



**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 25

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth --†Dennis Reno

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Monday, October 26

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Lorraine Mitchell

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

Tuesday, October 27

9 a.m. St. Andrew — †Communion Service

Wednesday, October 28

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Margaret Aker

Thursday, October 29

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

Sunday, November 1

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

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of St. Expedite

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: Bishop Balke, Rose Swenson, 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.

All names will remain on the list for 30 days.

October 25, 2026 / 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Eternal Law of Love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" — Matthew 22:34-36

The Law of Moses, found in the Torah—the first five books of our Old Testament—is traditionally said to contain 613 commandments: 248 positive ("dos") and 365 negative ("don'ts"). Among these laws, there was a longstanding debate among the rabbis about which commandment was the greatest. Therefore, though the Pharisee who posed this question to Jesus was testing Him, it was also likely a sincere inquiry.

Jesus certainly perceived the testing nature of the question, but He also recognized the genuine desire for truth. In response, He gently and directly offered a comprehensive answer, presenting a twofold summary that encompasses the entire Law and the prophets: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

These two commandments do more than summarize the Law and the prophets, they also encapsulate the essence of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer. Once we acknowledge God as our Father, we pray, "Hallowed be Thy name" and "Thy Kingdom come." These are the highest petitions we can make.

To hallow God's name is to give Him His due. God is thrice holy—holy, holy, holy. Our greatest duty is to hallow His name and His very being by magnifying and glorifying Him. This is the highest way to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind.

In this life, we also turn to God in other ways. We ask for the grace to do His will, for His providential care, and for mercy and forgiveness. We pray to overcome trials and to be kept safe from the evil one. Each of these petitions, found in the Lord's Prayer, is essential and finds expression throughout the Torah and the New Testament. Yet in the end, every petition we make must ultimately lead to the highest commandment: to hallow God's name—to love Him with all we are—not merely because of what He does for us, but because of who He is. He is worthy of our love for His own sake, and it is our highest duty to offer Him that love.

In Heaven, many of the commandments and petitions we now make will cease. We will not ask for forgiveness, since we will be purified and sin no more. We will not pray for daily bread—pointing to the Sacraments and God's temporal care—because we will enter the eternal Banquet. Nor will we ask for strength to endure or receive protection from the evil one, because all trials will have been conquered in Christ. But we will eternally fulfill the greatest commandment and the first petition of the Lord's Prayer by forever hallowing God's name, crying out "holy, holy, holy," and loving Him with a purified and perfected love.

Likewise, the second greatest commandment will also be fulfilled in Heaven, just as the second petition of the Lord's Prayer—"Thy Kingdom come"—is fulfilled. The coming of God's Kingdom is our eternal participation in His glory and holiness, united with all our "neighbors"—the angels and saints. Our love of God will overflow into love of neighbor, and our love for one another will reflect and participate in our perfected love for God.

Hallow God's name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people—especially those hardest to love—so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbor, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven. —**Reprinted from *mycatholic.life***



The Pharisees Question Jesus, 1886-1894, watercolor by French painter James 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: _____

Want to be a lifesaver?

When someone has a heart attack, the first moments will matter. This automated external defibrillator (AED) training session will give you a clear, practiced response for that moment: recognize a likely cardiac arrest, call for help, begin CPR and use an AED without losing those valuable moments.

An AED is designed to analyze a person's heart rhythm and, when appropriate, advise a shock to help restore a rhythm that can support circulation. Modern AEDs are made for use by trained lay rescuers as well as healthcare professionals. They give clear voice prompts, but training matters because an emergency is stressful, fast-moving, and rarely as orderly as a demonstration.

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

**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, Nov. 1
Lead Rosary	Loretta Votava
Altar Servers	To be assigned
Ministers of Holy Communion	Rich Dombeck Kathy Johnston Kurt Ketterl Julia Knaus Curt Noll
Greeters	To be assigned
Lectors	To be assigned
Ushers	To be assigned
Music Ministry	Lynn Buschette
Gift bearers	To be assigned
Counters	Carol Schoff Laurel Schultz Tracey Viergutz
Cookies & Coffee	Heidi & Scott Kolbinger Tonia Lofgren Sandy Maydole

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.

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: www.respectlife.org/celebrate

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.)



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!

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.

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. Elizabeth's Spaghetti Dinner is TODAY!

The St. Elizabeth's Spaghetti Dinner is today (October 25) from 11 to 3 p.m. Enjoy this authentic Italian dinner. Prices are \$18 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12, and free for preschoolers. There will also be cash raffle prizes and a bake sale. Support our sister parish!

Prayer for Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

Ask of God and Our Lady the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Aided by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world.

Amen.

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.

Discerning the Diaconate Sessions

The Diocese of Crookston's next formation group for the permanent diaconate will begin in the Fall of 2027. The Diocese will be holding a number of "Discerning the Diaconate" sessions in November and December via Zoom for men, and wives if married, to provide more information about the diaconate and deacon formation. The sessions will be held on November 2nd, November 17th, or December 3rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. If you are considering discernment of a call to the permanent diaconate, you are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. To register for one of the sessions and receive the Zoom link for the meeting, please email Deacon Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Formation, at mkrejci@crookston.org. In the email, please indicate which session you wish to attend.

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

Book of Remembrance to be Displayed

During the Month of All Souls

During the Month of All Souls (November), many parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief. The Book of Remembrance is usually displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Our Book of Remembrance will be located on a podium near the baptismal font.

Charismatic Praise & Worship

Charismatic praise and worship followed by healing prayer is held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's on the second and four Thursday of every month.

Have an appetite?

Here's your guide to area church dinners and festivals

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
St. Leo's Catholic Church, Casselton	November 1 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Roast Beef Dinner with raffle, country store, bake sale and kid's games	

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>.

- **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.

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.



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- How do I vote like a Catholic?

- A disciple is someone who is seeking not only personal holiness but the transformation of the world in light of God's truth. Jesus did not come just to save us, but to share with us his life so we could transform the world into the kingdom of God. This means everything we do, especially in the sphere of our civil society, matters for us as disciples. We even want to vote in such a way that it builds up the kingdom of God. We have lots of options for voting this November, especially in Minnesota where both the entirety of both legislatures and our governorship are up for election.
- **In 2015 the US Bishops re-approved their important document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."** This document gives several principles by which a Catholic can form their conscience for voting. In this reflection I offer 10 principles taken from Catholic teaching about voting.
- **1. Vote based on principles of Catholic Social Teaching.** The question is not "which candidate do I like more" but "what does the Gospel and our Church teach about the issues before us." Catholics are called to form their consciences in light of Scripture, the Catechism, and authoritative Catholic teaching. Catholic Social Teaching is a rich treasury of teaching that allows us to form society in light of Gospel truths.
- **2. Protect human life and human dignity.** The most basic principle and fundamental starting point for all Catholic social teaching is the inherent dignity of every human person, from conception through natural death. In their document the bishops specifically identify protection of unborn children as a preeminent requirement, while also addressing euthanasia, assisted suicide, the death penalty, war, racism, poverty, migration, and other threats to human dignity.
- **3. We can never approve of intrinsically evil acts.** Some actions are never morally permissible. The bishops specifically identify abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting people to subhuman living conditions, transgender surgeries, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, and racist behavior as examples. A Catholic may not in good conscience vote with the intention of supporting intrinsically evil acts.
- **4. Seek the common good — not simply personal interests.** Voting should not be based merely on 'What's best for me?' Catholics should consider the good of the whole human community, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. Remember Matthew Chapter 25 which reminds us that whatever we do for the least we do for Jesus. This certainly applies to our voting.
- **5. We should consider the full range of important moral issues.** Opposition to one intrinsic evil does not permit "indifference or inattentiveness" to other important questions involving human life and dignity. There are many important issues for Catholics. The Bishop's list includes, among other things: abortion; euthanasia and assisted suicide; marriage and family; immigration; poverty; education; health care; racism and discrimination; religious liberty; care for creation; war and peace; human rights.

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- 6. Recognize that issues have different moral weight. The document explicitly says: “Not all issues are equal.” As we noted, it distinguishes between intrinsically evil acts, which can never be approved, and other matters involving affirmative obligations to promote the common good. If something is intrinsically evil, our positions must be clear and unambiguous. When it comes to questions about the best way to address poverty, housing, education, and immigration, the principles are clear, but reasonable people seeking the common good can disagree about how best to apply those principles. (See my statement on immigration I made last year).
- 7. Evaluate candidates' actual positions and use prudence. This means a Catholic should not vote for a candidate simply because of party affiliation. Sometimes a candidate aligns better with Catholic teaching in a different party. We should seek to understand what candidates actually propose, and how they intend to govern. Prudence is the virtue that helps us choose the right thing in a difficult situation. Normally, no candidate fully reflects Catholic teaching. Often one must choose the lesser of two evils.
- 8. It is possible to vote for a candidate who has an unacceptable position even on an intrinsically evil act, if there is a proportionate grave reason. For example, if two candidates are both in favor of an intrinsic evil like legalized abortion, but the voter believes that one candidate would also be in favor of another exceptionally grave harm to human life or dignity, one could vote for a candidate that favors legalized abortion, because of that other grave reason. The bishops address this difficult issue directly in paragraph 35: “Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil.”
- 9. Don't ignore local elections. In our news driven society we often only pay attention to the national elections. But local elections to school boards and city council can be extremely important as we try to create a more Christian community right here in our neighborhoods. It is a worthy thing to lead on the local level, and Catholics should not be afraid of entering politics! We need just and holy people to help establish our local policies and help our communities to flourish.
- 10. Pray before you vote. I think you should pray before everything, so that everything you do will glorify God, but voting is especially important. We need God's wisdom to discern what is right when the decisions are difficult. This can also help us to avoid the cultural pitfalls which play so much on anger, division and fear. Prayer allows us to cut through fear as we surrender our lives to God and he gives peace. Then even when the candidate we vote for doesn't win, we can still choose to peacefully work for the good in society, without anger or fear.

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