



**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

Saturday, September 19

5 p.m. St. Andrew — †Carol Mastey

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday September 21

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Dennis Reno

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - NO MASS

Thursday, September 24

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Communion Service

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Susan Mitchell

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

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: Kay Dahlberg and Kim Moen (friends of Dawn Chisholm) Mary Jirik, Steve Lunneberg, Jason Dodd, Joan Wang, Tricia Rux, Faye Smiley Aakre, and Anna Schmidt. 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 19, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Equity

"Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laboreers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard." —Matthew 20:1-2

The landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o'clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day's labor concluded at six o'clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so.

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labor performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith (cf. [Isaiah 55:8-9](#)).

At the heart of this parable is God's abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of laborers. Among those who have labored in Christ's vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did.

Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God.

Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God's Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy.

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term "equity" is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

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Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (1629) by Dutch painter Salomon Koninck in the Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

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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 TOMORROW

Our first turkey dinner is tomorrow, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 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. Everyone's help is needed on Sunday to serve. Clean-up committee members were listed in the September mailing.

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.

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 Assignment	Saturday, September 27
Lead Rosary	Donna Noll
Altar Servers	Easton and Kyler Kolbinger Olive Mathern
Ministers of Holy Communion	Kathy Tibbetts Loretta Votava Tim & Karla Winkelman Cody and Shelly Aldinger
Greeters	Tim and Karla Winkelman
Lectors	Ron Sorvig Tiffany Sullivan
Ushers	Dean Omberg Jerry Paur
Music Ministry	Mary Rutten/Mary Sorvig
Gift bearers	Robert & Carrie Vetter Family
Counters	Sandy Maydole Brenda Norris Diane Omberg
Cookies & Coffee	Jerry & Mary Rutten Carol Schoff Mary and Ron Sorvig

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.

Consider Cursillo

Deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life by allowing the Spirit to lead you on a Cursillo. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 24-27 and a Men's Cursillo on the weekend of October 22-25 at the Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. Applications are available at <https://crookstonscursillo.weebly.com/>.

Comfort, care and prayer. . .

If you or someone you know is in need of a blessed prayer blanket, see Fr. Augie or Deacon Tom. We have a number of hand-made blankets available.



Need Help with Heating Costs?

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin accepting applications for the upcoming heating season October 1. Eligible homeowners and renters may receive help paying heating bills, emergency fuel deliveries, or furnace repairs and replacements. Applications are accepted October 1 through May 31, or until funding is exhausted, so early application is encouraged. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please contact your local Energy Assistance provider at 1-800-492-4805 (option 1) to learn more and apply.

Seeing Pregnancy Support Advocate

Women's Care Center is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills for a pregnancy support advocate position. A part-time position is available. Degreed and non-degreed candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Please apply on Indeed at bit.ly/4x1bINj or by forwarding your resume to angela@wccnd.com

National Mental Health Sunday Set for October 11

In October 2026, Pope Leo XIV is inviting the world to join him in prayer for Catholic mental health ministries and their work to respond to the global mental health crisis. The U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB) designated Sunday, October 11, 2026, as National Mental Health Sunday, when Catholic communities across the country can pray for all who struggle with mental health and those who accompany them. More details about National Mental Health Sunday can be found online at <https://www.usccb.org/mental-health-sunday>. Additionally, stay connected to the USCCB's National Catholic Mental Health Campaign, a yearround initiative to encourage all people of good will to get engaged in this outreach. More details and resources can be found online at <https://www.usccb.org/mentalhealth>.

Thatsa Spicy Meatball and More!!

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. There will also be a parish bake sale and a basket raffle. Please support our sister parish!

Fall Festival set for October 4 at St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 601 15th Ave. N. in Moorhead, will host it's annual Fall Festival and Roast Beef Dinner Sunday, October 4, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$8 for youth age 6-12, and free for children age 5 and younger. Take-out meals are available. The festival will also feature a hope chest raffle, country store, bingo, chocolate fantasy table, silent auction, crafts, childrens games, cookie walk, baked items and a candy table.

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!

Priesthood Sunday is September 27

Priesthood Sunday, October 27, 2026 is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Join us in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Let us show the priests in our parish our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests! Saint John Vianney, the Patron of Priests says, "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a Priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us PRAY for all Priests today, Priesthood Sunday and every day to see their vocation as a blessing and strive to live out their calling to be CHRIST to all!

"Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put Him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die as a result of sin, who will raise it up—who will restore its calm and peace? Again—the priest. After God, the priest is everything! Only in heaven will we fully realize what he is."
— St. John Vianney

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Father of all mercies,
Provider of a bountiful harvest,
send Your graces upon those You have called
to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your holy will;
inspire in them a love and desire
to surrender themselves to serving others
in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your divine Word and Truth

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels and Saints,
humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs,
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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/>

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 3-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.
- **November 19-22 — Ecclesia Domestica.** Step away from the busyness of daily life and encounter Jesus in a deeper way through this powerful retreat presented by Ecclesia Domestica (The Domestic Church). This four-day retreat is designed for women seeking spiritual renewal, healing, and a stronger relationship with Christ.
- **December 4-6 — Mystical Roses Advent Retreat.** Join us for a special Marian Advent retreat as we ask Mary, the Mystical Rose, to draw us more deeply into the hope, expectation, and joyful waiting with which she awaited the birth of her son.
- **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.

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



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.

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.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near."

—Isaiah 55:6



All Smiles

Honoring Grandparents & the Elderly



St. Andrew's celebrated its first Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, September 13, 2026, alongside our Sunday School kick-off. Students from preschool through 4th grade learned about Saints Anne and Joachim, Jesus' grandparents, while grandparents joined in with craft projects. Full pews of multigenerational families, youth serving in ministry roles, and special blessings for our grandparents and elderly made for a beautiful morning — capped off with brunch for about 200 guests. Smiles all around!



Saints Anne & Joachim

Pray for us!

