



**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 30

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

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — Parishioners

Monday August 31

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Roger Beaubien

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

Tuesday, September 1

9 a.m. St. Andrew — †Louis Goettl

Wednesday, September 2

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - Bishop Kevin Kenney

Thursday, September 3

9 a.m. St. Andrew — Prayers of our Blessed Mother

Sunday, September 6

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — Parishioners

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Gary Boyer

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 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overcoming the Gates of Hell

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."
—Matthew 16:23

This scene likely unfolds in or near Caesarea Philippi, at the mouth of a cave long associated with the entrance to the netherworld. Jesus had just questioned His disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (cf. [Matthew 16:13–15](#)). Peter, speaking with conviction on behalf of the Twelve, boldly proclaimed, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" ([Matthew 16:16](#)). Jesus responded by declaring him "Peter," the rock upon which He would build His Church, promising that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Moments later, Jesus issues one of the strongest rebukes in the Gospels: "Get behind me, Satan!" Peter, who had just spoken divine truth, now speaks human fear and shortsightedness. In trying to dissuade Jesus from His suffering and death, Peter unknowingly opposes the very mission of the Messiah. Jesus calls this mindset not merely a mistake, but a diabolical temptation—echoing the same temptation He faced in the desert, when Satan sought to lure Him away from the cross with promises of worldly glory.

What a stark contrast. Peter goes from being the rock of faith to an obstacle in the Lord's path. But why was Jesus so severe in His response?

Because the stakes were eternal. The cross is not optional. It is the means of salvation—not just for Jesus, but for all who would follow Him. To think otherwise is to prefer human comfort over divine wisdom. Peter's protest reflects a natural aversion to suffering, but Jesus exposes it for what it truly is: a stumbling block to the will of the Father.

By calling Peter "Satan," Jesus wanted to warn him—and us—of the real and ever-present danger of rejecting the way of the Cross. Like Peter, we can easily fall into the trap of wishful thinking and misguided compassion by saying about ourselves or those close to us, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen..." Peter was troubled because "Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly and be killed and on the third day be raised." But all that Jesus revealed about His suffering was good—very good. Though His suffering was inflicted by the sins of others, His free and loving embrace of that suffering was the greatest act of love the world has ever known. Peter was blinded to this truth. He could not yet see beyond the horror of suffering to the divine good that would come through Jesus' sacrificial embrace of it.

Reflect today on Peter's and Jesus' words: "God forbid, Lord!" and "Get behind me, Satan!" In this exchange, Jesus is also speaking to each of us, saying, "Never run from the Cross!" We must never flee from a selfless and sacrificial embrace of suffering, even when that suffering is unjust. God can and will transform all freely embraced suffering into a means of His eternal glory and our sanctification.

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Rock of the Church, St. Peter, sculpture designed by Loura Dobbs at Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine, Orlando, FL.

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Here's everything you need to know for the St. Andrews Turkey Dinner on September 20

Our first turkey dinner of the season will be Sunday, September 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 19. As indicated in the September mailing, families whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring an ice-cream-bucket-size salad. Families with names beginning with M-Z should bring a jelly-roll-size pan or two 9-13 size pans of dessert.

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space to roast a turkey or a pan of dressing.

Everyone's help is needed on Sunday to serve. Clean-up committee members are listed in the September mailing.

Help is also needed on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to prepare the turkeys and after Mass that evening to prepare the dressing and set up the dining area.

Thanks in advance for helping to make our September turkey dinner a success. And don't forget to mark your calendar for October 11, the date of our next turkey dinner!

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.

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	September 6
Lead Rosary	Sheri Cook
Altar Servers	Ruth Thmpson Adley & Colton Underdahl
Ministers of Holy Communion	Loretta Votava Tim & Karla Winkleman Shelly Aldinger Troy Barth Kathy Tibbetts
Greeters	Mike and Becky Thiel
Lectors	Curt Noll Donna Noll
Ushers	Dean Omberg Jerry Paur
Music Ministry	Cody Aldinger
Gift bearers	Brandon & Janet Thompson Family
Counters	Sue Pederson Carol Schoff Laurel Schultz
Cookies & Coffee	Heidi & Scott Kolbinger Kristi Krebs Tonia Lofgren

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.

September — For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

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: _____

July Contributions

Collection

Adult	5804.00
Loose Plate	730.00
Children's Envelope	1.00
Building Fund	360.00

Online

Adult	2808.00
Building	90.00
Maintenance	35.69
Peter's Pence	639.00

Other

Peter's Pence	639.00
Memorial (Joan Boyer)	10.00
Candles	10.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Andrews.

From the family of Susie Bjerke

St. Andrews,

Thank you all for the cards, prayers, Masses, and memorials made to St. Andrews in Susan's name. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for assisting during the funeral. Thank you Fr. Augie and Deacon Tom for the beautiful services for Mom. Thanks to Veronica Johnson & Jennifer Geeslin for the wonderful music! Susie and Bob were very blessed to be a part of such a special faith family and they were so proud to be members of St. Andrews.

Our love and heartfelt thanks!

— Ennet & Gary Sprunk
— Teresa & Mark Saunders
— Melissa & Charles Peterson
— Leon Bjerke



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.

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/>.

Thatsa spicy meatball!!

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Dilworth will host it's Fall Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, October 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12 years of age. Preschool are free. Take out dinners will be available. Please support our sister parish!

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

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

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

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!

St. Williams in Argusville to host Turkey Dinner

The dinner will be Sunday October 4 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Argusville Community Center. Free will donation (\$15 suggested donation). A bake sale, country market and raffle will also be 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.



9/01	Neil Ahles	9/19	Cole Keeping
	Mary Jirik	9/20	Branden Norris
	Karie Miller		Gavin Rodke
	Samuel Olson		Colton Underdahl
	Clair Shaw	9/21	Eliza Lee
9/03	Mindy Rodke		Joy Martodam
9/06	Sophie Cook		Ruth Thompson
	Kylee Geray	9/22	Chad Brasel
	Ella Lessard		Scott Kolbinger
9/08	Genna Underdahl		Lily Olson
9/08	Kelly VonWahlde	9/24	Daniel Borash
9/09	Emmy Cox		Josh Perman
9/11	Tate Berg	9/25	Austen Hager
	Logan Reiland		Caleb Hager
9/13	Heather Egenes		Gary Johnson
9/15	Steve Burkel		Linda Schiefert
	Joseph Dickson	9/27	Beckett Eslinger
9/16	Mathias Mies	9/28	Leslie Cox
	Travis Osowski		Lucas Hegna
9/17	Sam Burkel		Elizabeth Hoekstra
9/18	Rich Dombeck	9/30	Carson Keeping
	Julia Knauss		Quade Kosmatka
	Amelia Meixner		Levi Polley

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

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/>

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”
—Matthew 16:24