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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. Augie Gothman AGothman@crookston.org Phone: (218) 287-2705 – St. Elizabeth Parish Office
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Deacon: Tom Jirik (701) 219-3949 or deacontomstandrews@gmail.com
 Sec/Bkkpr: Mary Johnson

Diocesan Victim Assistance:

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).

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY MASSES:

St. Andrew's----- 10:30 a.m.

12/20 – For the People

12/27 – Mass of Thanksgiving – Jerry & Sue Pederson 50th Wedding Anniversary

St. Elizabeth's----- 9:00 a.m.

12/20 – †Terry Thomason

12/27 – For the People

WEEKDAY:

St. Andrew's ----- 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – Nancy Jones & Family

Thursday – 6 p.m. – †Monsignor Patnode

St. Elizabeth's ----- 9:00 a.m.

Monday – Fr. August Gothman

Wednesday – †David Mears

December 20 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

December 21 – St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45

December 22 – Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

December 23 – St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14; Lk 1:57-66

December 24 – Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Lk 1:67-79

December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc,17; Mt 10:17-22

December 27 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains indefinitely suspended in the Diocese of Crookston and the rest of the Minnesota dioceses. Those over the age of 65 as well as those with underlying conditions or compromised immune systems are discouraged from attending public Mass. Those who are unable to come to Mass or deem it best to continue refraining from attendance are encouraged to keep the day holy by viewing or listening to Mass or observing another religious practice. We will continue to live stream Masses on our Facebook page. One can also keep the day holy by viewing Mass on television (Sunday – Channel 6 at 10:30 a.m.; EWTN at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.), listening to Mass on the radio, making a spiritual Communion, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, praying the Rosary, or another devotion. If you have a spiritual emergency, you may call (218) 287-2705 and follow the recorded instructions in order to contact Father. Father remains available for spiritual emergencies (confessions and Anointing of the Sick), by appointment.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Council

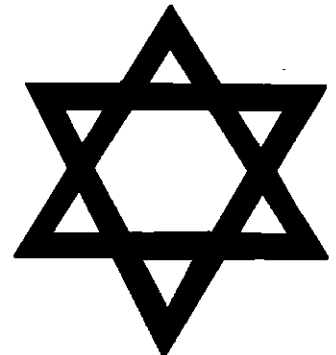
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**FOURTH SUNDAY
 OF ADVENT**

December 20, 2020





COLLECTION – Week of Dec. 12-18

Adult Envelopes = \$1,094.00
 Loose Plate = \$25.25
 Children's Envelopes = \$1.00
 Building Fund = \$100.00
 Roofing Fund = \$1,100.00
 Stained Glass Fund = \$25.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious = \$235.00
 Immaculate Conception = \$35.00
 Christmas Offering = \$85.00
Electronic Giving:
 General = \$560.00
 Building Fund = \$60.00
 Roof Fund = \$20.00

CARE OF THE SICK:

P Remember in your prayers all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Butch Johnson (brother-in-law of Mary Johnson), Randy Rasmussen (father of Sara Diaz), Ed Kees (uncle of Sara Diaz), Mila Caitlin Waletich, Laurie Dodd (sister of Sandy Maydole), Theresa Anderson (daughter of Violet Anderson), Chuck McDonald, Anna Barth (daughter of Troy and Carmen Barth), Mike Ford, Derek Tibbetts, Eileen Gothman (Fr. Augie's mother), Jerry & Pat Wallace, Lisa Wallace Holly (brother & sister-in-law and niece of Judy Anderson, Joan Wang, & Sue Bjerke), Sara Lee Cook (sister of Margaret Ristvedt & Chuck McDonald), Gloria Gunderson, Dale Cox, Daniel Cartwright, and Preston Calhoun (step-father of Joe Dickson). If you are aware of someone who should be added to the prayer list, 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.

Prepare and Share Freezer Meal Ministry – Do you know someone in our parish in need of support emotionally, physically, or spiritually? St. Andrew's "Prepare and Share" outreach ministers to those in need by delivering home-made meals to families and individuals for use when it works best for them. Please direct questions and referrals to Jane VanHavermaet at jane.vanhavermaet@gmail.com, 218-790-4530.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING



For many of us, making shocking discoveries can be traumatic. Undoubtedly; Joseph's discovery of Mary's "situation," her sudden and (initially) inexplicable pregnancy; was one of those discoveries. Yet, Joseph learned a lesson and we learn one, too, from Matthew 1:18-24. Joseph discovers that God is no longer distant. God will soon be close enough to touch. Joseph also discovered that he, himself, was valuable and that he would have a role in making sure

Emmanuel, "God with us," arrived safely into the world. Joseph's encounter with the angel assured him, and believers today as well, that God is now not just "nearby" in, say, the Temple or, for us, in a church, but rather, that God is literally right next door, as close as we might be to our neighbors. A God that close, a God who is right next door, then becomes the God who wishes to live in our lives and be to us as close as possible. That is one of the great promises of Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

– Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Jesus
is the reason for the season



VOCATION

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer.

SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy and prayers to Lloyd & Sandy Maydole and family on the loss of Lloyd's sister, Verona Johnson. Her funeral will be on Monday at Zion Lutheran in Twin Valley. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

ONLINE GIVING – Easy and Secure

We continue to count on your contributions. The fastest and easiest way for you to give is online. Go to www.standrewshawley.org. On the home page scroll down to Online Giving, click on Read More and follow the directions. You can schedule recurring donations for weekly, monthly, etc.; also can set up a one-time donation. It's fast, easy, secure, private, and you have complete control.

Christmas time has come again.

And what a remarkable year it has been. We've seen church families band together to help each other and support our congregation with time, talent, and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. Since we can't all gather in person to celebrate and worship this year, St. Andrew's encourages you to use our eGiving tools to make your Christmas offering. See above paragraph for directions to access. We thank you for supporting our mission this Christmas season!

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. We have added in the following times and days for confessions at St. Andrew's: (please mark your calendars)

12/21 – 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

12/23 – 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

LIVING FAITH – The Living Faith Devotional booklets beginning with January 2021 have arrived. They are on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please help yourself!



2021 Calendars are now available. Please be sure you pick one up after Mass today. Thank you to Wright Funeral Home and Korsmo Funeral Home for providing these yearly calendars.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

6:00 p.m. – St. Andrew

December 25 – Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. – St. Elizabeth



HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2021

9:00 a.m. Mass – St. Elizabeth's

10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Andrew's

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

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!

These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the January 9-10 **Marriage Encounter**. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE HELP

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. 800-470-2230

When: February 5-7, 2021

Where: Best Western Dakota Ridge Hotel

3450 Washington Dr, Eagan, MN 55122

info@tcr-mn.org

<http://www.helpourmarriage.org>

The 2020 Concordia Christmas Concert

"Sun of Justice, Reveal the Dawn" will be offered as a free virtual performance. We hope you'll join us online for one of the region's grandest Christmas celebrations featuring more than 425 student musicians. The virtual Concordia Christmas concert will be online December 18 - 27. Visit www.ConcordiaChristmas.com to register for the free concert. Your registration confirmation email will include the link for viewing the performance.

Hospice of the Red River Valley is offering several different Fall Virtual Grief Classes. These classes are intended for those who have experienced a loss. All programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required prior to each class date. Please call 800-237-4629 and ask to speak to a member of the grief support department.

Project Rachel: Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women and Men

The Diocese of Crookston has a confidential phone service for women or men who are seeking healing, hope and reconciliation after abortion. Staffed by a female counselor trained in Project Rachel ministry - a ministry of the Catholic Church showing that there is hope after abortion. Calls are answered Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The confidential phone line is 218-470-0112.

Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response – Call us if you or someone you know is at risk of harming self or others, expressing thoughts of suicide, experiencing severe stress that results in a significant decline in daily and/or family functioning, or you just don't know what else to do! Free help is available over the phone or in person 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 1-800-223-4512.

Mental Health Screenings – A free walk-in mental health clinic for Clay County residents is available from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through December 9 at The Village Family Service Center in Moorhead. Residents of Clay County who are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic may receive a mental health screening, referrals to services, and other supports at no charge. For more information, call The Village in Moorhead at (701) 451-4811.

JOB OPENING

PT Accounting Clerk: Diocese of Fargo is accepting applications for a part-time (10-20 hours per week) accounting clerk in the Parish Service Department. This position provides bookkeeping and payroll services to parishes within our diocese. Duties will include accounts payable, bank deposits, payroll, records management, and other financial needs and priorities that the parishes may have. The successful candidate will have an accounting degree and two plus years of experience. Email cover letter, resume and three references to barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org. Application deadline is Friday, January 8, 2021.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL –

"On Mission for Life and Dignity" April 15, 2021

Catholics at the Capitol is back! There is no time more important than now to speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials; just imagine the impact of every Catholic voice joining together! Catholics at the Capitol is designed for YOU! Whether you are an "old pro" in the political arena, exasperated with divisive politics, or someone who doesn't know where to begin, "CatCap" will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers. Now is the time to become a missionary disciple advocating for life and dignity! More information will be coming in January regarding diocesan-sponsored transportation for this event. Visit <https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org/> for information about Catholics at the Capitol.



PEACE  ON  EARTH

Every time a hand reaches out to help another . . .

That is Christmas

*Every time someone puts anger aside
and strives for understanding . . .*

That is Christmas

*Every time people forget their differences and
realize their love for each other . . .*

That is Christmas

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

When the tree has been prepared, the household gathers around it. All make the sign of the cross.

The leader begins:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All respond:

Now and for ever.

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:

This tree is a blessing to our home. It reminds us of all that is beautiful, all that is filled with the gentleness and the promise of God. It stands in our midst as a tree of light that we might promise such beauty to one another and to our world. It stands like that tree of paradise that God made into the tree of life, the cross of Jesus.

Then the Scripture is read:

Listen to the words of the apostle Paul to Titus:

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy,

he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading such as Psalm 96:11-13.)

The reader concludes:

The Word of the Lord.

All respond:

Thanks be to God.

After a time of silence, all join in prayers of intercession and in the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader invites:

Let us now pray for God's blessing upon all who gather around this tree.

After a short silence, the leader prays:

A Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of
the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of
Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Or:

B God of all creation,
we praise you for this tree
which brings beauty and memories and the
promise of life to our home.
May your blessing be upon all who gather
around this tree,
all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights.
We wait for the coming of the Christ,
the days of everlasting justice and peace.
You are our God, living and reigning, for ever
and ever.

R. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader says:

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

*The blessing concludes with a verse from
"O come, O Come, Emmanuel":*

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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The Good News for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is...

The angel [Gabriel] said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found **favor** with God."

Luke 1:30















Mary

Jesus' Mother Mary has many different names. Each of these names tells us something special about her. What do the following names tell us?

Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Can you think of some other names? What is your favorite name for Mary?

To find another name

1) Write the name of each image on the lines.

1 =		=	_____ 
2 =		=	_____ 
3 =		=	_____ 
4 =		=	_____ 
5 =		=	_____ 
6 =		=	_____ 
7 =		=	_____ 

2) Now, use the numbers next to each picture to place the circled letter on its correct line.

_____ 5 4 3 6 7 1 2

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.





MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

St. Stephen (Feast Day December 26th)

D. 36

Stephen is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as being one of the first deacons of the Catholic Church (See Acts 6-8). He was ordained to assist the apostles in their work of preaching, administration, and works of mercy. He boldly proclaimed the name of Jesus Christ and used his rhetorical gifts to preach the truth of the Gospel. This brought him many enemies, and he was stoned to death in the streets of Jerusalem. He is called the “proto-martyr” because this is the first account in Scripture of a believer in Christ being killed for professing that Jesus is the Messiah. We celebrate his feast day immediately after Christmas (December 26) as a reminder that in the midst of the joy of Christmas, Jesus calls us to follow him completely, even knowing that it could cost us our lives.

TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- Why does the angel say “Do not be afraid” to Mary? Do you think she was scared?
- How do you think Mary felt when the angel departed?
- The angel tells Mary, “Nothing is impossible for God.” Have you seen or heard of God doing something that seemed impossible?



FAMILY FUN

Christmas Lights Road Trip

After dinner, drive through the lighting displays around town or around your neighborhood looking at Christmas lights. See how many homes have something from our Catholic faith in their display (Nativity scene, statue of Mary, etc.). Play Christmas music while you drive and find the house with your favorite display. Challenge: Go to their door and tell them they won “Best Display in the Neighborhood” by the Christmas Display Committee of your family.

Liturgy Link

Listen closely to the words of the angel Gabriel in today’s Gospel. The words he uses to greet Mary are the beginning of a common prayer we pray. Which one is it?

Unleashing the Gospel in your Family

“... we are all in constant need of evangelization, because we are in need of deeper conversion.” (Marker 4.1)

Fun Facts!

Although stores and radio stations begin blasting Christmas songs long before Thanksgiving, you won’t hear any Christmas carols in church until Christmas Eve, which is the official beginning of the liturgical season of Christmas.

Share how your family celebrated Sunday!
#52Sundays



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Homemade Hot Sauce

Feeling the chill of winter coming on? Why not warm up with some homemade hot sauce? This hot sauce has the perfect amount of heat, and it's easy to make. It also makes a great gift!

1 pound mixed medium to hot fresh red chilies like fresno, holland or cayenne
 3 tablespoon kosher salt
 2 cups distilled white vinegar

Rinse the chilies in a colander and pat dry. Transfer chilies to the bowl of a food processor; add salt. Transfer the chilies mixture to a glass jar. Cover and allow to sit for 2 to 3 days so it can ripen. Do not stir.

Uncover and stir in the vinegar. Cover again and allow to sit in a cool place for 5 days. Strain mixture through a mesh strainer and press with a spoon. Discard the solids. Pour mixture in a bottle with a tight-fitting lid. You can refrigerate this for up to 6 months.

From: <https://mycatholickitchen.com/2017/12/hot-sauce.html>



FAMILY PRAYER

Pray this traditional litany together this evening. It is a great reminder of the richness of our Catholic tradition and how God uses Mary in so many ways to be close to us. For this prayer, dad (or mom) leads and everyone else says the responses, which are in bold.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.

Mother of Christ, pray for us.

Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Mother of divine grace, pray for us.

Mother most pure, pray for us.

Mother most chaste, pray for us.

Mother inviolate, pray for us.

Mother undefiled, pray for us.

Mother most amiable, pray for us.

Mother admirable, pray for us.

Mother of good counsel, pray for us.
Mother of our Creator, pray for us.
Mother of our Savior, pray for us.
Mother of mercy, pray for us.
Virgin most prudent, pray for us.
Virgin most venerable, pray for us.
Virgin most renowned, pray for us.
Virgin most powerful, pray for us.
Virgin most merciful, pray for us.
Virgin most faithful, pray for us.
Mirror of justice, pray for us.
Seat of wisdom, pray for us.
Cause of our joy, pray for us.
Spiritual vessel, pray for us.
Vessel of honor, pray for us.
Singular vessel of devotion, pray for us.
Mystical rose, pray for us.
Tower of David, pray for us.
Tower of ivory, pray for us.
House of gold, pray for us.
Ark of the covenant, pray for us.
Gate of heaven, pray for us.
Morning star, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.
Help of Christians, pray for us.
Queen of Angels, pray for us.

Queen of Patriarchs, pray for us.
Queen of Prophets, pray for us.
Queen of Apostles, pray for us.
Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of Confessors, pray for us.
Queen of Virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all Saints, pray for us.
*Queen conceived without original sin,
pray for us.*
Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us.
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.
Queen of families, pray for us.
Queen of peace, pray for us.
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the
world, spare us, O Lord.*
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the
world, graciously hear us, O Lord.*
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.*
*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord
God, that we, your servants, may enjoy
perpetual health of mind and body;
and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary,
ever Virgin, may be delivered from present
sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.*