



**St. Andrews
Catholic
Church**
Hawley, MN

Mission: We are 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.

Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Geneva Busko

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Monday September 14

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — NO MASS

4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, September 15

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of St. Expedite

Wednesday, September 16

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - †Gail Nemeth

Thursday, September 17

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of St. Philomena

Saturday, September 19

5 p.m. St. Andrew — †Carol Mastey

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Edith Gierszewski

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Andrew — TURKEY DINNER

To have Masses said for deceased or living family members, send your intentions to the parish office. Stipends are \$10 per Mass.

Daily Mass readings can be found at www.usccb.org or www.livingfaith.com

Rosary is prayed before Mass each Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Confessions: By request after daily and Sunday Mass and by appointment.

Prayers for the Sick: Remember all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength and those who have asked for our prayers, especially: Mary Jirik, Steve Lunneberg, Jason Dodd, Joan Wang, Tricia Rux, Faye Smiley Aakre, Anna Schmidt, and Karla Wohlers (friend of Mary Johnson). If you are aware of someone who should be added to the prayer list or if a name has been removed and you would like to again include someone, please email Deacontomstandrews@gmail.com. **All names will remain on the list for 30 days.**

September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Exponential Mercy

"That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt." —Matthew 18:23-25

Jesus tells this parable in response to Peter, who asked, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter likely thought he was being generous. But Jesus invited him to go far beyond what he imagined, responding, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

The context is helpful. Not long before this dialogue, Jesus had changed Simon's name to Peter—Petros—meaning "rock," the foundation upon which He would build His Church. He further promised Peter that the gates of hell would not prevail against it and said, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" ([Matthew 16:19](#)).

Soon after that, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where they were privileged to witness His Transfiguration—a glimpse of His divine glory. Peter had also witnessed many other miracles, some quite personal.

Perhaps these recent events in which Peter played a privileged role left him feeling quite favored. Wanting to demonstrate his spiritual maturity, Peter made what he thought was a generous offer: to forgive his brother up to seven times.

In Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos (cf. [Amos 1:3](#)). So when Peter offered seven, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure—a symbolic act of exceeding piety.

But Jesus' response radically shifted the paradigm. Seventy-seven times—or, in some manuscripts, seventy times seven—is not a precise numerical limit. It's a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God's own mercy toward sinners. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; He was inviting Peter—and all of us—into the boundless love of the Father.

The parable Jesus then taught illustrates this clearly: Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we must extend mercy to others. But it also begins with a shocking image. The master ordered that the servant, his wife, his children, and all his property be sold. This illustrates the incalculable debt we owe to God for our sins. Not only are we incapable of repaying it, but even everything we hold dear cannot cover the cost. At the heart of the parable is this truth: Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God. But if we imitate God's mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away.

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Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (1629) by French painter Claude Vignon in the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Tours, France.

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Lynn Buschette (2026)
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(year terms expire)
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Sheri Cook, Trustee
Fr. Augie Gothman
Deacon Tom Jirik

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

St. Andrews TURKEY DINNER is next weekend

Our first turkey dinner is next Sunday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.** Families whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring an ice-cream-bucket-size salad. Families with names beginning with M-Z should bring a jellyroll-size pan or two 9-13 size pans of dessert.

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space to roast a turkey or a pan of dressing.

Everyone's help is needed on Sunday to serve. Clean-up committee members were listed in the September mailing.

Help is also needed on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to prepare the turkeys and after Mass that evening to prepare the dressing and set up the dining area.

Thanks in advance for helping to make our September turkey dinner a success. And don't forget to mark your calendar for October 11, the date of our next turkey dinner!

**HELP WANTED:
Mission Support Assistant
Records & Finances**

The Parishes of St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth are seeking a detail-oriented, dependable individual to provide part-time administrative support (approximately 10–16 hours per week).

Responsibilities include:

- ☐ Recording contributions, deposits, and disbursements in ParishSoft
- ☐ Processing payroll and parish bills
- ☐ Reconciling bank statements and maintaining financial records
- ☐ Preparing quarterly and annual financial reports
- ☐ Assisting with annual budgeting, reporting, and Diocesan requirements
- ☐ Maintaining parish census and HR records

Ideal candidate: Organized, accurate, trustworthy, and comfortable working with financial records and computer software. Experience with bookkeeping or payroll is helpful. If interested, please contact Father Augie at 218-443-6275 or agothman@crookston.org.

Liturgical Assignment	Saturday, September 19 (Mass at 5 p.m.)
Lead Rosary	Curt Noll
Altar Servers	Dezi Aldinger Katherine Bisek Amelia Geeslin
Ministers of Holy Communion	Julia Knauss Curt Noll Dean & Diane Omberg Paul & Tiffany Sullivan
Greeters	Vossen Family
Lectors	Susan Pederson Brigid Pender
Ushers	Dean Omberg Jerry Paur
Music Ministry	Lynn Buschette
Gift bearers	Nate and Lynette Triebwasser Family
Counters	Carmen Barth Jennifer Geeslin Veronica Johnson
Cookies & Coffee	None Prep for Turkey Dinner

The Pope's Monthly Intention**September — For the care of water:**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Thatsa spicy meatball!!

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Dilworth will host it's Fall Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, October 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12 years of age. Preschool are free. Take out dinners will be available. Please support our sister parish!

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.)

Support and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life

Join the **Diocese of Crookston Serra Club** for its monthly online meeting on **Monday, September 14, at 8:00 p.m.** This month we will feature **seminarian Jon Stone** of Holy Rosary Parish in Detroit Lakes, who will share about his vocation journey and formation at Saint Paul Seminary. We will also welcome new member, **Courtney Meyer**, from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82557225975> **Meeting ID:** 825 5722 5975

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, parish volunteer, Knight of Columbus, Catholic educator, or simply someone who wants to encourage vocations, we invite you to join us. Learn more about how prayer, support, and personal encouragement can help foster future priests, deacons, religious sisters, and religious brothers in our diocese. All are welcome as we pray for, affirm, and encourage vocations.



DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON SERRA CLUB

Monthly Meeting

Affirming Existing Vocations and Encouraging
New Vocations Through Prayer and Service



Pray.
Encourage.
Support.
Vocations.



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
8:00 PM CT**



JOIN US ONLINE VIA ZOOM!
Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82557225975>
Meeting Chat: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/jc/82557225975>
Meeting ID: 825 5722 5975



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening Prayer & Welcome
- Introduction of New Member Courtney Meyer
- Guest Speaker: Seminarian Jon Stone
- Parish Check-Ins & Vocation Stories
- New Business
- Upcoming Vocation Dates
- Closing Prayer



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Come and be part of our mission to pray for, affirm, and encourage vocations in our diocese!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 27, 2026 – Priesthood Sunday
- Oct. 11, 2026 – Deacon Sunday
- Nov. 21, 2026 – World Day of Cloistered Life
- Feb. 2, 2027 – World Day for Consecrated Life
- Mar. 10-16, 2027 – National Catholic Sisters Week
- May 1, 2027 – Religious Brothers Day



Thank you for supporting priestly and religious vocations in our diocese!



Prayer for World Day

for Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father

Who watches over every person
watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
and You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
and You caress my lines.
You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
help me learn to love it
just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it
just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
just as You have chosen it –
You who, though all-powerful, clothed
yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division
So that we may live these years
united in You.
You will never forget us!

Amen.

Did you miss the special collection?

If you missed today's special collection for the church in Latin America, you can place your donation in next weekend's collection basket.

St. Andrew's Men's Bible Study

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:00 AM

Where: Church Library (South doors will be unlocked)

What We Do:

- Read and discuss Sunday gospel readings
- Talk about what Christ is doing in our lives
 - Share prayer requests and pray

Want to join?

Text Mike at 218-232-4875 to be added to the text chain.

Mark your RE Calendars!

The first day of Preschool-4th grade religious education was today, Sunday, Sept. 13, (9:15-10:25). Classes for students in grades 5-11 will begin Wednesday, Sept. 16. For more information or to enroll students, contact:

- Heidi Fiskness — (320) 492-2013 or Heidi.fiskness@gmail.com
- Jennifer Geeslin — (218) 329-5048 or jgeeslin@gmail.com

Renew your Safe Environment Training Now

The training includes a video message from Bishop Cozzens, a Protecting Vulnerable Adults video, as well as questions on the diocesan Code of Conduct. The training will take approximately 40 minutes to complete. **ALL volunteers** need to be certified. Use this link: <https://www.crookston.org/secertification> or scan the QR code.

RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS

Safe Environment Training is LIVE!

Take your 2026/27 Training before the busy school year starts.

Certification needs to be renewed each year.
Background checks every 5 years.



[Crookston.CMGconnect.org](https://www.crookston.org/secertification)

Prepare and Share Freezer Meals Available

Our Prepare & Share Ministry freezer is still well-stocked with tasty meals. If you know of someone who is sick, injured, facing hard times or grief, or could benefit from taking a break from cooking, let us know! Our meals are delicious, nutritious and prepared with love. To arrange pick up or delivery of meals, please contact us! Blessings,

- Lynette Triebwasser (701-367-4656)
- Jane VanHavermaet (218-790-4530)
- Mary Sorvig (701) 360-0215

Sign up for Travelling Crucifix for Vocations

The sign-up for the travelling Crucifix for Vocations is located in the gathering space. We are in need of households to sign up to host the travelling Crucifix for Vocations and pray daily for vocations in our Diocese. The process is easy: Take the travelling crucifix to your home for a week and place it in a prominent place as a reminder to pray for vocations then recite the prayer on the provided prayer card each day. Of course you can say additional prayers or a rosary each day if you wish. Many families say the time with the crucifix in their home has inspired them to pray more frequently for religious vocations. Your prayers are powerful and will result in more priests, deacons, religious men and women in our diocese!

St. Williams in Argusville to host Turkey Dinner

The dinner will be Sunday October 4 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Argusville Community Center. Free will donation (\$15 suggested donation). A bake sale, country market and raffle will also be available.

Fifth Annual Luxury Bingo!

All are invited to this one-of-a-kind fundraising event featuring luxurious high-end prizes, fabulous food and drinks, and the opportunity to generously support Women's Care Center. Holiday Inn Fargo, Tuesday, October 6, 2026, starting at 5:30 pm. \$150 per person (includes one complimentary bingo card for each game plus food and drinks). To RSVP or ask questions call Heather at (701) 532-0313 or email heather@wccnd.com.

REACQUIRE A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



RESCUE LIVE!

A day of Revival offered by Fr. John Ricardo
Sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston

Saturday, October 10th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Alerus Center Ballroom
Grand Forks, ND

Use the QR code for registration
Fee \$50



Diocese of Crookston retreat opportunities

Upcoming retreats at the Diocese of Crookston Nazareth Retreat House at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Crookston. For more, visit <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>.

- **September 24-27 — Women's Cursillo.** Step away from the noise of daily life and rediscover your purpose, your faith and the strength of sisterhood.
- **October 5-7 — Till Death Do Us Part: A Widow & Widower's Retreat.** A retreat designed specifically for those who are on the journey of life after the death of a spouse. Search to see how God blesses and is active in our lives: in the past, in our new self, our family, our friends and the future. We will explore the changes in the pattern of life and how we cope with the world in a new "normal."
- **October 22-25 — Men's Cursillo.** This short course in Christian community living is a three-day learning, sharing, inspirational experience of living in a Christian Community. Hear inspiring talks and experience the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian Community.
- **January 28-31 — Bishop Cozzens' Men's Silent Retreat.** This 4-day retreat will consist of conferences each day aimed at helping you to relate and receive from God in the present, with daily Mass, daily Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for silence and solitude. In addition there will be times of individual spiritual direction.

DISCOVER ALPHA THIS FALL

**Big Questions. Honest Conversation.
Real Community.**
**Explore life, faith, and meaning in a
friendly setting where everyone is
welcome and every question
matters!**



Thursdays, Sept. 10th – Nov. 19th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. Francis Church, 601 15th Ave N

Questions? Contact: Shawn Erickson
218-236-5066
serickson@stjoesmhd.com

Register at <https://alphausa.org/try-alpha/>

"Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." —Sirach 28:2