

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

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**
December 31, 2017



Greetings from Fr. John:

Today we celebrate the Feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. After Jesus' birth, Mary & Joseph fulfill the Jewish right of purification. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary place where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Let us pray for the grace to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord in our families.

God Bless you. Have a Happy New Year!

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7-12: Lori Balstad
Pastoral Council Chair: Connie Smeby
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Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Wed, Jan 3 Adoration Noon – 8 pm
3:30 pm Mass First Care N.H.
Rose Maruska+
Fri, Jan 5 5:30 pm First Friday Adoration
and Benediction - Bagley
Sun, Jan 7 8:30 am Mass
Fr. Joseph Kieselbach+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues, Jan 2 Adoration Noon – 6 pm
Fri, Jan 5 5:30 pm First Friday Adoration
and Benediction
Sun, Jan 7 10:30 am Mass
For the Parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's

New Year's Day Mass: (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 am Mass St. Mary's – Fosston
Rick Hand
10:30 am Mass St. Joseph's – Bagley
Perry Levet, Earl & Pearl Madere+

<u>Birthdays</u>	
Jan 1	Mark Worshek
Jan 2	Clara Manecke
Jan 3	John Keller
Jan 4	Amanda Schultz
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Jan 1	Mark & Jackie Randall
Jan 3	Larry & Gemma Scott

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Hannah Keller, Carly Hemmingsen, Chuck Agnes, Harper Hand, Linda Klinkhammer, Sara Swenson, Brady Jones, William Vener, Alexa Jordan, Betty Bingham, Richard Weiss, Jordyn Werl, Lou Osmundson, Patrick Murphy, Jim McDonald, Dave Ekman, Kevin, Sherilyn Kolstad, Kaylee, Sue Erdmann, Vernon Kleppe, Don Dyrdaahl, Rick Hand, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Elaine Martz, Eric Kaml, Paul Silver, Eason, Barb Wickham, Mary Griffin, Margaret Rustad, Ardell Redder, Mandy, Virginia Weber, Mike Lynch, Candy Keller, Jerry Erdmann, Ben Hand, Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson and Fr. Don Braukmann

"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note with your donation whether intention is for a deceased or living person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

Gluten-free hosts available: Please stop by the sacristy before Mass to let Fr. know your need.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, Jan 7, 2017

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

ST. MARY'S YOUTH

Religious Education

Friday School – Jan 5, 2018

Sunday School – Jan 7, 2018

Youth Group – Jan 3, 2018 6-8 pm Wed.

Together Encountering Christ

Agassiz Valley TEC Rally

March 10-12, 2018 at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp by Fosston MN

What is TEC?

A three day retreat experience that focuses on the Paschal Mystery (the dying and rising of Christ). It is a time to personally explore what a life lived in Christ is all about. Each retreat is led by a team of adults and young adults who have encountered Christ through TEC already.

Who can go to TEC?

Anyone at least 16 years of age and a sophomore in high school. College students, young adults and older adults are welcome.

I am not Catholic can I still attend TEC?

Absolutely!

Check out the Bulletin Board

We've added another picture of our Youth Group as they went out Caroling last week.

Formed

We are using a program call "Formed", that was suggested by our diocese, for teaching our youth group and grades 7-9 Theology of the Body. There are many great programs for adults also, as well as movies. **FREE.**

Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE):

PreK-12 grades RE class after Sunday Mass 9:45-10:45am

Friday class for grades K-6 at 8:30-9:25 am.

For grades 7-12 please contact

Lori Balstad at 218-938-4286

For Grades PreK-6 please contact

Amanda Wiener 218-563-2703 or at amandawiener@hotmail.com

REBOOT LIVE with Chris Stefanick
April 18, 2018 7-9:30 pm St. Bernard's in
Thief River Falls, MN. Tickets \$22

For more information contact St. Bernard's at 218-681-3571 or purchase online by visiting www.RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

REBOOT! Is a fun, inspiring and practical experience for All Ages (12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! **God didn't create us to just get by, he created us to Live Life to the Full!**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

This is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong.

February 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN

April 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN

More Info: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

NOW HIRING! Our Northland
Diocese newspaper is seeking freelance

journalists! Freelancers will attend diocesan and parish events, conduct research, and write articles as assigned. High resolution photos will be expected to accompany written articles. Work will be submitted to *Our Northland Diocese* via e-mail by pre-established deadlines. Freelancers will work for the newspaper as independent contractors. Possession of a valid driver's license and the ability to travel independently in the diocese is a must.

Visit www.crookston.org/employment for full details or contact Janelle Gergen with inquiries at jgergen@crookston.org or 218-281-4533.

THANK YOU also to all who donated to the Christmas decorations, namely:

Carol Aaland in memory of Bill Aaland

JoAnn Anderson in memory of Deceased Family Members

Carol Broadwell in memory of Deceased Family Members

Eileen Hegg

Dennis & Jan Hemmingsen in memory of Silver Family Brothers

Tricia, Peyton & Ethan Proulx in memory of

Emma Proulx, Alois & Paul Schmitz

Gabe Schouviller in memory of Deceased Family Members

Chester & Connie Smeby in memory of Loved Ones

Annual Benefit Dinner & Raffle

St. Michael's School in Mahnommen will be holding its Annual Benefit Dinner & Raffle on February 11th, 2018. Enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner while supporting the school's key fundraising event. Benefit Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$500 and gives you a chance at these great prizes: \$7500, \$1500 and \$1000. The benefit raffle ticket also includes a dinner ticket and a chance at the prizes listed below. A separate dinner ticket can be purchased for \$75 (per couple) and includes your meal and a chance for these prizes: \$500, \$250, and \$100(10). Please contact St. Michael's School 218-935-5222, or any of our school families for more information on the benefit or to purchase a ticket.

Gospel Reflection for Dec. 24, 2017 by Bishop Robert Barron

At the heart of the spiritual life is the conviction that your life is not about you. The real spiritual life is about allowing oneself to be overwhelmed by the one who loves us.

Happy New Year 2018

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Jan 7, 2017

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham
Gifts: Eugene & Clara Manecke
Lector: Clyde Kringlen
Commentator: Nina Bingham
Eucharist: * Jan Hemmingsen, Carol Aaland, Steve & Lorri Massmann, Valarie Holzer
Servers: Faith Balstad, Isaac Chalich, Grace Rue
Hospitality: Tom & Rita Holland, Carol Broadwell

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Jan 14, 2017

Ushers: Steve Massmann, Richard Parent
Gifts: Ben & Melissa Hemberger Family
Lector: Lori Balstad
Commentator: Casey Holland
Eucharist: *Clyde Kringlen, Marion Parent, Doug Hand, Linda Blaser, Kathryn Ziermeier
Servers: Chloe McLean, Emily Chalich, McKinsey Rosendahl
Hospitality: Tricia Proulx, Carol Aaland, Dorothy Paulson

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$2320.15
Last Week's Collections:	
29 Adult Envelopes:	\$1470.00
13 Children/Youth:	\$ 15.00
Loose	\$ 130.00
Christmas Day (29 Envelopes)	\$1403.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 0.00
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$6690.48

MANY THANKS TO KRISTEN HEMMINGSEN AND ALL THOSE WHO DECORATED THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS! IT IS BEAUTIFUL!

Guild Meeting

Thurs., Jan. 11 at 6:30pm

2018 Calendars are provided for you by Carlin Hoialmen Funeral Home. Take one home today.

Fr. John leaves for India on January 4th through February 9, 2018

Taking his place will be Msgr. Mike Patnode & Fr. Mario Prada.

In case of emergency, call Deacon Aaron Kaiser at 218-280-4707 while Fr. John is gone.

Liturgical Ministries

Please consider volunteering for Liturgical Ministry, especially Lectors, Commentators or Eucharistic Ministers. Parishioner's contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. Please let Father John or the office know which ministries you would like to volunteer for.

Electronic Giving

St. Mary's welcomes you to sign up for electronic giving at any time. Forms are available in the parish office and by the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Please contact Linda Hand for further information.

Stewardship Envelopes

Your packet of January and February envelopes, along with a letter from Fr. John, should have arrived in your mailbox this past week. If you do not receive your packet by Dec. 30, please contact the parish office. Note to electronic givers: Please feel free to use your envelopes as a witness of your gift to the church. Just check the box by "I've given electronically." Also, take notice of the envelopes for special collections. Thank you so very much for your kind stewardship that keeps our parish running smoothly.

oneself to be overwhelmed by the one who loves us.