



**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, September 6

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

10:30 a.m. St. Andrew — †Gary Boyer

Monday, September 7

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth — NO MASS

4-7 p.m. St. Andrew — NO ADORATION

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

9 a.m. St. Elizabeth - †Clem Nemeth

Thursday, September 10

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

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth — †Geneva Busko

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 Deacontomstansdrews@gmail.com. **All names will remain on the list for 30 days.**

September 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Joy of Reconciliation

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.'" —[Matthew 18:15](#)

When someone sins against us, especially in a grievous way, anger and condemnation can quickly arise as strong temptations. Our natural sense of justice often takes over, and we may find ourselves rationalizing a response rooted in judgment rather than compassion. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus offers the much better path—to seek reconciliation, not division. The ultimate goal is to win the sinner back to God and restore the bond of communion.

Sin touches every human relationship, with the sole exception of the one shared between Jesus and His Mother. Their mutual and perfect charity rendered sin and division entirely absent from their union. What a sublime and singular gift they shared!

But we are not perfect. Even the most loving and holy relationships are affected by human weakness, and sin inevitably creeps in. Sometimes the sin is deliberate and deeply wounding. Other times, it stems from weakness or the absence of fully formed virtue. Regardless of its source, every sin inflicts harm and weakens the communion we are called to share.

In today's Gospel, while Jesus appears to be addressing serious sin that severs a person from sanctifying grace—mortal sin—the same principles apply to all offenses, even venial sins and spiritual imperfections. The Christian response to sin must always be grounded in mercy. Whether we are correcting or being corrected, the goal must always be to heal, to restore, and to deepen our unity in Christ.

To begin applying these spiritual principles, call to mind those toward whom you may harbor resentment. Start with your family, since familial bonds—due to their natural closeness—are especially vulnerable to sin. Resentment born of sin is often present in close relationships. While some wounds may have caused deep fractures, even the most loving bonds can suffer subtle injuries. Prayerfully examine these relationships in your life.

If the wounds are deep and hostilities strong, the path forward is usually clear: Seek to win over your brother, sister, parent, or spouse. And if you are the one who has caused the wound, then humbly acknowledge your sin without excuses. This is always the better path. Always.

To aid this process, it is helpful to recognize a hidden dynamic: Holding onto resentment or anger can bring a certain emotional satisfaction. Anger energizes the emotions and creates a charged feeling that, while disordered, can feel gratifying—like a drug that fuels addiction.

The first step is to recognize this disordered emotional pattern for what it is. The next step is to realize that a healed and reconciled relationship offers a deeper and more lasting fulfillment that is far superior to the fleeting satisfaction of resentment or hostility. Winning over another—or being won over by one we have wronged—is profoundly rewarding. It transcends emotion and enters the realm of grace, producing true peace and spiritual joy.

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Christ the Consolator, by Danish artist Carl Heinrich Bloch in the Brigham Young University Museum of Art.

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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 Next weekend!

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 13
Lead Rosary	Kathy Johnston
Altar Servers	Amelia and Katy Vetter Katherine Viergutz
Ministers of Holy Communion	Kelly Bisek Sheri Cook Dawn & Randall Chisholm Kathy Johnston Kurt Ketterl
Greeters	Vetter Family
Lectors	Emily Olson Mikel Olson
Ushers	Dean Omberg Jerry Paur
Music Ministry	Youth
Gift bearers	Andrew & Katy VanHavermaet Family
Counters	Sue Hesteness Rebecca Thiel Kathy Tibbetts
Cookies & Coffee	Sandy Maydole Donna Noll Emily & Mikel Olson

The Pope's Monthly Intention

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.

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!

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: _____

Support and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life

Join the **Diocese of Crookston Serra Club** for its monthly online meeting on **Monday, September 14, at 8:00 p.m.** This month we will feature **seminarian Jon Stone** of Holy Rosary Parish in Detroit Lakes, who will share about his vocation journey and formation at Saint Paul Seminary. We will also welcome new member, **Courtney Meyer**, from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82557225975> **Meeting ID:** 825 5722 5975

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, parish volunteer, Knight of Columbus, Catholic educator, or simply someone who wants to encourage vocations, we invite you to join us. Learn more about how prayer, support, and personal encouragement can help foster future priests, deacons, religious sisters, and religious brothers in our diocese. All are welcome as we pray for, affirm, and encourage vocations.



DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON SERRA CLUB

Monthly Meeting

Affirming Existing Vocations and Encouraging
New Vocations Through Prayer and Service



Pray.
Encourage.
Support.
Vocations.



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
8:00 PM CT**



JOIN US ONLINE VIA ZOOM!
Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82557225975>
Meeting Chat: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/launch/jc/82557225975>
Meeting ID: 825 5722 5975



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening Prayer & Welcome
- Introduction of New Member Courtney Meyer
- Guest Speaker: Seminarian Jon Stone
- Parish Check-Ins & Vocation Stories
- New Business
- Upcoming Vocation Dates
- Closing Prayer



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Come and be part of our mission to pray for, affirm, and encourage vocations in our diocese!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 27, 2026 – Priesthood Sunday
- Oct. 11, 2026 – Deacon Sunday
- Nov. 21, 2026 – World Day of Cloistered Life
- Feb. 2, 2027 – World Day for Consecrated Life
- Mar. 10–16, 2027 – National Catholic Sisters Week
- May 1, 2027 – Religious Brothers Day



Thank you for supporting priestly and religious vocations 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/>.

Special collection next week

Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please be generous.

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.

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.

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



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>.

- **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.

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/>