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, November 8
8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth – †Neil Brown
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Monday November 9
9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Robert Mitchell
4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, November 10
9 a.m. St. Andrew — †Roline Buschette

Wednesday, November 11
9 a.m. St. Elizabeth – †Ted Laugeness

Thursday, November 12
9 a.m. St. Andrew — Bishop Kevin Kenney

Sunday, November 15
8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth – Parishioners
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Michelle Kulasingham

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, Carlos Diaz, 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), 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.

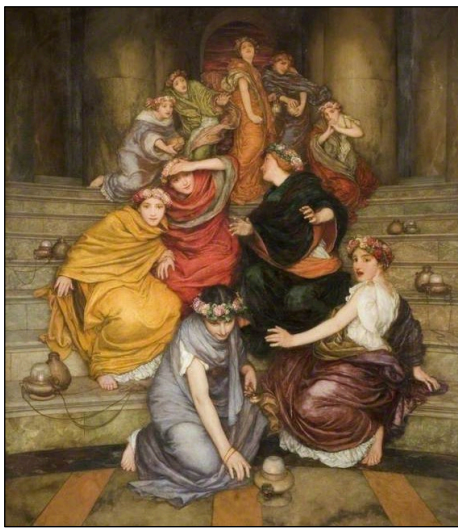
All names will remain on the list for 30 days.

November 8, 2026 / 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bridegroom and the Bride

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise." – Matthew 25:1-2

The Parable of the Ten Virgins draws on culturally familiar language and practices from first-century Israel. Understanding the wedding customs of that time sheds light on its deeper meaning.



Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, 1899 oil painting by William John Wainwright, in the Birmingham Museum and Art GalleryHistory at Frederiksborg Castle in Denmark.

First, the bride and groom did not choose each other. The father of the groom selected a bride for his son and spoke to the bride's father to obtain his consent. If the bride's father agreed, the two fathers drew up a contract, which often included a financial contribution from the groom's family to the bride's—both to compensate for the loss of her presence in the household and to symbolize the value the groom placed on her.

Once an agreement was reached, the bride price was paid and a betrothal ceremony took place. During this ceremony, the bride and groom were legally bound to each other, though they would not yet live together. From that point on, the bride belonged to the groom, and the union could only be dissolved through a formal divorce. After the betrothal, the groom returned to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride—often by building a new room onto the family home. This period of preparation could last up to a year. The bride remained in her father's house, readying herself and awaiting the groom's return.

When the groom had finished his preparations, he and his friends set out to retrieve the bride, usually at night. The exact timing was unknown to the bride and her attendants. They had to remain constantly watchful. When the groom drew near, a cry would go out—often accompanied by trumpet blasts or joyful shouts—announcing his arrival. The bride, accompanied by her virgin attendants, would rise to meet him with lamps lit. Together, they would process to the groom's house, where the door would be shut and the wedding feast would begin. The celebration could last several days.

Today's parable takes place toward the end of the betrothal period, when the groom was expected to arrive at any moment. This period of watchful anticipation symbolizes our present age, when we are already bound to Christ through Baptism. The price for our mystical marriage was the death of the Son of Man, the Bridegroom Himself. Now we must remain vigilant, anticipating His arrival.

The bridegroom's arrival represents the unexpected moment of Christ's return at the end of time, at the hour of our death, and even His daily coming by grace. The cry in the dark symbolizes the call of accountability and divine judgment, when every soul will rise to meet the Lord. At that moment, it will become clear who among us was wise and who was foolish. The wise brought oil, symbolizing the necessary interior disposition of grace, charity, and perseverance. The foolish failed to prepare. And while all may have fallen asleep, only those who lived in readiness will enter the wedding feast. Once the door is locked, no one else may enter.

See yourself as one of the bridesmaids, dozing in the night, only to be startled awake by the sudden trumpet blast and the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Are you ready, today, to meet the Lord? Or do you, like the foolish virgins, presume you still have plenty of time left to prepare? —***Reprinted from mycatholic.life***

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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: _____

Book of Remembrance is 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.

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. 15
Lead Rosary	Sue Pederson
Altar Servers	Amelia Vetter Katherine Viergutz Katherine Bisek
Ministers of Holy Communion	Loretta Votava Tim & Karla Winkelman Cody & Shelly Aldinger
Greeters	Kolbinger Family
Lectors	Mike Cook Heidi Fiskness
Ushers	Carmen & Troy Barth
Music Ministry	Veronica Johnson Mary Sorvig
Gift bearers	Troy & Carmen Barth
Counters	Carmen Barth Jennifer Geeslin Veronica Johnson
Cookies & Coffee	Erica Polley Jerry & Mary Rutten Carol Schoff

The Pope's Monthly Intention

November – For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, may it always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

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.)

Support Vocations Through the Serra Club

The Serra Club of the Diocese of Crookston is dedicated to fostering and supporting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry through prayer, encouragement, and education. The Serra Club's next monthly meeting will be held via Zoom on:

Monday, November 9, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting will feature **Seminarian Westin Gourneau**, a fifth-year seminarian for the Diocese of Crookston, who will share about his vocation journey and seminary formation. Anyone interested in learning more about supporting vocations in our diocese is welcome to attend.

Zoom Meeting Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87472186980

For more information about the Serra Club and how you can encourage and support vocations, please contact Tiffany Sullivan, President of the Diocese of Crookston's Serra Club/Ministry, paultiff61@gmail.com.

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 November 17 and December 3 from 7 to 8 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

Holy Cross holds Holiday Collections Craft Show

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2711 7th Street E. in West Fargo will hold it's 17th Annual "Holiday Collections Craft Show" on Saturday, November 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the largest church-held craft show in the region with more than 85 crafters and vendors for all of your holiday shopping needs. Admission is $2 and lunch is available for purchase.

Pray for Vocations

In November we are **praying for future vocations** by praying popcorn prayers for future priests, deacons, men and women religious, and marriages! Please consider signing up to take the traveling Vocations Crucifix Kit home for a week. The prayers in the kit take only 30 to 90 seconds each – far less than the time it takes to microwave a bag of popcorn. Please fill up the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Let's fill it for the entire year!

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.

St. Peters in Park Rapids sets Bazaar for Nov. 21

St. Peter's Catholic Church, 305 West 5th Street in Park Rapids will hold its fall Bazaar November 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar features, coffee and rolls at 9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30p.m. There will be crafts, a bake sale, homemade lefse, door prizes, and a children's dollar store. Admission is free.

Diocese of Crookston retreat opportunities

Retreats will be at the Diocese of Crookston Nazareth Retreat House at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Crookston. For more: 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.

Diocese Kicks off Seminarian Appeal to support its nine(!) seminarians

This week the Diocese of Crookston kicked off the Seminarian Appeal for 2026. This is a new appeal that supports our seminarians in active formation. The Diocese of Crookston is incredibly blessed to have nine seminarians in formation and each year the diocese invests $16,000 to $60,000 per seminarian to cover education, formation, food, housing, travel, and spiritual direction. Your gift—no matter the size—directly impacts their ability to follow God's call without financial fear. With your support, they can give their full "yes" to Christ, confident that their Church family stands behind them. Our goal is the raise $230,000 to help these young men on the path of discernment. Hear Bishop Cozzens' message: https://www.youtube.com/@diocrookston



Archbishop Fulton Sheen was beatified in September, on his way to being declared a saint by the Catholic Church one day. One of the significant things he did in his life was to make a daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. We have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Andrews on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It has been said that we are experiencing another Great Depression, this time it's a mental health one, loneliness, emptiness, depression, anxiety, fear, and more. I invite you to hear the words of Jesus: "Come to me, you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Please come and pray for yourself, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and those suffering any kind of mental health issue. Come and draw closer to the one who loves you more than anyone loves you!

Items still urgently needed for REACH Spirit of Giving Food Baskets!

By November 15, we still need:

- 110 cans of cranberries
- 90 boxes of stuffing
- 80 cans of corn
- 60 packets of gravy
- 60 cans of green beans

Do your shopping and make your donations by next Sunday!

Pray as you go!

Don't just drive, pray while you go! Use your drive time to grow closer to Christ. Real Presence Radio is the perfect travel companion, whether you're headed across town or across the state. With Catholic programming, prayer, and reflection, your drive time can become grace filled time. Listen on the app, online, or on your local station, 1280AM / 98.3FM!

Journey to Eternity…

Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program for adults sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for January 22-24, 2027, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is $70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Rachel Vineyard Retreat offers hope and healing:

Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? Rachel's Vineyard retreat, November 20-22 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. More information at https://fargodiocese.net/project-rachel-ministries

Presentation Prayer Center offers "The Light Endures" Fall Gathering

The Presentation Prayer Center invites you to attend its annual fall gathering on Thursday, November 19, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Sanctuary Events Center in Fargo. Tickets are $45, available on EventBrite.com or from the Presentation Prayer Center (presentationprayercenter@gmail.com or 701 532-0610). You will experience music, dance, poetry, and meaningful conversation to elevate your mood and strengthen your spirit. Your ticket includes a continental breakfast. Proceeds support the ongoing mission of the Presentation Prayer Center, "to kindle spiritual growth in people of all faiths". This year's theme is "The Light Endures." Join us in celebrating the Presentation Sisters and others who have shown by their example how to bring healing and love to a hurting world. Keynote speaker Sr. Mary Margaret Mooney will weave a story of humble beginnings, steadfast purpose, and the power of community to create and sustain the light that endures.