



**St. Andrews
Catholic
Church**

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 27

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

10:30 a.m. St. Andrews – Parishioners

Monday September 28

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Dale Narlock

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

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth – †James Schoemer

Thursday, October 1

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of the Holy Family

Sunday, October 4

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — Parishioners

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Bob and Susie Bjerke

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 27, 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" — Matthew 21:28-31

This parable must have been difficult for the chief priests and elders to hear, especially since it was clearly directed at them. In fact, after Jesus tells them a second parable, we read, "although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet" ([Matthew 21:46](#)).

It seems they dismissed Jesus' words and His rebuke, but fear of public backlash, rather than fear of God's judgment, kept them silent for a time.

In today's Gospel, the first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes, those who initially violated God's law but later repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. After telling the parable, Jesus declares, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Like the second son, the religious and civic leaders paid lip service to God's law, but their actions did not align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own rejection of God's saving Word, and they misled others by their outward piety and self-righteous attitudes.

We might imagine that the second son, who said, "Yes, sir," represents all who put on a false appearance of holiness. In the sight of others, they say the right things, but behind closed doors they fail to act.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially responds with defiance—"I will not"—his conscience eventually moves him to do what is right. Some may wonder why Jesus didn't include a third son, one who says "Yes, sir," and then follows through. But Jesus likely omits such a son because all of us fall into one of the two categories. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed perfectly in both word and deed.

The first son becomes our model because each of us, in some way, struggles to enter into perfect obedience to God's will. From childhood, we contend with what the Church calls concupiscence, the disordered tendency that arises from Original Sin. Though we are created good and in the image of God, our nature is wounded and inclined toward what is contrary to His will. The spiritual journey we undertake in this life is one in which grace slowly reorders our fallen inclinations and restores us to the obedience we are called to live.

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[The parable of the two sons. 2012. Oil on canvas. Artist A.N. Mironov, via Wikimedia Commons](#)

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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: _____

Next Turkey Dinner Is October 11

Our next turkey dinner is Sunday, October 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 10. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area to roast a turkey or dressing. Families whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring a jellyroll-size pan or two 9X13 pans of dessert. Families whose last names begin with M-Z should bring an ice-cream-bucket-size salad.

We need help Saturday at 9 a.m. to prepare the turkeys. Help is also needed after Mass that evening to make the dressing and set up the dining area. Everyone's help is needed throughout Sunday to serve the dinner. Families assigned to clean up will receive a notice in their church mailbox.

Suggestions for improvements are always welcome. Thanks in advance for helping to make our October turkey dinner a success.

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	Sunday, October 4
Lead Rosary	Donna Noll
Altar Servers	Isaac, Leo & Sam Osowski
Ministers of Holy Communion	Troy Barth Kelly Bisek Dawn & Randall Chisholm Sheri Cook Rich Dombeck
Greeters	Youth
Lectors	Youth
Ushers	Youth
Music Ministry	Youth Choir
Gift bearers	Youth
Counters	Sue Pederson Carol Schoff Laurel Schultz
Cookies & Coffee	Becky Thiel Janet Thompson Kathy Tibbetts

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.

October – For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

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.)

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 year-round 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 its Fall Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner on 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 its 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, children's 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, September 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.

Stay Connected with St. Andrews!

Get parish updates right on your phone!

- View parish announcements
- Access bulletins and event calendars
- Receive important parish communications
- Connect with fellow parishioners through the app



SCAN ME

Getting started is easy:

- Scan the QR code with your phone's camera
- Download the TeamReach app
- Join the St. Andrew's group

Baker-Downer Presbyterian Church Fish Fry is October 23

Baker-Downer Presbyterian Church will hold a fish fry Friday, October 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Menu will be fried fish, baked potatoes, coleslaw, corn, garlic toast, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Price is \$20 for 12 years old and older; 10 for ages 6-11. Ages 5 and under are free. Takeout meals can be ordered at the door.

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>.

- **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.

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.

"Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior." —Psalm 25:4-5