# 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 29*
8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth – Parishioners
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Joyce Buschette

*Monday November 23*
9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Isaac Benedict
4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

*Tuesday, November 24*
9 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of St. Jude

*Wednesday, November 25*
9 a.m. St. Elizabeth – †Dale Narlock

*Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)*
9 a.m. St. Andrew — NO MASS

*Sunday, November 29*
8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth – Parishioners
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Joyce Buschette

*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), 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.**

***Nov. 27, 2026 / First Sunday of Advent***

# Being Prepared

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of the night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you must also be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." – Matthew 24:42-44*



***Traditionally, the first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit on the first Sunday of Advent and symbolizes hope – a reminder of the expectation and anticipation of Christ's coming, but His first and second coming. The candle is typically purple, the liturgical color of Advent, signifying penitence, preparation and prayer.***

One simple yet profound word sums up today's Gospel: "Watch!" There are many images that help us understand the meaning Jesus wants to convey. Think of a young girl who is excited about Christmas Day. Every morning she goes to her Advent calendar, marks off another day, and counts how many are left. Think of a soldier tasked with being the lookout for the fortress where his fellow soldiers are sleeping. His vigilance could mean the difference between safety and death, as the lives of his fellow soldiers depend on his unwavering attention. Or think of societies long ago in which hunting was the primary way of providing food for one's family. The hunter had to fix his eyes and ears on the game he was pursuing so his family would not starve. Numerous occupations and hobbies require a person to be highly attentive to the task at hand.

Of the many responsibilities and activities we engage in every day, nothing is more important than the care of our souls and the souls of those entrusted to us. To "watch" spiritually means more than just waiting; it involves active discernment, being alert to God's voice in our daily interactions, and recognizing His presence in the ordinary and unexpected moments of life. Parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, parishioners, co-workers, and other acquaintances are all people whom God wants to touch and draw close to Himself through us. We can only be effective in this mission if we ourselves are vigilant, continuously seeking out the voice of God and responding to His grace. This is especially accomplished through prayer—daily prayer, attentive prayer, and deep prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God and the primary way that He communicates to us, directs us toward His holy will, and transforms us into instruments of His mercy.

Do you watch? Do you do so every day, all day? Sometimes we compartmentalize our relationship with God. We give Him our Sunday morning, a moment before each meal, and perhaps a short period of time in the morning or evening. Attentiveness to God, however, must take place all day, every day. It must become the central habit of our lives. As Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Thessalonica, we must "pray without ceasing." Praying without ceasing can be as simple as offering short prayers throughout your day—thanking God for blessings, asking for guidance in decisions, or offering your work as a prayer. These small acts keep us connected to God and remind us of His presence in every moment.

To pray without ceasing does not mean we must all become cloistered nuns or monks. For most of us, it means building an interior attentiveness to God, allowing that act to become so much a part of our daily lives that it becomes habitual and automatic. As we cultivate this habit of vigilant prayer, it should naturally lead us to action, such as responding to God's grace by reaching out to others in love, kindness, and mercy. Our vigilance is not just for ourselves but for those around us.

Reflect today on what should be your primary focus this Advent. If you find you compartmentalize God, reexamine your life in light of today's Gospel. We are "sleeping" when we only give God a little time here and there throughout our week. We are watchful when every part of our day is marked by an attentive interior spiritual sense turned toward God. Make this a holy and fruitful Advent, and Christmas will take on a new and transforming role in your life.

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Tracey Viergutz (2027)
Heather Egenes (2025)
Mikel Olson (2026)
Scott Kolbinger (2026)
Lynn Buschette (2026)
Kelly Bisek - Chair (2026)
(year terms expire)
Cody Aldinger, Trustee
Sheri Cook, Trustee
Fr. Augie Gothman
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: _____

## St. Andrews Book Club to study *The Screwtape Letters*

St. Andrews is starting a book club. The club will meet Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Starting January 3. The group will begin a six-week study on *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. For more information, contact Angie Lonski, Heather Egenes, or Tracey Viergutz or join us on the TeamReach app using the code: stabookclub56549.

The spiritual classic, *The Screwtape Letters*, gives a sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a highly paced assistant to "Our Father Below." Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation – and triumph over it – ever written.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 8

Mass Times

9:00 am St. Andrew

5:30 pm St Elizabeth

7:00 pm St. Andrew



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*December 24 – Christmas Eve*

4:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth

6:00 p.m. St. Andrew

*December 25 – Christmas Day*

9:00 a.m. St Elizabeth

| Liturgical Assignment | Sunday, Dec. 6 |
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| **Lead Rosary** | Sheri Cook |
| **Altar Servers** | Carter, Jonathan & Luke Lofgren |
| **Ministers of Holy Communion** | Rich Dombeck<br>Kurt Ketterl<br>Julia Knauss<br>Curt Noll<br>Dean & Diane Omberg |
| **Greeters** | Dan & Kaye Mattson |
| **Lectors** | Curt & Donna Noll |
| **Ushers** | Randal Chisholm<br>Duane Hovelsrud |
| **Music Ministry** | Brigid Pender |
| **Gift bearers** | Fiskness Family |
| **Counters** | Becky Thiel<br>Kathy Tibbetts<br>Sherry Bisek |
| **Cookies & Coffee** | Genna Underdahl<br>Jane VanHavermaet<br>Katy VanHavermaet |

## The Pope's Monthly Intention

**December – For single-parent families:** Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in Faith during difficult times.

### 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 fourth 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.)



## Pray with an Advent Wreath in your home!

*A wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas is to have an Advent Wreath in your home. The advent wreath traditionally has three violet candles and one rose-colored candle. Here's a blessing you can use to bless your own Advent Wreath:*

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader says:

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**
Response (**R/.**) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: **The word of the Lord.**
**R/. Thanks be to God**.

With hands joined, the leader says:

**Lord our God,**
**we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:**
**he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,**
**he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,**
**he is the Savior of every nation.**

**Lord God,**
**let your blessing come upon us**
**as we light the candles of this wreath.**
**May the wreath and its light**
**be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.**
**May he come quickly and not delay.**
**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**
**R/. Amen.**

*Dynamic Catholic offers this prayer to be said when lighting the first purple candle signifying hope:*

***Scripture:*** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

***Pray:*** "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."

***Reflect:*** Are you ready to discover the hope Jesus is inviting you to experience this Christmas?

## St. Mary's Mission Appeal

Thank you for investing in the students from St. Mary's Mission by responding to the appeal in your mailbox and in our second collection today. Sixty children are enrolled this year and are receiving a quality education, formation in life skills, Catholic values, and a chance at a bright future. Founded in 1858, St. Mary's Mission School has been a cornerstone of education in Red Lake, MN, for generations. For more information or to give online, go to https://www.crookston.org/smma Please be generous.

## Confession Times

Advent is a time to be reconciled with God and one another. So often we carry around hurts and grudges and we never let them go. Now is the time to forgive, and to seek forgiveness. Here are times and days for confessions at St. Andrews, St. Elizabeths and other neighboring parishes:

**St. Andrews**

- Dec. 2 Wednesday 7-8 p.m. (with Adoration)
- Dec. 6 Sunday 12-2 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Wednesday 7-8 p.m. (with Adoration)
- Dec. 13 Sunday 12-2 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Wednesday 7-8 p.m. (with Adoration)
- Dec. 20 Sunday 12-2 p.m.

**Elizabeth's**

- Dec 5 Saturday 3:00 - 5:00pm (with Adoration)
- Dec 7 Monday 5:00 - 6:00pm
- Dec 12 Saturday 12:00 – 2:00pm
- Dec 19 Saturday 12:00 – 2:00pm
- Dec 21 Monday 5:00 – 6:00pm

**Holy Rosary, Detroit Lakes**

- Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

**St. Mary of the Lakes**

- Sunday at 8 a.m.

**Assumption Barnesville**

- Saturday at 3 p.m.

**St. Joseph Moorhead**

- Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

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

This Month the Diocese of Crookston kicked off the Seminarian Appeal. This new appeal will support the diocese's 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. The goal is to raise $230,000 to help these young men in their discernment. Hear Bishop Cozzens' message: https://www.youtube.com/@diocrookston or read about the appeal in his October 30 "Lend us Your Heart" blog post: https://www.crookston.org/lend-us-your-heart.

## 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



## Help us decorate for Christmas!

Help make our church beautiful for Christmas by making a donation for Christmas flowers. Recommended donation is $10.

Your Name: _____

This gift is in memory/honor of:

_____

Please put this form, along with your donation, in an envelope marked Christmas flowers and place in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.
We will list the names of donors in the bulletin after Christmas.




## Pray for Vocations

Reminder – sign up for the Traveling Vocations Crucifix Kit and take home a microwave popcorn for your week. The prayers in the kit take only 30-90 seconds each – far less than the time it takes to pop the bag of popcorn. Your prayers are making a difference in the hearts and minds of the young people in the Diocese of Crookston!

### 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.




**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 12-20 hours per week). Responsibilities include collaborating with the diocesan shared accounting specialist to:

· Record contributions, deposits, and disbursements in ParishSoft
· Process parish bills
· Maintain financial records
· Assist with annual budgeting, reporting, and Diocesan requirements
· Maintain parish census, sacramental and HR records

Ideal candidate: Organized, accurate, trustworthy, and comfortable working with computer software. Experience with bookkeeping or payroll is helpful. If interested, please contact Father Augie at 218-443-6275 or agothman@crookston.org.

**Mission Support Assistant**
**Parish Secretary**

St. Andrews and St. Elizabeth's are each seeking a friendly, organized, and dependable part-time parish secretary to provide administrative support to the pastor and serve as a welcoming presence for parishioners, visitors, and the wider community (approximately 12-20 hours per week). Responsibilities include:

- Returning phone messages, greeting visitors, and responding to inquiries.
- Preparing parish correspondence, bulletins, newsletters, and announcements.
- Coordinating calendars, meetings, appointments, and parish activities.
- Assisting with scheduling Mass intentions, baptisms, weddings, and funerals.
- Providing general office and administrative support to the pastor.

The ideal candidate will have strong organizational, communication, and computer skills; possess a friendly, professional, and welcoming demeanor; be able to handle confidential information with discretion; have familiarity with Microsoft Office; and have an appreciation for and understanding of the mission and values of the Catholic Church. If interested, please contact Father Augie at 218-443-6275 or agothman@crookston.org .

### Pray for Bishop Cozzens on his anniversaries

Bishop Cozzens celebrates two anniversaries this month. On December 6, 2021 he was installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Crookston. On December 9, 2013, he was ordained a bishop, serving as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Sign the card in the gathering space!




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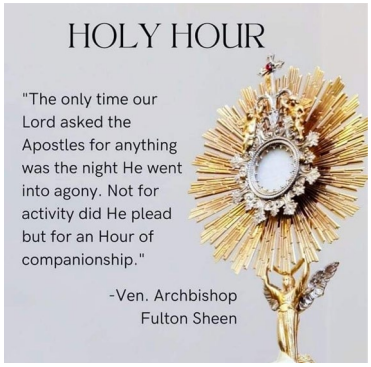
| 12/01 | Duane Hovelsrud |
| | Connor Reiland |
| 12/02 | Lynette Triebwasser |
| 12/03 | Lucas Crompton |
| | Aubree Hoffner |
| 12/04 | Caidin Larson |
| | Luke Lofgren |
| | Mikayla Sirjord |
| 12/07 | Tori Hovelsrud |
| | Bridger Larson |
| 12/08 | Evan Vettern |
| 12/09 | Kristen Guderjahn |
| | Veronica Johnson |
| | Eric Lee |
| 12/10 | Jennifer Geeslin |
| | Audra Paur |
| | Lisa Reiland |
| | Nolan Sang |
| 12/11 | Eric Schmitt |
| | Katelyn Zacher |
| 12/12 | Jeff Lee |
| | T.J. Tibbetts |
| 12/14 | Aaron Berg |
| | Julia Berg |
| | Shane Finck |
| | Brielle Rodke |
| 12/16 | Zoey Krosch |
| | Philip Swan |
| | Sheila Wamre |
| 12/17 | Brayden Aldinger |
| | Isaac Osowski |
| 12/18 | Thomas Taylor |
| 12/19 | Kathleen Johnston |
| | Brady Sirjord |
| | Janet Thompson |
| 12/20 | Laura Burkel |
| 12/21 | Myron Curry |
| | Garret Hoffner |
| 12/21 | Ezra Lee |
| 12/22 | Logan Stoa |
| | Carrie Vetter |
| 12/24 | Paul Reuter |
| 12/26 | Archer Krosch |
| 12/27 | Joe Braun |
| | Cody Curry |
| | Sue Hesteness |
| 12/28 | Brittany Klosterman |
| | Nicole Kluck |
| | Abby Taylor |
| | Katy VanHavermaet |
| | Emma Viergutz |
| 12/28 | Kelly Bosch |
| 12/29 | Amy Munson |
| 12/30 | Elana Schmitt |




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!

## Catholic Voices Count: Join the Catholic Advocacy Network!

Your voice matters in the conversations that shape our life together. Faithful citizenship means more than voting every few years. It means staying informed, engaging thoughtfully, and making our voices heard on the issues that affect our neighbors and the common good. The Catholic Advocacy Network makes it easy to participate in the political process by keeping you informed on the bills in play, helping you get to know your legislators, and encouraging you to take action during crucial decision-making moments. Each year, thousands of your fellow faithful citizens send messages to their legislators and the Governor, resulting in significant legislative achievements. For example, in the 2026 legislative session, with your help, the Minnesota Catholic Conference spearheaded the passage of landmark social media legislation designed to protect kids from addiction and exploitation by tech companies. Sign up at www.mncatholic.org.

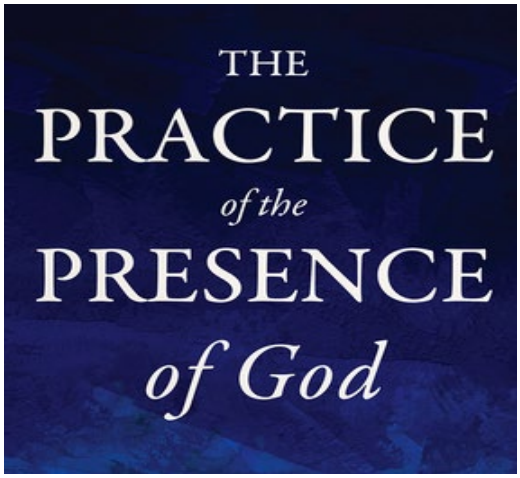
## Diocese of Crookston retreat opportunities

Retreats will be at the Diocese of Crookston Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. For more: https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat.

- **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 22-24 — Jesus Heals.** A retreat for spiritual, emotional and physical healing offered by the Jesus Heals Ministry. Priests, deacons, and several individuals trained in the healing ministry will share the mighty works of Jesus Christ and his healing power. One-on-one healing prayer will be available.
- **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.
- **February 4-7 — Women's Silent Retreat.** This retreat is an invitation to enter into silence so that God's voice can be amplified. Daily conferences will provide opportunities to learn more about prayer and to dispose your heart to receive whatever God desires for you. Daily Mass and Reconciliation as well as times of individual spiritual direction will be offered.
- **February 11-14 – Men's Cursillo.**
- **February 20-21 – Transformed in Love.** For engaged couples

# Finding Peace in the Noise: Special Gift for Advent & Christmas

*Advent 2026*




As we enter the beautiful, but often super-busy seasons of Advent and Christmas, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the volume of our daily to-do lists. This year, our parish is inviting you to experience the season differently by entering *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence.

Brother Lawrence was a cook for the Carmelite Fathers in Paris during the 1600's. Through these mundane tasks he learned a simple, profound truth: God is just as present in our busyness & day-to-day chores as He is in our quiet moments of prayer. He never meant to write a book, it was after his death that a priest-friend collected his letters, conversations, and spiritual maxims. He shows that "work" becomes prayer not by changing the task, but by shifting our attention to God. Over time, this practice builds a quieter mind and a kind of peace that can stay with us when life gets chaotic.

**Free Copies Available for Our Parish Family and Friends** Our parish has copies of the Matthew Kelly Edition from Dynamic Catholic to share with anyone who wants to read it! This contemporary edition brings Brother Lawrence's wisdom into clear, modern language while preserving the warmth of his original letters. Be sure to pick up a copy for yourself and a friend or family member and start bringing God into the everyday tasks you are already doing.

**Journey Deeper with the Catholic Classics Podcast** For even more ideas, insights, and reflections as you read, we highly recommend listening to the ***Catholic Classics*** **podcast** series on this book. **Hosted by Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., and his sister, Rebecca Dougherty**, this 22-episode audio companion walks through the text one day at a time. They beautifully unpack how a humble cook taught the Christian world to pray without ceasing—at the desk, in the kitchen, and in the in the middle of the noise. It's the perfect listen for your morning commute, during your daily walk, or while wrapping gifts.



Last December, Pope Leo XIV was asked: "What one book, besides St. Augustine, that we could read to understand who the Pope is? "**The Practice of the Presence of God" is one of the texts that have most shaped my spiritual life and have formed me in what the path can be for knowing and loving the Lord**."

