



**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 23

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

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

Monday August 24

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — Prayers of St. Expedite

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

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - †Dale Narlock

Thursday, August 27

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Florence Daninger

Sunday, August 30

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †John Hanson

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: Mary Jirik, Steve Lunneberg, 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 Deacontomst-andrews@gmail.com. **All names will remain on the list for 30 days.**

August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overcoming the Gates of Hell

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
—[Matthew 16:13-16](#)

Caesarea Philippi was the site of a temple dedicated to the late emperor, Caesar Augustus, who was worshiped as a god throughout the Roman Empire. Into this spiritually dark pagan setting, Jesus led His disciples—on what may have been a two-day journey—to what culminated in a single, monumental question.



Christ Giving the Keys to St. Peter by Italian renaissance painter Pietro Perugino and located in the Sistine Chapel.

Jesus took the Twelve away from the comfort of their familiar fishing village and Jewish neighbors for a reason. He wanted them to answer His question not in the midst of the familiar and safe, but in a place marked by spiritual confusion and idolatry. Why? So that faith could be professed even there, and divine grace could confront the darkness that permeated the region.

At first, He asked who the people said He was. They answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." But then He posed the question that reached the heart of His mission: "But who do you say that I am?" This was a moment of divine testing—one which Simon passed with profound faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus' extraordinary and consequential response has enduring significance to this day. He declared:

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" ([Matthew 16:17-19](#)).

With these words, Jesus founded His Church upon Peter, making him the first pope. In biblical tradition, a change of name signifies a new mission and identity. Simon, son of Jonah, was now to be called Peter—*Petros* in Greek and *Cephas* in Aramaic—meaning "rock." Peter became the solid foundation upon which Christ's Church would be built. No pagan power, false god, or earthly ruler would ever overcome what Christ established.

Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the pope's first and most important duty—to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with divine authority.

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Honoring Grandparents on September 13

Sunday, September 13 has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a Celebration Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly and we are honored to celebrate them here at St. Andrew's. Please invite your grandparents and grandchildren to attend this special celebration. There will be craft activities for grandparents and youth prior to church starting at 10 AM in the Gathering Space. Mass will include a special blessing and music followed by a parish wide brunch. This celebration coincides with the kick-off for Sunday School, so we are especially excited to see multigenerational families at church. Please see the table in the entry for more information and to take a postcard invite for your special family member.

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. Look for more detail in this month's mailing.

No Adoration September 7

There will be no Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration on September 7 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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.

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

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: _____

Susan Bjerke Memorials

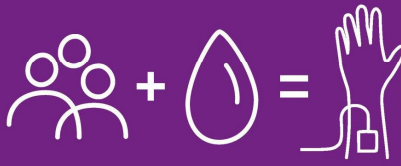
The contribution report in last week's bulletin included contributions in memory of Susie Bjerke. Those who contributed included:

- Curt & Donna Noll
- Myrna Johnson
- Rich & Sandy Dombeck
- Tom & Jeanette Erickson
- Mary Johnson
- Stephen and Kathy Johnston
- Lloyd and Sandy Maydole
- John Buck
- First Western Bank
- Jerry & Sue Pederson*
- Dean & Diane Omberg*
- Gary & Laurel Schultz*

*donation to building fund

Thanks to all for your generosity and for choosing to remember Susie in this way.

BLOOD DRIVE SOON



Still spots available

vitalant

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 more than 10 spots available.

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!

A Prayer for Rain

Earlier this week, climatologists identified our region as an area of extreme drought that is rapidly worsening. They say this summer's drought is the driest period since the "Dust Bowl" of the 1930s.

Almighty God,

We are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad.

Amen.

—National Rural Life Conference

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.

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

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.



Fifth Annual Luxury Bingo!

All are invited to this one-of-a-kind fundraising event featuring luxurious high-end prizes, fabulous food and drinks, and the opportunity to generously support Women's Care Center. Holiday Inn Fargo, Tuesday, October 6, 2026, starting at 5:30 pm. \$150 per person (includes one complimentary bingo card for each game plus food and drinks). To RSVP or ask questions call Heather at (701) 532-0313 or email heather@wccnd.com.

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://crookstoncursillo.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

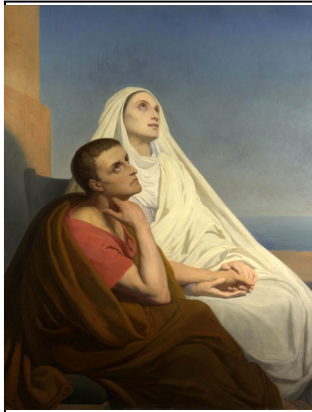
St. Francis Church, 601 15th Ave N

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

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

*"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."*

—Matthew 16:18



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