



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

Saturday, October 10

5 p.m. St. Andrews — Parishioners

Sunday, October 11

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

Monday October 12

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — No Mass

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

Tuesday, October 13

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Communion Service

Wednesday, October 14

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — No Mass

Thursday, October 15

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Communion service

Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth --†Parishioners

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Raymond Reinke

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.

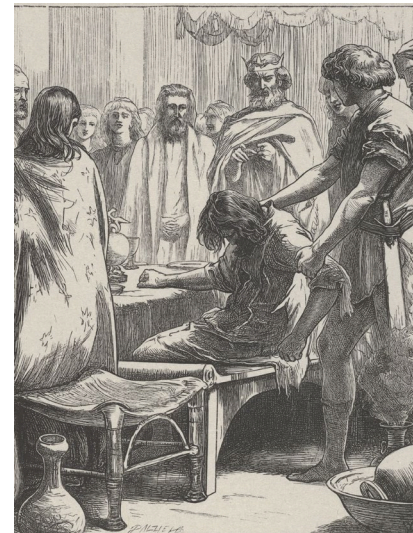
Prayers for the Sick: Remember all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength and those who have asked for our prayers, especially: Joan Vanderweyst (family friend of Tim and Karla Winkelman), Kay Dahlberg and Kim Moen (friends of Dawn Chisholm), Dean Grommesh (brother of Dawn Chisholm), Mary Jirik, Steve Lunneborg, 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.

October 10, 2026 / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wedding Feast of the Liturgy

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come 21:28-31

Today's parable continues Jesus' direct confrontation with the religious leaders of Israel—specifically, the chief priests and elders. Through this story, Jesus unveils the mystery of the Kingdom, the tragedy of Israel's rejection, and the universal call to salvation. The central theme of this parable is found in the opening line: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. Today, the Holy Mass is a real participation in that Messianic Banquet and a foretaste of its fullness to come.



The Marriage Feast, wood engraving after Sir John Everett Millais in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

The first invited guests "refused to come." This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout history—ignored, rejected, and persecuted.

When the king learned of their refusal, he sent troops to destroy those who had been invited — a clear reference to God's justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death. The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through the Holy Mass. When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, "refuse to come"—even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation. When we view the Mass as a burden or inconvenience, we act like those in the second group who responded with indifference or hostility.

Ideally, we will attend Mass willingly, joyfully, reverently, and with hearts prepared to encounter the Bridegroom. This requires that we remain in a state of grace. The parable ends with a sobering image: A man found at the feast without a wedding garment is cast out into the darkness. The "wedding garment" symbolizes the state of the soul, especially the presence of sanctifying grace, which is received in Baptism and restored through Confession. To approach the altar without this garment is to risk being cast out, as the man in the parable was. We must therefore examine our conscience, repent of sin, and prepare our hearts with devotion so that we may worthily partake of this Heavenly Meal. —*Reprinted from mycatholic.life*

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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: _____

Turkey Dinner is TOMORROW!

Our turkey dinner is tomorrow, October 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 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.

Everyone's help is needed throughout Sunday to serve the dinner. Plan to arrive between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

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.

Fr Augie on retreat this week

His retreat will be October 11-17. During that time, the Spiritual Director has asked them to be phone-free. In case of a sacramental emergency, please call St. Joseph's in Moorhead at 218-236- 5066. St. Andrews will have Communion Services rather than Mass October 13 & 15.

Liturgical Assignment	Saturday, Oct. 18
Lead Rosary	Janet Thompson
Altar Servers	Jack Sather Benjamin and Henry Shaw
Ministers of Holy Communion	Paul & Tiffany Sullivan Kathy Tibbetts Loretta Votava Tim & Karla Winkelman
Greeters	Ted and Bethany Cox
Lectors	Kathy Tibbetts Brayden Aldinger
Ushers	Jerry Rutten Don Schoff
Music Ministry	Brigid Pender
Gift bearers	Vossen Family
Counters	Jennifer Geeslin Veronica Johnson Sandy Maydole
Cookies & Coffee	Genna & Jason Underdahl Jane VanHavermaet Katy Vanhavermaet

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.)

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.**

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

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

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 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.

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.

National Mental Health Sunday Set for Oct. 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>.

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

Pray for our Deacons

Please pray for Deacon Tom Jirik and all the Deacons of our diocese. Deacon Prayer bookmarks will be available by the baptismal font as well as on the table in front of the Popcorn Prayers Poster. Please use this as a prayer resource throughout the year.

Heavenly Father,

We lift up our Deacons to You in heartfelt gratitude for their quiet dedication, compassion, and tireless service to our church family. You have called them to be Your hands and feet, serving behind the scenes with grace, empathy, and humility. Grant our Deacons wisdom as they care for the needs of our parishioners, strength when the work is heavy, and discernment to hear Your guidance in every circumstance. Wrap them and their families in Your peace and protection, renewing their spirits with Your joy. May our community continue to encourage, support, and pray for them as they faithfully love and serve us all.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

POPCORN PRAYERS for Fr. Augie & Deacon Tom for the month of October!

Please let them know that you will be praying for them by writing your name on a popcorn and adding it to the poster wall. Also, please write down how and how often you will be praying for them during the month of October! Prayer ideas are on the signup sheet or come up with your own ways to pray! We will be giving them a "Spiritual Bouquet of Popcorn Prayers" in November! They cherish our prayers for them! We are so grateful to God for them!

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
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
Cathedral Church Crookston	October 25 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Turkey and trimmings, raffle, games, silent auction, country store	\$15 \$10 for 5-12 Free for under 5

Rachel Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing: Nov. 20-22

Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? The Fargo Diocese Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a safe, non-judgmental and confidential weekend retreat for anyone – including women, men, couples, grandparents or siblings - who struggle with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon. For more information, contact Sherry at 701-520-1229 or email rvregister@yahoo.com. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.



CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Tuesday, October 13th

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Meal & Talk
Featured Speaker: Jeff Bates - Vita Counseling

**Held at St Francis de Sales
601 15th Ave N, Moorhead**

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