



**St. Andrews
Catholic
Church**
Hawley, MN

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, August 2

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — Bishop Kevin Kenney
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Monday August 3

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Louis Goettl
3-5 p.m. St. Andrew — VBS
4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, August 4

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of St. Jude
3-5 p.m. St. Andrew — VBS

Wednesday, August 5

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - Prayers of St. Expidite
3-5 p.m. St. Andrew — VBS

Thursday, August 6

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Communion Service
3-5 p.m. St. Andrew — VBS

Sunday, August 9

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — Parishioners
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Rod Tibbetts

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: Angela Haas (daughter of Julia Knauss), Jason Dodd, Joan Wang, Tricia Rux, Faye Smiley Aakre, Anna Schmidt, and Karla Wohlers (friend of Mary Johnson). 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.**

August 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Providential Care

"Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. —[Matthew 14:17-20](#)



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In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, there are two distinct miraculous feedings of large crowds. Today's Gospel depicts the first one, given primarily to Jewish people near the Sea of Galilee. Five thousand men (not counting women and children) were fed from five loaves and two fish, resulting in twelve baskets left over. This feeding of the five thousand is notably the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels, underscoring its significance. Matthew and Mark also recount a second miraculous feeding—this time of four thousand people

—in the largely pagan region of the Decapolis, using seven loaves and a few fish, with seven baskets left over.

This first miracle takes place within the context of Jesus' sorrowful heart, as He mourns the death of His cousin, John the Baptist. Jesus knew that John's death occurred for the Father's glory and according to His permissive will. Yet this divine perspective did not eliminate His human sorrow. Holy sorrow is a profound expression of love in the face of suffering.

Because Jesus' love was perfect, His sorrow was genuine and deep. The depth of His sorrow is evident from His deliberate choice to withdraw by boat to be alone, to fully embrace His grief. It is beautiful to note that Jesus' divinity does not overshadow or diminish His humanity. Rather, with divine love, He fully accepts John's death, and with a genuinely human heart, He properly mourns. In Jesus, humanity and divinity intertwine perfectly.

Upon disembarking, Jesus finds that a large crowd has followed Him on foot, anticipating His arrival. Here we encounter a second revelation of Jesus' divinity shining through His humanity. Seeing the crowd and perceiving their brokenness, sinfulness, and suffering, "his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." The Greek word translated here as "pity" indicates a deeply felt, visceral compassion. This compassion, divine in origin, flows perfectly through Jesus' sacred humanity. His compassionate gaze vividly reveals God's merciful love: Jesus does not merely sympathize; He acts decisively, healing the sick and alleviating their suffering. His divine love compels Him to act for the good of His people.

The miracle itself recalls God's providential care for the Israelites during their forty years in the desert, when manna appeared each morning, providing food for each day. That miracle, coupled with today's Gospel, teaches us a consistent truth: God always provides for us when we turn to Him, seeking Him earnestly.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish also foreshadows the Eucharist, likely the reason it is recorded in all four Gospels. In the Eucharist, God provides abundantly for our spiritual nourishment. When received with faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' Body and Blood nourishes every virtue within us, empowering us to flourish spiritually. The Eucharist prepares us for eternal life, where we anticipate sharing in the eternal Wedding Banquet of Heaven—a perfect, everlasting celebration free from all sin, sickness, and suffering.

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Lynn Buschette (2026)
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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 VBS is this week!

This summer's VBS, *Discovery Mission*, will be Monday through Thursday from 3-5 p.m. There will be a snack served each day. Please pray for our youth during this week!

BLOOD DRIVE SOON



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The St. Andrews KC Council will host a blood drive at the church August 26 from 2 to 6 p.m. Sign up at www.vitalant.org.

Mark your RE Calendars!

The first day of Preschool-4th grade religious education will be Sunday, Sept. 13, (9:15-10:25) with a special grandparents day event (see the flyer in this month's mailing). Classes for students in grades 5-11 will begin Wednesday, Sept. 16. A full calendar with more detail will come in a separate mailing. TeamReach will be used again for communication. For more information or to enroll students, contact:

- Heidi Fiskness — (320) 492-2013 or Heidi.fiskness@gmail.com
- Jennifer Geeslin — (218) 329-5048 or jgeeslin@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS

Safe Environment Training is LIVE!

Take your 2026/27 Training before the busy school year starts.

Certification needs to be renewed each year.
Background checks every 5 years.



Crookston.CMGconnect.org

Don't forget your parish home

While enjoying summer travel, please remember to use your envelopes or online giving to make your contributions to St. Andrews. Your help is needed to meet current expenses.

Liturgical Assignment	August 9
Lead Rosary	Donna Noll
Altar Servers	Jonathan, Luke & Carter Lofgren
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dawn & Randall Chisholm Kathy Johnston Kurt Ketterl Julia Knauss Curt Noll
Greeters	Osowski Family
Lectors	Try Barth Kelly Bisek
Ushers	Randall Chisholm Lloyd Maydole
Music Ministry	Lynn Buschette
Gift bearers	Gerald & Nancy Paur
Counters	Sue Pederson Carol Schoff Laurel Schultz
Cookies & Coffee	Jane VanHavermaet Katy VanHavermaet Tracy Viergutz

The Pope's Monthly Intention

August — For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

Missing something?

Please stop by the cart near the bathrooms and pick up any dishes that may belong to you

Start thinking about Cursillo

Deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life by allowing the Spirit to lead you on a Cursillo. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 24-27 and a Men's Cursillo on the weekend of October 22-25 at the Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. Applications are available at <https://crookstonscursillo.weebly.com/>.

Sign up for 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!

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.)

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.

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.



8/01	Sheri Cook	8/17	Amy Gunkelman
	Leo Osowski		Leslie Lessard
8/02	Marissa Ahles	8/18	Ron Sorvig
8/03	Bev Samuelson	8/19	Liam Krebs
8/04	Mickie Bosch	8/19	Rory Norris
	Logan Dickson	8/21	Stacy Hanson
8/05	Easton Eslinger		Todd Sather
8/07	Robert Vetter		Brandon Thompson
8/08	Beau Lofgren	8/23	Stacy Keeping
	Margaret Ristvedt	8/24	Deb Braun
8/09	Phillip Eslinger	8/25	Carlos Diaz
	Todd Hanson	8/26	Benjamin Geeslin
	Tracey Viergutz	8/27	Kolton Guderjahn
8/11	Asher Flaten		Shawn Hagen
	Averik Flaten		Ella Peltier
	Mary Rutten	8/27	Robert (Mike) Thiel
8/12	Kara Hovelsrud	8/28	Dillon Hoekstra
8/13	Brian Keeping		Alex Schwendeman
8/15	Paulette Hagen		Miles VanHavermaet
	Jacob Hegna	8/29	Elizabeth Reed
	Kade Rodke	8/30	Tiffany Huschle
8/16	Luke Borash		Matt Zacher

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RESCUE LIVE!

A day of Revival offered by Fr. John Ricardo
Sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston

Saturday, October 10th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Alerus Center Ballroom
Grand Forks, ND

Use the QR code for registration
Fee \$50



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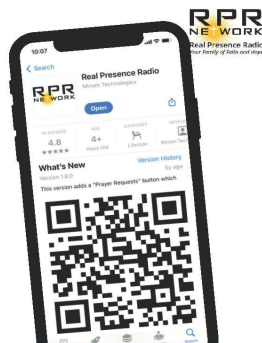
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Calling All Kitchen Heroes!

Love feeding kids and making a difference?

Holy Rosary School in Detroit Lakes is looking for a lead cook for the 2026-27 school year. Come be part of something special!

Details are on our website:
www.holyrosarycs.org
Click on the "Contact Us" tab.

Questions can be directed to Principal Cathy Larson:
clarson@holynosarycs.org or 218-847-5306, ext. 202



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>.

- **August 20-23 — Come Away, My Beloved: Women's Semi-Silent Retreat.** Our hearts are mad for love and to give love. Yet, in our often complicated and busy lives this love can be hard to give or hard to receive, especially with an invisible God whose ways are not like our ways. Come Away, My Beloved is a retreat to give your heart a chance to rest and encounter the one love that is above all others: the faithful love of God for each of his chosen people.
- **September 24-27 — Women's Cursillo.** Step away from the noise of daily life and rediscover your purpose, your faith and the strength of sisterhood.
- **October 5-7 — Till Death Do Us Part: A Widow & Widower's Retreat.** A retreat designed specifically for those who are on the journey of life after the death of a spouse. Search to see how God blesses and is active in our lives: in the past, in our new self, our family, our friends and the future. We will explore the changes in the pattern of life and how we cope with the world in a new "normal."
- **October 22-25 — Men's Cursillo.** This short course in Christian community living is a three-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.
- **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.

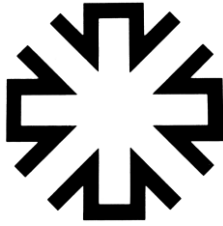
Seeking: Adult & Family Ministry Coordinator/ Safe Environment Coordinator

Assumption (Barnesville) and St. Cecilia's (Sabin) are seeking a fulltime Adult & Family Ministry Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator. This mission-driven role supports adult faith formation, Family Faith Formation, evangelization, and parish community life, while overseeing all Safe Environment compliance for both parishes. Requirements: Practicing Catholic; degree or experience in theology/ministry; strong communication and organizational skills; experience in parish ministry or catechesis. For full job description contact: Fr. Todd Arends at tarends@crookston.org

To Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and three references (PDF) to Fr. Todd Arends at tarends@crookston.org.

Roast beef dinner and silent auction will be August 29 at St. Mary of the Lakes

St. Mary of the Lakes, 20996 County Highway 20, Detroit Lakes will host a roast beef dinner and silent auction Saturday, August 29 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 4-10. Children 3 and younger are free.



St. Elizabeth & St. Andrew Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth and St. Andrew,

I write to you to let you know about some changes that Bishop Cozzens has asked us to institute in the Mass, particularly with regard to the persons who distribute Holy Communion at a Mass where there is more than one of our deacons in attendance. Please read the below closely and if you have any questions, please ask Deacon Dean, Deacon Tom, or me.
God bless!

Fr. Augie

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Catechetical Note: The Ministry of Holy Communion in Parishes with Multiple Deacons

Diocese of Crookston | Based on the *Diaconal Life Handbook* (2025)

The Theological Distinction: Ordinary vs. Extraordinary Ministers

In the liturgical life of the Church, the distribution of Holy Communion is not merely a functional task but a sacramental sign. The Church distinguishes between **Ordinary Ministers** (Bishops, Priests, and Deacons) and **Extraordinary Ministers** (lay faithful deputed for a specific need).

The Deacon, by virtue of his ordination, is an Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion (*GIRM* 182). He has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, configuring him to Christ the Servant. When a Deacon distributes the Eucharist, he acts out of the intrinsic nature of his office, making visible the ministry of Christ who serves the Bread of Life to His people.

In contrast, the **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)** serves only by "suppletion"—that is, to supply a need when Ordinary Ministers are unavailable or insufficient in number. Their ministry flows from their Baptism, not Holy Orders, and is legally permitted only in cases of "true necessity" (*Redemptionis Sacramentum* 151).

The Preference for the Deacon

When a parish is blessed with multiple Deacons—as is increasingly common in the Diocese of Crookston—the theological priority of the Ordained Ministry must be respected. The *Diaconal Life Handbook* (Dec. 26, 2025) reinforces that Deacons are to exercise their ministry fully when

present.

1. The Fullness of the Sign

The liturgy seeks to show the full hierarchy of the Church. When a Deacon steps aside to allow a layperson to distribute Communion, the sign of the Sacrament of Orders is obscured. As noted in *Redemptionis Sacramentum*:

"If there is usually present a sufficient number of *sacred ministers* [deacons, priests, bishops] for the distribution of Holy Communion, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion may not be appointed. Indeed, in such circumstances, those who may have already been appointed to this ministry should not exercise it." (RS 157)

2. Avoiding Confusion

Using Extraordinary Ministers when Ordinary Ministers (Deacons) are present and available risks confusing the faithful about the essential difference between the common priesthood of the baptized and the ministerial priesthood/diaconate conferred by Ordination.

Practical Application for Liturgy

In parishes with multiple Deacons, the following norms apply:

- **Priority of Service:** If multiple Deacons are present at Mass, they should distribute Holy Communion in preference to lay ministers.
- **Necessity Required:** EMHCs should only be utilized if the number of communicants is so great that the Deacons and Priest(s) cannot distribute Communion without "undue prolongation" of the Mass (RS 158).
- **Proper Role:** A Deacon should never sit in the pew or sanctuary while a layperson distributes the Eucharist; to do so is to neglect the ministry of his Order.

By prioritizing the Deacon as the Ordinary Minister, the parish communities of Crookston more clearly image Christ, who feeds His flock through those He has ordained for service.