



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, October 4

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

10:30 a.m. St. Andrews — †Bob & Susie Bjerke

Monday, October 5 28

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Gail Nemeth

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — For the unborn

Thursday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 11

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Sunday, October 12

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — † Robert & Adeline Borowicz

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.**

October 4, 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit — Matthew 21:28-31"

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The image of the vineyard comes from the Prophet Isaiah ([Isaiah 5:1-7](#)) and represents the people of Israel. The landowner is God, who, from the time of Abraham, has lovingly and intentionally cultivated His people. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize God's providential care, protection, and the structure He established for their spiritual growth, respectively.

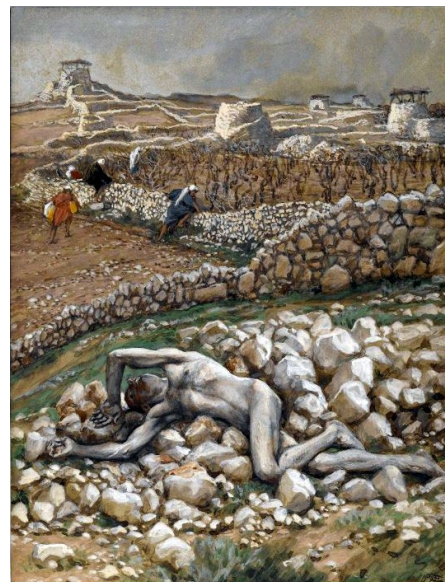
The tenants are the religious elite of Israel who were entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets—faithful messengers consistently rejected and mistreated. The son is Jesus, sent by the Father as the culmination of His divine outreach.

The parable ends in tragedy with the son's murder. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" ([Matthew 21:43](#)). Though Jesus was addressing the religious leaders of His time—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, Sadducees, and elders—His enduring promise of a new beginning speaks to us today.

We are invited to be part of the people to whom God now entrusts His vineyard, the Church. Today, the hedge, winepress, and tower represent the Sacraments, the teaching authority of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. God continues to cultivate His vineyard with great care, expecting it to bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, is called to receive this trust with gratitude and to labor diligently for the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and killed for our redemption.

Sometimes, when we speak of "the Church," we do so as if it were some distant institution. Our minds may turn immediately to the Vatican, the pope, or the local bishop. While these shepherds hold crucial and foundational roles within the vineyard, we need to understand the Church in a more encompassing way.

Every member of the Church is a laborer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you.



The Son of the Vineyard, watercolor by J.J. Tissot in the Brooklyn Museum

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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 next 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	Saturday, Oct. 10 <i>Mass at 5 p.m.</i>
Lead Rosary	Sue Pederson
Altar Servers	Averi & Caden Perman Levi Polley
Ministers of Holy Communion	Kathy Johnston Kurt Ketterl Julia Knauss Curt Noll Dean & Diane Omberg
Greeters	Troy and Carmen Barth
Lectors	Ron Sorvig Tiffany Sullivan
Ushers	Jerry Rutten Don Schoff
Music Ministry	Veronica Johnson/Mary Sorvig
Gift bearers	Viergutz Family
Counters	Rebecca Thiel Kathy Tibbetts Carmen Barth
Cookies & Coffee	Prep for turkey dinner

The Pope's Monthly Intention

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.

AED Training

The St. Andrews Knights of Columbus will host a training on how to use the parish's automated external defibrillator on October 31 from 10 to noon. The training is open to all.

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.)

Have an appetite?

Here's your guide to area church dinners and festivals

St. Andrews Hawley	October 11 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Turkey and all the trimmings	\$15 \$5 for 6-12 Under 5 free
St. Francis de Sales Moorhead	October 4 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Roast Beef and Fall Festival	\$20 \$8 for 6-12, Free for 5 and younger
Holy Rosary Detroit Lakes	October 4 12 to 3 p.m.	Chicken Dinner and Fall Festival	\$15 \$5 for 6-12 Free for 5 and younger
Lysne Lutheran Church	October 4 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Meatball Dinner	Free will donation
St. Joseph's Fertile	October 4 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Turkey and all the trimmings	\$15 \$10 for 6-12 Under 5 free
St. Williams Argusville Community Center	October 4 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Turkey Dinner	Free-will donation/\$15 suggested
Baker-Downer Presbyterian	October 23 4 - 7 p.m. Takeout available at the door	Fried fish, baked potatoes, and sides	\$20 for 12 and older \$10 for 6-11 Free for 5 and younger
St. Elizabeths Dilworth	October 25 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner	\$18 \$10 for 6-12 Free for 5 and younger

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

Deepest Sympathies

The parish community of St. Andrews expresses its deepest sympathies to Veronica Johnson and her extended family on the death of her brother Raymond Reinke on Wednesday in Biloxi, MS. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, October 9, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Hankinson, ND. Full obituary: www.wrightfuneral.com/obituaries/raymond-reinke

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!

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 retreated 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.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

—Philippians 4:6-9

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.

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>.

Communal Anointing of the Sick to be held Oct. 18 at St. Andrews

Following Mass on October 18, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all who are suffering from any ailments, undergoing medical treatments, as well as the those whose health is challenged and the elderly. We would encourage you to reach out to the shut-ins in our community who are ambulatory and encourage them to attend or offer to transport them to Mass on this day. We also invite family members who care for them at home to join us for this prayer for healing, comfort, and strength.

Who should approach the Sacrament?

- The Seriously Ill: Anyone facing a serious physical illness, chronic condition, or major medical diagnosis (such as cancer).
- The Elderly: Elderly individuals whose frailty or declining health has become pronounced, even if no specific critical illness is present.
- Before Surgery: Those preparing for a medical operation where a physical condition introduces risk.
- People who have already been anointed, but whose condition worsens or who face a new health crisis during the same illness.



10/02 Rick Haskins	10/10 Harper Eslinger	10/21 Ivy Jorgenson
10/04 Matthew Boucher	Haddie Krebs	Beverly Rohweller
Samuel Dauner	Ben Studer	10/22 Kaye Matson
10/05 Jordan Hoekstra	10/11 Aidan Flaten	Tiffany Sullivan
10/06 Diane Omberg	10/12 Keith Hanson	Jacqueline Swan
Anthony Rosing	Carol Schoff	10/24 Lillie Mahan
Katelyn Sang	10/16 Jaiden Kolbinger	Emily Vetter
10/07 Samuel Kluck	10/17 Patricia Taylor	10/25 Kaileigh Grandstrand
Presley Norris	Matthew Thompson	Stephanie Krueger
10/08 Whitney Kohoutek	Katherine Viergutz	10/26 Mary Christensen
Julianna Shulstad	10/18 Shaun Aakre	Dalton Heisler
10/09 Rory Guderjahn	Kirsten Cook	Hayden Martin
Coleman Kohoutek	10/19 Michelle Hanson	10/27 Jenson Diederich
Aaron Krosch	10/20 Urijah Cooley	10/31 Derek Crompton
	Ethan Langseth	Mark Klevgaard

Register for Rescue Live Now!

Join Us at Rescue Live on October 10th Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Catholics from across the Diocese of Crookston for Rescue Live on October 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Alerus Center Ballroom in Grand Forks, ND. Fr. John Riccardo of Acts XXIX will lead this day-long Catholic Revival where he will lead us through an understanding of the faith as Created, Captured, Rescued, and Response. This will be a powerful experience of the gospel, worship, fellowship, and the call to mobilize for mission. Music ministry will be provided by acclaimed singer-songwriter Sarah Kroger. For more information or to register, go to: <https://crookston.org/rescuelive>

October is Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.respectlife.org/celebrate