



**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 16

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

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Monday August 17

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — Cora Osowski

4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, August 18

9 a.m. St. Andrew — †Bob & Susie Bjerke

Wednesday, August 19

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - †Gail Nemeth

Thursday, August 20

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Derald Connell

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of St. Rita

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 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Humiliation

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

—[Matthew 15:26-28](#)

Imagine the Son of God referring to you as a dog. For most people, that would be deeply offensive. So why would Jesus do such a thing? He did so, in part, to draw forth from this woman an act of profound humility and faith. Through this moment of divine humiliation, Jesus invited her to rise to a heroic response, prompting Him to exclaim, "O woman, great is your faith!" He desires to do the same with each one of us.

When Jesus first encountered this woman, He saw into her soul and perceived the depth of her faith. As

God, He knew everything about her—her suffering, her love for her daughter, her perseverance. He also knew He would heal the girl, yet He did not do so immediately. Instead, He engaged in what theology refers to as divine pedagogy—a method of instruction by which God teaches slowly, carefully, and with purpose. In this case, Jesus used the moment to teach His disciples—and us—a profound lesson about humility and unwavering faith. He tested her, and she passed the test marvelously.

The location of this encounter is also significant. It took place in the region of Tyre and Sidon, in modern-day Lebanon—a Gentile territory known for its Greek-speaking population and pagan customs. The woman is specifically identified as a Canaanite, evoking the memory of Israel's ancient enemies. And yet, it is precisely this outsider—this woman of seemingly little spiritual privilege—who becomes a model of the faith the chosen people were meant to embody.

She first approaches Jesus, crying out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." By calling Him, "Son of David," she reveals her belief in His messianic identity. But what does Jesus do? Nothing. He appears to ignore her—not because He is displeased or uncaring, but because He is testing her faith, knowing full well she will persevere and shine.

God often allows similar experiences in the lives of the faithful. It's easy to assume that if we follow Christ, we will be shielded from difficulty. On the contrary, one of the most powerful ways God forms His saints is by allowing them to undergo trials. These trials, far from being signs of abandonment, are invitations to heroic virtue.

If that seems confusing or difficult to accept, we need only look to the Son of God Himself. Though Jesus was perfect, it was the Father's will that He endure the deepest depths of humiliation: rejection, persecution, suffering, and death. Through this ultimate "divine pedagogy," the Son not only conquered sin and death but also taught us how to follow Him—by transforming our humiliation into humility, our weakness into strength, and our suffering into sanctification. In this way, God's power is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

As the conversation with the woman unfolds, Jesus continues to appear distant, yet He knows she will not give up. Her faith and her love for her daughter drive her to persevere. She humbly persists through every trial, and in doing so, she wins grace—not only for herself and her daughter, but also for the disciples who witnessed the exchange and for all who read her story today.

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Christ and the Canaanite Woman by Jean Germain Drouais. In the collection of the Louvre in Paris.

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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: _____

St. Andrews World Famous Turkey Dinners set for Sept. 20 and Oct. 11

Mark your calendars! St. Andrews famous turkey dinners are set for September 20 and October 11 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Remember that Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday on those weekends and there will be no Mass Sunday morning. We will need helpers on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to help set the dining room and for prep in the kitchen. On Sunday, we need as many helpers as possible beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing through the dinner.

This all-parish event is a great way to show hospitality to our friends and neighbors and to get to know our fellow parishioners better. Plan to come and lend a hand. Watch for more detail to come in the monthly mailing.

Thanks VBS Volunteers!

Thanks to all of our VBS teachers and helpers. Nearly 30 students spent time in prayer, enjoyed fun activities, creative crafts, delicious snacks and learned about the saints and our Catholic faith. The exciting week would not have been possible without the hard work and planning of our volunteers and helpers!

BLOOD DRIVE SOON



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Still spots available

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. As of Friday, there were still a dozen spots available.

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.)

Liturgical Assignment	August 23
Lead Rosary	Janet Thompson
Altar Servers	Olive Mathern Benjamin & Henry Shaw
Ministers of Holy Communion	Cody & Shelly Aldinger Troy Barth Kelly Bisek Dawn & Randall Chisholm
Greeters	Carol & Don Schoff
Lectors	Michael Cook Heidi Fiskness
Ushers	Randall Chisholm Lloyd Maydole
Music Ministry	Cody Aldinger
Gift bearers	Carol and Don Schoff
Counters	Carmen Barth Jennifer Geeslin Veronica Johnson
Cookies & Coffee	Julia Berg Bethany Cox Leslie Cox

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

Thank you for your donations!

	April	May	June
Collection			
Adult	\$6707.00	\$7150.00	\$6626.00
Loose Plate	\$1338.20	739.10	587.01
Children	2.00	3.00	0.00
Building	335.00	470.00	300.00
Maintenance	50.00	30.00	30.00
Online			
Adult	2909.00	2508.07	2701.90
Building	110.55	140.50	110.55
Maintenance	107.62	35.69	56.24
Other			
Easter Flowers	10.00	70.00	
Holy Thursday	229.00		
Operation Rice Bowl	233.82		
Catholic Home Missions	405.00	125.00	
Good Friday Holy Land	696.00		
Catholic Relief Services	5.00		
Candles		4.00	
Catholic Communications		358.00	
Sue Bjerke Memorial General		205.00	150.00
Sue Bjerke Memorial Building Fund		45.00	
Retired Priests			818.00

Making progress

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Andrews. Thanks also for your patience as we continue to work with our accountant at the Diocese of Crookston on the transition to a new accounting system. Currently all entries have been brought up to date to the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Soon we will be developing an annual report and we will share that with you as soon as it is complete.

Mortgage update

The mortgage on our building is held by the Diocese of Crookston Catholic Community Foundation. We are financed at an annual rate of 5.30%. Our monthly payment is \$2,476.09 and the August payment included \$600.28 to interest and \$1,884.10 toward principal. The current balance is \$132,151.45 on the building loan.

Note that any donations to our "Building Fund" are directed toward our mortgage payment. The balance of our monthly payment then comes from the parish's general fund.

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.

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 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

Renew your Safe Environment Training Now

July 1 began the new year for Diocese of Crookston's **Safe Environment training**. The training includes a video message from Bishop Cozzens, a Protecting Vulnerable Adults video, as well as questions on the diocesan Code of Conduct. The training will take approximately 40 minutes to complete. **ALL volunteers** here at the church need to be certified. Use this link: <https://www.crookston.org/secertification> or scan the QR code.

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.



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](https://www.crookston.org/secertification)

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!

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/>.

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.

DISCOVER ALPHA THIS FALL

Big Questions. Honest Conversation.
Real Community.
Explore life, faith, and meaning in a friendly setting where everyone is welcome and every question matters!



Thursdays, Sept. 10th – Nov. 19th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. Francis Church, 601 15th Ave N

Questions? Contact: Shawn Erickson
218-236-5066
serickson@stjoesmhd.com

Register at <https://alphausa.org/try-alpha/>



St. Augustine of Hippo and his mother, St. Monica, by Dutch-French painter Ary Scheffer in the collection of the National Gallery, London.

Pray for fallen away Catholic family members

Many of us have experienced the pain of a family member who is not currently practicing their Catholic Faith. We invite you to join others in praying for them leading up to the Feast Days of St. Monica on August 27th and her son St. Augustine on August 28th. You may use the following prayer:

Prayer to St. Monica

Under the weight of my heartfelt burden,
I turn to you, dear Saint Monica,
and request your assistance and intercession.
From your place in heaven,
I beg that you will plead before
the Throne of the Holy One,
for the sake of, [Name],
who has wandered from the faith,
and all that we have tried to teach.
I know, dear Monica,
that our children and family belong not to us,
but to God, and that God often permits
this wandering as part
of one's journey toward Him.
Your son, Augustine, wandered, too;
eventually, he found faith and came to believe,
and in that belief became a true teacher of the faith.
Amen.

REACQUIRE A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



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

