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

Monday November 16
9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †James Schoemer
4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, November 17
9 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Wednesday, November 18
9 a.m. St. Elizabeth – †Gail Nemeth

Thursday, November 19
9 a.m. St. Andrew — †Raymond Reinke

Sunday, November 22
8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth – Albert & Gaudentia Mitchell
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Dale Cox

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, Betty McDonald, 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 15, 2026 / 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bridegroom and the Bride

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one – to each according to his ability. Then he went away." – Matthew 25:14-15



Parable of the Talents, 1712 woodcut, artist unknown.

Today's Gospel begins with a master who, before departing on a journey, entrusts his possessions to his servants, "each according to his ability." In this image, Jesus reveals Himself as the Master, whose journey begins with His Ascension into Heaven. The talents—a unit of currency—represent the spiritual gifts, graces, charisms, and opportunities God entrusts to each soul for the building up of His Kingdom.

This raises a profound question: Why are these gifts given in differing measures? Why does one soul receive five talents, another two, and another only one? Is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? The answer lies in the mystery that, although every soul has the capacity to receive the infinite God who dwells within, not all cooperate with His grace to the same degree.

Saint Teresa of Ávila reflects beautifully on this truth in the opening pages of her spiritual masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*. She teaches that the soul is like a magnificent castle, in which God dwells in the innermost chamber. The spiritual life is a journey through the many "mansions" of this castle, drawing ever closer to union with the One who already resides within. Saint Teresa affirms that the soul is of "great beauty" and "great capacity" because God is present within us (I.I #2). God has already placed within each soul every spiritual treasure—every grace and gift we need. Yet our experience of those treasures—whether five talents, two, or one—depends upon our willingness to embark on the inner journey of prayer, purification, and transformation.

So, is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? Certainly not. Each of us is capable of receiving and manifesting that mercy in abundance. The extent to which this takes place is revealed in today's parable, along with the sobering truth that such gifts can be lost through negligence and complacency.

The servants entrusted with five and two talents represent those who actively cooperate with the grace of God dwelling within. That cooperation leads to spiritual transformation and growth, doubling the gifts received and preparing the soul for even greater fruitfulness.

By contrast, the servant who buried the one talent he received represents those who, despite having the infinite God within, remain closed to His grace. To bury the talent is to ignore the divine gifts by hiding them through fear, laziness, or indifference. The result is severe: "Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich… And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth".

Reflect today on the stark contrasts among these servants, and humbly consider which best represents you. God wants you to be spiritually rich. He desires that you use the interior treasure of grace flowing from His indwelling presence. He wants to multiply every spiritual gift you have and use them for His glory and the salvation of souls. Are you willing to work diligently to cooperate with all that God has given you?

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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. 22
Lead Rosary	Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers	Christian & Jamison Fiskness Amelia Geeslin
Ministers of Holy Communion	Knights of Columbus
Greeters	Knights of Columbus
Lectors	Knights of Columbus
Ushers	Knights of Columbus
Music Ministry	Cody Aldinger Jennifer Geeslin
Gift bearers	Knights of Columbus
Counters	Sandy Maydole Brenda Norris Diane Omberg
Cookies & Coffee	Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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.)



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!

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 is holding "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. 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 1:30 p.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.

Thank you for your generosity!

	August	September	October
Collection			
Adult Envelopes	$10,108.00	$5,382.00	$4,744.00
Loose Plate	$1,165.50	$980.25	$881.75
Children	$3.00	$0.00	$0.00
Building	$400.00	$495.00	$345.00
Maintenance	$30.00	$30.00	$30.00
Online			
Adult	$2,692.45	$2,388.60	$3,165.49
Building	$100.00	$290.00	$140.50
Maintenance	$35.69	$35.69	$87.07
Other			
Diocesan Retired Priests	$100.00		
Candles	$5.00	$17.00	$10.00
Holy Day (Assumption)	$250.00		
Memorials		$75.00	$40.00
Diocesan Church in Latin America		$682.00	
Donation from Knights of Columbus			$215.50
Diocesan World Missions			$461.83
Catholic United			$500.00

Memorials

- From Sherwood Peterson for Sue Bjerke
- From Curt Johnson for Sue Bjerke
- From Lloyd and Sandy Maydole for Raymond Reinke
- From Dean and Diane Omberg for Raymond Reinke
- From Gary and Laurel Schultz for Raymond Reinke

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.

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

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

This month 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.