

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



As we enter the final week of ordinary time before lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the 14th this year, the liturgy of the word addresses leprosy in the readings. This disease was a cause for isolation, once contracted, the individual was forced to live outside the community. Jesus is moved with pity and desires for all of mankind to be made whole.

Pope Francis is quoted as saying:
“Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.”

The readings for Ash Wednesday are from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 where Jesus addresses Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. It is through prayer that we become aware of others suffering. When we reach out with generosity to help those in need we come to share in the experience of God's unconditional love.

GREETING:

The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from the burden of guilt and wrong-doing in our personal lives. He wants to purify our hearts and renew our minds so we can freely choose to love and do what is right. The Lord Jesus is ready to change and purify our hearts through the grace and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. **God Bless You! Have a great week!**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2018

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7-12: Lori Balstad

Pastoral Council Chair: Connie Smeby

Trustees: Jeanne Sanden and Erv Wickham

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895

24-hour confidential number

Confession 8AM, before Sunday Mass

Ash Wednesday is day of fasting

St. Mary's Mass & Intentions

Ash Wed Adoration Noon – 6:30 pm

Ash Wed, Feb. 14 1pm Mass, McIntosh NH

Marie Straub+

7 pm Mass, Annammal+

Thur. Feb 15 6:30pm Mass, Dax Derby+

Fri. Feb 16 8:30 am Mass,

Deacon Aaron Kaiser

Sun, Feb 18 8:30 am Mass

Rose Maruska+

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tues, Feb 6 Adoration Noon – 6 pm

Tues, Feb. 13 3:30pm Mass, Cornerstone AL,

Bena Bourgeois

Ash Wed, Feb. 14 5:30pm Mass,

Perry Levet+, Earl & Pearl Madere+

Thurs. Feb 15 11:30 am Mass,

Frank & Minnie Shereck+

Sun, Feb 18 10:30 am Mass

For the Parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's

Birthdays

Feb 14 Catherine Senger
Feb 14 Doreen Brovold
Feb 17 Linda Hand

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, Vernon Kleppe, Don Dyr Dahl, Doug Hoverson, Pam (Larson) Parkin, Johnny Vetter, Sharon Rein, Irma Hemmingsen, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson, Eric Kaml, Paul Silver, Eason, Mary Griffin, Margaret Rustad, Ardell Redder, Virginia Weber, Mike Lynch, Candy Keller, Sarah Ryan Walcker, Josh Martinson, Roger Drellack, Mark Vedbraaten, Fr. Don Braukmann, Jean Nielson, David Sullivan, Randy, Ethan Buttke.

"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 Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

Joel 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14,17, 2
Corinthians 5:20-6:2

The readings for next Sunday, Feb 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 1 Peter
3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent.

Religious Education

NO Friday School – Feb 16, 2018

NO Sunday School – Feb 18, 2018

Youth Group – Wed. Feb 21, 2018 will be serving Soup Supper.

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 218-280-2187 or at

amandawienner@hotmail.com

Formed

We are using a Free program call "Formed", suggested by our diocese There are many great programs & movies for adults as well as students.
Go to: Formed.org. Parish code: TGVHW3.

Agassiz Valley TEC Rally

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

Capitol 101

Register today to join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101. **On April 17th, we are hoping to travel with a group from our Diocese.** You'll have the chance to hear from and meet with legislators, pray with fellow Catholics, and get a window into the legislative process. To register go to www.mncatholic.org and click on the Capitol 101 banner. Pre-registration is required for this free event and space is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Cursillo Retreat, a short course in Christianity.

Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon.
Men's Feb. 22-25, 2018 and the Women's March 15-18, 2018. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information.

TODAY is World Marriage Day

National Marriage Week: Feb. 7-14 Visit:

ForYourMarriage.org

Pray that the sacrament of marriage between one man and one woman be blessed and supported throughout the world.

Enrich your marriage with the award winning series, **Beloved**, an Augustine Institute Studios original production, on

formed.org. It explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do."

Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed speakers, **Beloved** speaks to the very heart of every husband and wife, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2018

Today we heard Bishop Hoepfner's Diocesan Annual Appeal letter read. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your gifts support the education of our seminarians and thirteen diocesan offices and ministries. These ministries include our lively Youth Ministry, the offices of Marriage, Family and Life, New Evangelization and Justice, Worship, Vocations and many more. Your support is critical to the Bishop being able to offer ministries throughout the Diocese of Crookston. You may pick up an envelope here at the Parish or make a gift using the mailing you receive at home. Thank you for all you do to support your parish and the 2018 Diocesan Annual

Appeal. www.crookston.org/daa.

Seeking Elementary Education Kindergarten teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Please send letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference, college transcripts and a copy of teaching license to Jodi Vanderheiden, Principal, **Sacred Heart Catholic School**, 200 Third Street NW, East Grand Forks MN 56721 or email jvanderheiden@sacredheartegf.net. Phone: 218-773-0230.

Mass will be at St. Mary's at 5:30 PM Wednesdays of Lent, through March 21st.

There will be soup supper served at 6:00 PM followed by Enrichment at 6:30 PM.

The first Wednesday, (Feb. 21st) the Youth Group will provide and serve the 6:00 Soup Supper. The free-will donations received will be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. Stations of the Cross will follow at 6:30PM.

Feb. 28th Catholic United Financial will serve, followed by Speaker Mark LeTexier.

March 7th the Guild will serve, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM.

March 11th: Penance Service.

March 14th the Pastoral Council will serve followed by the Stations at 6:30PM by CUF.

March 21st the Financial Council will serve, followed by Speaker Deacon Dr. Mark Krejci.

Monday, March 26th, 6:30 PM, Chrism Mass at Crookston.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also fasting, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Everyone from the 14th birthday is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Everyone from the 18th birthday up to 60th birthday is bound to observe the law of fast.

St. Mary's still has about 100 good used Gather hymnals after giving 100 to the parish at Red Lake. Please let Linda or Fr. John know if you know of a good home for them

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Please make our Easter special by donating toward the decorations in honor or memory of a loved one. Please fill out below and put in a special envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put in the offertory basket. Thank you.

Your Name _____

In Memory of (In Honor of) _____

Amount of Donation _____

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Feb 18 , 2018

Ushers: Mark & Harlee Bingham

Gifts: Steve Chalich Family

Lector: Margarette Rue

Commentator: Jan Hemmingsen

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Michele & Doug Schoenborn, Clyde Kringlen & Linda Blaser

Servers: Lance Balstad, Olivia Rosendahl, Ben Keller

Hospitality: Ben & Melissa Hemberger, Kristen Hemmingsen

Ash Wednesday

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Feb 14, 2018

Ushers: David Holzer, Mark Bingham

Gifts: Lori & Tennis Balstad Family

Lector: Jan Hemmingsen

Commentator: Nina Bingham

Eucharist: *Eileen Hegg, Michelle & Doug Schoenborn

Servers:Harlee Bingham, Kayla Zitzow, Jesse Worshek

LITURGICAL MINISTRY – Feb 25 , 2018

Ushers: Steve Massmann, Tom Weber

Gifts: Alice Balstad, Florence Nesvold

Lector: Lori Balstad

Commentator: Casey Holland

Eucharist: *Kathryn Ziermeier, Carol Aaland, Doug Schoenborn, Gabe Wiener, Mark Bingham

Servers: Trent Balstad, Harlee Bingham, Evan Chalich

Hospitality: Doug & Michele Schoenborn Family, Lu Newell

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly: \$2320.15

Last Week's Collections:

27 Adult Envelopes: \$1140.00

Loose \$ 28.00

Children/Youth (7) \$ 7.00

Donations for Rolls (cost \$48.99) \$ 31.00

Hymnal Memorial \$ 20.00

Capital Improvements: \$ 209.00

Capital Improvement Balance: \$7329.48

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Barb Wickham, who passed away this week. May Barb, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. May those who grieve be comforted by Christ the comforter.
(At the time of bulletin printing funeral plans were pending).Carlin-Hoilmen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

On Ash Wed., when you come up for ashes, please draw a name from the basket and pray for that person or family during Lent as we did last year.

Formed has a program called **"A Lent to Remember"**. You can take advantage of this opportunity. **Go to:** www.Formed.org **Parish code: TGVHW3**

On Wednesdays Adoration hours will vary with the Lenten schedule

Help Yourself to Lenten materials & Schedule on the table in the social hall.

CRS RICE BOWL
"Lord, may we love as one human family". CRS Rice Bowl is our tool to do just this. To give us the opportunity to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through our prayer, fasting and alms giving. Make your Lenten practice this year one of mercy. Visit: crsricebowl.org. Your Rice Bowl is included with you bulletin as a reminder.

Finance Council meeting Feb. 15 at 7PM
Pastoral Council meeting Feb. 21 at 3PM

Collection on Ash Wednesday, February 14, is for Central & Eastern Europe
2nd Collection Feb. 18 is for Black & Indian Missions.