

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER – GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN, Felton - Sunday, Dec. 10 – serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Felton Community Hall. For more details, see notice on bulletin board.

The Christian Virtues in Your Marriage

“So faith, hope, love remain, but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Cor. 13:13

St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote, “The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.” God, through the Sacrament of Marriage, calls spouses to share His love with each other and with the world. At times, couples do so with great ease but other times this is a tough thing to do in marriage! Yet, the more you can become like God the better you will be able to share God’s love. This half-day retreat will lead couples through the Catholic virtues and help them understand how to follow these virtues in their marriage. The morning will be divided into times of prayer, presentation and reflection. The retreat will be lead by Deacon Mark Krejci, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Marriage, Family & Life for the Diocese of Crookston, and will take place in the Gathering Place at St. Joseph’s Church in Moorhead from 9:00 – 11:30 on Saturday, January 13. Please RSVP by January 9 by calling (218) 236-5066.

FM i.d.9:16 CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is in the process of starting men’s and women’s discipleship groups for those in their 20s and 30s. Groups typically meet twice a month and gather for prayer, viewing of a short teaching, discussion, and fellowship. Our goal is to grow in our relationship with Jesus within a small group community. Please contact us at fmid916@gmail.com for more information.

Want to make your Catholic voice heard at the Capitol? Register today to join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101. On Feb. 26, March 16, and April 17, Minnesota Catholics will be gathering at the State Capitol to learn about the issues impacting our faith and daily life. You’ll have the chance to hear from and meet with legislators, pray with fellow Catholics, and get a window into the legislative process. These are opportunities for you to share your story and make your voice count. For more information or to register, head to www.mncatholic.org and click on the Capitol 101 banner. Preregistration is required for this free event and space is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Come on a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Minnesota and Wisconsin in 2018!

Sites include: St. Norbert Abbey, St. Josaphat’s Basilica, Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Shrine of St. Philomena, and the ONLY approved Marian apparition in the United States - the National Shrine of our Lady of Good Help! We will travel from Wednesday, June 27, through Sunday, July 1, at an all-inclusive price of only \$1,075. We will travel on a deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach where breakfast buffet and dinner is included daily. Contact AJ Garcia (agarcia@crookston.org or 218-281-4533) for more information.

St. Andrew’s Pastoral Council

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Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us. We appreciate your participation. If you would like to join our parish community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to our parish office.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone



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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Andrew’s Catholic Church is a Christian community where all are welcome. Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to meet the spiritual needs of all through the sacraments, religious education, and worship. We seek to live an example of holiness and encourage one another as we journey toward eternal life.

Pastor: Fr. Pat Sullivan (on administrative leave) Phone: (218) 287-2705 – St. Elizabeth Parish Office
 St. Elizabeth’s Website: www.stlizabeth.org

Deacon: Tom Jirik (701) 219-3949 or deacontomstandrews@gmail.com
 Sec/Bkkpr: Mary Johnson (Home 937-5210)

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst, LSW (218) 281-7895 (24 hour confidential number)

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY MASSES:

St. Andrew’s----- 10:30 a.m.
 12/10 – Parishioners 12/17 – †Deacon Steve Nemeth
 St. Elizabeth’s----- 9:00 a.m.
 12/10 – †John Jereszek 12/17 – †Cliff & Marion Mills

WEEKDAY:

St. Andrew’s----- 9 a.m. Tuesday – †Harold Nilles Thursday – Communion Service
 St. Elizabeth’s----- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Dec. 10 – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Dec. 11 – St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab,10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Dec. 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30

Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13b; Mt11:11-15

Dec. 15 – Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19

Dec. 16 – Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Dec. 17 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a,10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50,53-54;
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 10, 2017



Mk 1:8

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 3 = \$2,385.24

Electronic Giving = \$30.00

Building Fund = \$200.00

Memorial to Stained Glass Fund = \$10.00

Special Collection for Local Needs = \$187.26

Feast of Immaculate Conception = \$214.00



GOSPEL READING



As we enter the Advent season what voice do you hear whispering in your ear? Is it the siren song of shopping lists or the blur of decorating duty? Does your mind buzz with joyous expectation of parties and celebrations? Step out for a minute into the silence of the desert. There's another voice you need to hear. Out of this season of holiday activity, God is calling us to His work: "Prepare the way of the Lord." We cannot merely look forward to the gift of the Christ Child. We must prepare His way, with lives and hearts free from sin, clearing the path for God's Spirit to work. In Advent, each child of God is called to walk in the footsteps of John the Baptist, preparing ourselves and our world for God. Are you ready?

A VOCATION VIEW

For those grieving after abortion, may they trust in God's patient mercy and find healing through his Church.

LIFE

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STEWARDSHIP

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

- Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



CHOIR – We are looking forward to singing together again and would like to welcome any new members to join us. Practices are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Dec. 17. We will be singing for the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24.

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be putting up the tree and lights next **Sunday, Dec. 17**, so we could use **many** helping hands. Please plan to stay after Mass to help us. The youth will be finishing the decorating on Dec. 20.

Christmas is a Time when our church fills with guests and family members who have been away. Let's take this opportunity to be a welcoming community and to go out of our way to greet them and make them feel at home. We never know just whom we might be bringing back to the Catholic Church by our warm hospitality!

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

This Advent/Christmas season, we thank everyone who has supported St. Andrew's this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving option. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact Mary in the church office for more information.

RECONCILIATION

Advent is a time to be reconciled with God and one another. So often we carry around hurts and grudges and we never let them go. Now is the time to forgive, and to seek forgiveness. **St. Andrew's Penance Service is Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m.**

Other Reconciliation Opportunities in Advent


Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. – Assumption, Barnesville

Dec. 14, 7 p.m. – St. Francis, Moorhead

Dec 18, 7 p.m. – St. Joseph, Moorhead

Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec. 23, 5 p.m. – St. Andrew's
Dec. 24, 9 a.m. – St. Elizabeth's
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth's
Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m. St. Andrew's
Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth's
NO Mass on Dec. 25 at St. Andrew's



ADVENT GIVING TREE

– The Advent Giving Tree is set up in the gathering space. Tags included are for needs of Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead, First Choice Clinic, The Perry Center, and Birthright. Please bring items unwrapped with the tag attached by December 17. Thank you for your generosity.

Prepare your heart this Advent for the coming of Christ by listening to great Advent retreats and inspiring talks on Real Presence Radio
1370/1280 AM/106.3 FM!

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

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.

Feeling lost? Need Direction?

The Diocese of Crookston has openings for spiritual direction and mentorship! If you are interested, contact Jessica at the Chancery by calling 218-281-4533. Your confidential request will be received and you will get a call back from coordinator, Deacon Steve Thomas, who will make arrangements for you. Visit www.crookston.org (Choose "Diocese" -> Then click "Spiritual Direction") to learn more about spiritual direction offerings in the Diocese of Crookston.

REACH's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Holiday Campaign

REACH has seen an increase in people needing help in our communities of rural Clay, Norman, and west Becker counties. From January through October 2017, REACH's Food Pantry had 681 visits, in addition to distributing over 3,500 pounds of produce this summer. Of those visits, 61 families had never visited REACH's Food Pantry before. There are currently 117 children from the following schools enrolled in REACH's Backpack Program: Glyndon-Felton, Hawley, Norman County East, and Ulen-Hitterdal. However, there are 444 children attending these schools who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches, leaving over 300 children who may be worrying about where their next meal will come from.

The fall and winter months tend to be a time of struggle for everyone, especially families with already tight budgets. REACH is committed to our mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors build Strong Communities and Healthy Families."

Help us fight hunger, poverty, and homelessness that exists right here in our rural communities.

Please consider a donation to REACH's mission this holiday season. Gifts are welcome online at www.ruralenrichment.org or PO Box 237, Hawley, MN 56549. You will also see donation boxes in the shape of green houses around our communities that will be accepting monetary support.



Remember in your prayers all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength, especially Toni Evans (friend of Mary Johnson), Amy Taveirne (niece of Margaret Ristvedt), Jim Bottelberghe (father of Heidi Fiskness). If you are aware of someone who should be added to the prayer list, please contact the parish office. *When names are removed from the list and you would again like them included, please contact the parish office.*

ROSARY is prayed before Mass each Sunday morning beginning at 10:05 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is offered in our parish on Mondays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN
 Please know that the gathering space is available for families with small children, and the speakers are on so you can see and hear the Mass.

If you want to send Father Pat a card, please send it to: Fr. Pat Sullivan, Diocese of Crookston, 1200 Memorial Drive, Crookston, MN 56716. Thank you.

UPCOMING DATES
 Sun., Jan. 7 – RE Christmas Program followed by Parish Lunch
 Tues., Jan. 9, 7 p.m. – Pastoral Council Mtg.