

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



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we celebrate the Pentecost Sunday. It is a feast celebrated on the 50⁺ day of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today is also the birthday of the Church. We remember the day when the Holy Spirit descended on Blessed Mother Mary and on the disciples. The spirit came upon the timid disciples and transformed them into true messengers of Jesus. Once they received the Spirit, they went out boldly and preached to all in Jerusalem and to the end of the world. On this day Jesus wants us to know the freedom of living in his Spirit and to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit. On this day we need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: 1) by constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well; 2) by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions; 3) by asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading and talking to Him; and 4) by asking the help of the Holy Spirit that we may do good for others and be reconciled with God and others every day. God bless you! Have a Happy Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost Sunday

May 23rd, 2021

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R.E. Coordinators: PreK-6: Amanda Wiener &
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 26 11:30 AM Mass

Annammal & Suvakeen+

Fri., May 28 8:30 AM Mass

Marcella Agnes+

Sun., May 30 8:30 AM Mass

Clarence Agnes+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm

Tues., May 25 5 PM Mass

Raymond & Carole Quade+

Thur., May 27 11:30 AM

Carl & Lena Larsen & Norman Larsen+

Sun., May 30 10:30 AM Mass

For the parishes

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

Birthdays

May 25 Tennis Balstad

Anniversaries Listed

May 27 Dave & Rosemarie Brinkman

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),
Brett Schulz (5/16), Clara Manecke, Jerry Garding
(5/28)

"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 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Ps 33:4-5, 6,9,18-
19,20,22, Romans 8:14-17, Matt 28:16-20

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://suicidpreventionlifeline.org/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-6 grades RE class resume in the Fall.

For Grades K-6 Amanda Wiener 218-280-2187
or at amandawiener@hotmail.com

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

Youth Group will resume in the Fall.

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 **deadline June 21,**
2021 at 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.

**Mark your calendar: Mass with St. Joseph's
church and St. Mary's church at Lengby Park
is July 21. St. Mary's in charge this year.**

On formed.org: The TEAM following liturgical calendar, introduces new shows, and gives updates on what is happening. 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!

What can we do when life hands us a lemon? The saying goes, "make lemonade." But what if the solution isn't that straightforward? While it may seem easier to let other people solve our problems, that is a slippery slope. Our attitude because of a "lemon" will either find us overcoming our circumstances or succumbing to them. Our life decisions impact other lives. Our lives are gifts to us. And, in turn, we are gifts to others. Being who we are is speaking a message about LIFE. We choose if our message is bitter or sweet. a.m.opdahl

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

We will take up the Father's Day collection on Sunday, June 20th.

This collection is very important in that it provides for the health insurance, Medicare and unreimbursed medical and dental expenses for our retired priests. Priests in the Diocese of Crookston may not retire until they are 70 years old (unless their health dictates a rest) and many continue to serve as weekend substitutes, long term substitutes, spiritual directors, chaplains and participants in reconciliation services long after they officially retire. Please give generously to the Father's Day Collection!

Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal: If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

New Covid-19 Protocols: May 13, 2021

"Governor Tim Walz announced the end of Minnesota's statewide mask requirement, aligning Minnesota with the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on face coverings. Minnesotans who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear face coverings indoors."

Based on the above, those who come to worship or parish events in the Diocese of Crookston may choose to wear a mask or may choose not to wear a mask. **Until May 28, 2021, Follow social distancing guidelines.** Families may sit in adjoining pews 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

Thank You Lectors for Proclaiming the Word!

Sunday, May 23	Lori Balstad
Sunday, May 30	Michele Schoenborn
Sunday, June 6	Jan Hemmingsen
Sunday, June 13	Kathryn Ziermeier

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adults	\$ 4830.00
Youth	\$.00
Loose	\$ 125.00
Total Collections	\$ 4955.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 23.00
CUF Bakeless Bake Sale	\$ 1418.00
CUF MinisTree	\$ 125.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 50.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement donations	\$ 70.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 3357.20

2021 DAA: Goal for St. Mary's:	\$8723.00
Donations reported by Diocese	7780.00
Pledges reported	905.00
Total received & outstanding	8685.00
Amount needed to reach goal	\$ 38.00

This is from 38 awesome donors (32.2% of parish). Thank you for your generosity! Envelopes are still available by the entrances. Please prayerfully participate as you are able.

Father's Day Collection for retired Priests June 20
St Mary's Church has been very blessed during the pandemic compared to other area churches as far as funerals, but Help is Needed! One person cannot be available all the time.

A volunteer person is needed to work with Deb Wille planning &/or serving food at funerals. Training available. Call 668-2096 for information.

Bishop Pates will celebrate the Memorial Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Crookston on June 1, 2021 at Calvary Cemetery, Crookston located on the west end of Memorial Drive.-5:15 PM Mass – All are invited to attend, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs for seating.

REMINDER: Everyone who helps in anyway, cooking, cleaning or working directly with the kids, must certify for Safe Environment. Go to the Crookston Diocese website and click on Safe Environment. Click on certification. **Must Do.**

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS will have to be canceled if no one volunteers to serve them. Servers needed in the future, especially for the June calendar Sundays. Still need 1 more server for May 30 with Dorothy Paulson. 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!

Let us pray for generosity and the success of the Father's Day collection. It is our opportunity to give back to those retired priest who have given their lives to caring for our spiritual needs.

Today we honor TEN students from St. Mary's graduating from high school:

Faith, Lance & Trent Balstad, Emily & Evan Chalich, Grant & Logan Hemberger, Grace Rue, Dane Schoenbom and Kayla Zitzow.

Everyone is invited for cake & coffee after Mass

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

Our heart-felt condolences to the families of Joyce Klinkhammer, who passed away May 14th. She was Mary Miller's sister and sister-in-law to Viola Hand. Let us continue to lift them up to the Lord! Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace