

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension of Jesus marks the beginning of His presence with us in a new way. Jesus also promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified & risen Lord, Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven. He promised to send them the Holy Spirit. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' last words to his apostles focus to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Now their task is to proclaim the Gospel not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world.

God bless you! Have a great week.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 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., May 19 11:30 AM Mass
Harold Agnes+
Fri., May 21 8:30 AM Mass
Bernice Fesko Family
Sun., May 23 8:30 AM Mass
For the parishes

Pentecost Sunday, Let us all wear red

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Tues., May 18 5 PM Mass
Stephanie Gratkowski+
Thur., May 20 11:30 AM
Margie Galli+
Sun., May 23 10:30 AM Mass
Allen Theis+

Pray the Rosary 8:10 AM before Mass each Sunday in May (Month of Mary).

Birthdays

May 21 Dorothy Paulson

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, Doug & Donette Holcomb, Brady Munroe (4/18), Joyce Klinkhammer (from Montana), Brett Schulz (5/16), Clara Manecke
"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 23, 2021
Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34, Act 2:1-11,
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13, John 20:19-23

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

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://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS SAY ACT NOW!

Be informed of what is happening in government. Sign up for email alerts. Go to www.votervoice.net/usccb/campaigns.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class resume in the Fall.

Confirmation & Theology of the Body Classes 6:30-8pm, Wed., May 26 with Tricia Proulx 218-368-2635 & Margarete 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 amandaw Wiener@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/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. 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: Guest Cardinal Raymond Burke to discuss Mary's role in the Christian life. 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.

SPEAK LIFE!

I am fourteen. Fourteen weeks old. My daily workouts are finally showing results. I can synchronize my arm and leg movements better now. Can you see my limbs? They are getting a little longer. And now my body is growing to catch up with my head. And guess what? I can make faces. But I have not decided which one I like best, so I am practicing them all. If you see me puckering, that will help you remember that this week, I am as big as a lemon! - a.m.opdahl

Thank you for your prayers for Brett Schulz who was severely burned with scalding water at work on April 8. You can keep updated on Brett's condition by visiting caringbridge.org/brettschulz. A benefit was held in Crookston last weekend. Donations can be mailed to Brett & Jill Schulz, 305 3rd Ave S., Crookston, MN 56716. Brett's wife, Jill, is the daughter of Dianne Christopherson and grand-daughter of John Cullen. Please continue to keep Brett and his family in your prayers.

Thank you to all who supported the Bakeless Bake Sale hosted by our **Catholic United Financial Council**. The donations of \$1418 have been turned over to the parish for faith formation purposes. Also, the MinisTree deeds you shared earned the max for the first half of 2021. Deeds after July 1 will again be welcome to earn an additional \$250. **THANK YOU CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS THEM!!**

Fresh farm eggs, call Linda Blaser 218-435-6628

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 (though 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: Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your love, grant the Diocese of Crookston a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
31 Adults	\$ 1295.00
Youth	\$.00
Loose	\$ 22.00
Total Collections	\$ 1317.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 27.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement donations	\$ 90.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3287.20

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.

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

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

Lily flowers from Easter are located by the bulletin board. Take one or two home.

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.

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

Sunday, May 16	Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, May 23	Lori Balstad
Sunday, May 30	Michele Schoenborn
Sunday, June 6	Jan Hemmingsen

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS will have to be canceled if no one volunteers to serve them.

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.

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!

Next Sunday, May 23rd:

Honor our High School Graduates,

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. The Guild will serve cake and coffee after Mass in celebration, everyone is invited. There will be boxes available to drop off cards for each graduate. Everyone welcome.

"Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning." —Senator Orrin Hatch

May 23rd, 6 PM, Baccalaureate Service at Hope Lutheran Church, everyone welcome.