



**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 9

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

Monday August 10

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Clem Nemeth
4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - †Jim Nosal

Thursday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 16

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Dave Retterath
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

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 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overcoming Fear with Faith

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

—[Matthew 14:27-31](#)

Fear always clouds our vision. Today's Gospel takes place the night after Jesus fed the 5,000 on a mountain near the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, using only five barley loaves and two fish. Afterward, He withdrew to pray alone and sent the disciples ahead of Him by boat.

The disciples found themselves rowing against a strong headwind, making the journey slow, arduous, and perilous. This scene is a vivid image of our journey through life. Life can often feel laborious, filled with hardships, and some trials may seem never-ending. If life feels this way, today's Gospel is especially for you.



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During the fourth watch of the night, between 3 and 6 a.m., as the disciples continued struggling against the waves, they saw a figure walking on the sea, coming toward them. While we may be familiar with the idea of Jesus walking on water, for the disciples, this would have been an unimaginable and terrifying sight. They did not recognize Him—not because His appearance had changed, but because fear blinded them. This still happens in our lives. We can misinterpret suffering or divine silence as abandonment. But Jesus allowed their fear precisely so He could confront it directly: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." In His divine wisdom, Jesus knew that countless disciples would read this story and ponder this moment.

What message is He giving us? The courage that comes from recognizing God in our midst allows us to conquer fear—especially in our moments of suffering, when the path ahead seems hard, dangerous, and without end.

By a supernatural instinct, Peter utters the perfect prayer in this moment of uncertainty: "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you..." When we recognize God amid our trials, focus our gaze on Him, and pray this prayer, God will always answer, "Come."

Peter sets the pattern for this bold, trusting prayer, but he falters in remaining faithful to it. Yet even this is allowed by God, for our instruction. Making an act of courageous faith does not guarantee we will not stumble. Peter sank not because he lacked faith entirely, but because fear began to overwhelm his trust. And in this, Jesus teaches us another lesson: Even when our faith wavers, we must not give in to despair. Peter did not drown—he cried out once more, "Lord, save me!" and Jesus immediately reached out His hand.

Despair is the true enemy of faith. Though fear and the growing force of the wind weakened Peter's faith, he remained hopeful even in his weakness. And it was this hope that moved Jesus to stretch out His divine hand and save him.

Reflect today on any trial or suffering you endure that tempts you to fear. Confront that fear head-on. Rebuke it. Look for Jesus, who comes to you in the midst of the trial, walking on and through that very storm. Know that it is truly Him, drawing near. As you overcome fear, keep your eyes fixed on Him, not on the storm. This is what strengthens our faith and enables us to keep moving forward toward the goal: Jesus' hand of divine grace.

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Our warmest welcome to all who wor-
ship with us. We appreciate your participa-
tion. If you would like to join our Community,
Please fill out this form and place in the col-
lection basket or mail to our parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Our sympathies. . .

St. Andrews extends it's deepest sym-
pathies to Mary Johnson on the death
of her brother-in-law Duane "Butch"
Johnson of Flom. Duane died July 29
at Viking Manor Nursing Home in
Ulen. His funeral was Monday in Flom.
Our sympathies also to Troy Barth and
the extended family on the unexpected
death of Troy's brother Robin in West
Fargo. Service details are pending.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May their souls and all the souls
of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace."*

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. For more infor-
mation or to enroll students, contact:

- Heidi Fiskness — (320) 492-2013
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- Jennifer Geeslin — (218) 329-5048

Blood Drive Set

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.

Tomorrow's Serra meeting to feature seminarian Pat Sagsveen

Sagsveen is a seminarian for the Dio-
cese of Crookston from Thief River
Falls. He attends the Saint Paul Semi-
nary and will discuss affirming existing
vocations and growing in holiness.
Join at the zoom meet on **Monday,
August 10 at 8 p.m.** at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82745732079>.
Meeting ID is 827 4573 2079

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.



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Liturgical Assignment	August 16
Lead Rosary	Sue Pederson
Altar Servers	Isaac, Leo & Sam Osowski
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dean & Diane Omberg Paul & Tiffany Sullivan Kathy Tibbetts Loretta Votava
Greeters	Gerald & Nancy Paur
Lectors	Lynn Buschette Dawn Chisholm
Ushers	Randall Chisholm Lloyd Maydole
Music Ministry	Mary Rutten/Mary Sorvig
Gift bearers	Jerry & Mary Rutten
Counters	Sue Hesteness Becky Thiel Kathy Tibbetts
Cookies & Coffee	Elizabeth Vossen Bennet & Maggie Weller Carmen Barth

The Pope's Monthly Intention

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

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 Sat-
urday, 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.

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 addi-
tion, the diocesan Victim Assistance Co-
ordinator is available at 218-281-7895
(24-hour confidential number.)