grades 7-12 Wed., May 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 6 – 10, 5-8 PM. All pre-school – 6th grade
students in the area are welcome.

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.

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: **The Sanctuary Course for Catholics** explores the intersection of faith and mental health. 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.votervoicenet.usccb/campaigns.

SPEAK LIFE!

I am thirteen. Thirteen weeks old. My fingerprint is developing lines and creases unique to me. I can swallow now. This is helping my body practice breathing. What is my trick this week? Well, if you check my ultrasound you might see my thumb in my mouth. Oh—and if I am a girl—my ovaries are already carrying the eggs of your future grandchildren. Wow! Right? So far, my head is taking up most of the room in here and I have now grown to the size of a lime. - a.m.opdahl

Help Needed! A volunteer person is needed to work with Deb Wille serving food at funerals. Training available. Call 668-2096 for information

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

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

June 1, 2021 Memorial Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Crookston, Calvary Cemetery, Crookston - 5:00 PM (Tentative time)
Mass – All are invited to attend, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs for seating – and a sunhat if you're sensitive.

This Mother's Day, pray that women with unplanned pregnancies seek God's will and that God will send someone to accompany and support them through their pregnancy. May they experience the loving kindness of the Holy Family.

THANKS, MOM, FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE!

New Covid-19 Protocols posted on bulletin board: Gov. Walz's announcement Thursday, May 6th. Jason Adkins of the Minnesota Catholic Conference has amended some information he provided to our state's Catholic dioceses. Please note his comments: *Although the social distancing requirements end May 28, the mask mandate indoors remains in effect until July 1 or until 70 percent of Minnesotans above age 16 are vaccinated, whichever comes first. If vaccination trends continue at the current pace (thought they are slowing) that should be sometime in early June.*

Masks are NOT required outdoors for gatherings of 500 people or fewer starting May 28. For larger gatherings outside, the mask mandate remains in effect until July 1 or the 70 percent target has been reached.

Current 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>

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP for the Diocese of Crookston. O God, Gentle Shepherd, You led your Church to this moment with loving care. Give us insight into your intimate love and grant us courage to embrace this time in our history. We are grateful for the dedicated ministry of the bishops who have served us in the past. Grant us another Bishop who will inspire the clergy, religious and laity of this local Church to serve generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun here. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
33 Adults	\$ 1300.00
1 Youth	\$ 1.00
Loose	\$ 62.00
Total Collections	\$ 1363.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 37.00
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Catholic United Financial grant	\$ 1000.00
Capital Improvement donations	\$ 245.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3197.20

May 16: Catholic Communication Campaign Collection (See today's insert & envelope.)

2021 DAA: Goal for St. Mary's:	\$8723.00
Donations reported by Diocese	7680.00
Pledges reported	905.00
Total received & outstanding	8585.00
Amount needed to reach goal	\$ 138.00

This is from 37 awesome donors (31.62% of parish). Thank you for your generosity! Envelopes are still available by the entrances. Please prayerfully participate as you are able.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

deserves our utmost thanks once again for a grant of \$1,000 for our subscription to formed.org, which is used in our faith formation classes and available to the entire parish. Visit formed.org, for great movies, bible studies, kids programs, etc. with something for everyone. Thank you to our local members who provide many benefits to our parish. New members are welcome. Next meeting: May 13, 4:00pm in St. Mary's large classroom with adherence to Diocesan Covid-19 protocol. Thank you to all who contributed to the Bakeless Bake Sale. All proceeds, along with the match, will be turned over to St. Mary's for religious education.

May 20, 7 PM, MCCL meeting at Mt. Carmel Church, McIntosh

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS

Protocol change allows 6 per table with eating & drinking while seated only. Florence Nesvold & Dorothy Killian will serve on May 16. Still need servers for May 30. 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. **The rolls will have to be canceled if no one volunteers to serve them.**

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.

Take an envelope from the display and make a donation to the VBS. Volunteer to help prepare, serve, clean up, assist teachers, etc. The need is great!
What an uplifting Mass we have with the students' participation. So great having the cantors 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.

TEN students from St. Mary's graduating from high school: Faith, Lance & Trent Balstad, Emily & Evan Chalich, Grant & Logan Hemberger, Grace Rue, Dane Schoenborn and Kayla Zitzow. We will honor the graduates on May 23. The Guild will serve cake after Mass, there will be boxes available to drop off cards for the graduates. Everyone welcome.

