



JANUARY 29, 2023: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Catholic Churches of St. Andrew & St. Mathias



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"Blessed are they who are
persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult
you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you
falsely because of me. Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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Mass & Confession Times

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
1108 Willow Street, Brainerd

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays - 8:00 am

Saturdays - 4:30 pm

Sundays - 10:00 am

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesdays - 4:30 pm

Saturdays - 3:30 pm

ST. MATHIAS CHURCH
4529 County Rd 121, Ft. Ripley

MASS SCHEDULE

Fridays - 8:30 am

Sundays - 8:00 am

CONFESSION TIME

1st Sundays - 7:30 am

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Calendar of Events

Monday, January 30

8:45am Contribution Analysis, St. Andrew's Conference Room
5:30pm St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal, St. Andrew's Choir Room

Tuesday, January 31

9:30am Mission Quilters, St. Francis – St. Anthony's Room
4:30 pm Reconciliation, St. Andrew's Church
5:30pm Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church

Wednesday, February 1

8:00am Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church
8:30am Cursillo Group, St. Andrew's Room 4
6:15pm Elementary Faith Formation, St. Francis Church
6:30pm Grateful Grub, St. Andrew's Kitchen & Social Hall
7:00pm Middle School Faith Formation, St. Francis School Building
7:00pm High School Faith Formation, St. Andrew's Building

Thursday, February 2

8:00am Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church
8:30am Coffee & Donuts after Mass, St. Andrew's Social Hall
6:00pm St. Mathias Choir Rehearsal, St. Mathias Choir Loft
7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting, St. Andrew's Room 7

Friday, February 3

6:30am FMP Meeting, St. Andrew's Social Hall
8:30am Daily Mass, St. Mathias Church
10:00am Schola Practice, St. Andrew's Music Room

Saturday, February 4

3:30pm Reconciliation, St. Andrew's Church
4:30pm Mass, St. Andrew's Church

Sunday, February 5

7:30am Reconciliation, St. Mathias Church
8:00am Mass, St. Mathias Church
9:00am Sunday School, St. Mathias Building
10:00am Mass, St. Andrew's Church
6:00pm Band of Brothers, St. Andrew's Youth Room & Social Hall

Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalms: Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)

Second Reading: Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Contribution Report (through Jan. 22nd)

ST. ANDREW'S

ORDINARY INCOME (OPERATING FUND)

Weekly Needs.....	\$ 7,915
Weekly Received.....	\$ 6,092
Envelopes & Plate	\$3,768
Online Giving	\$2,324
Fiscal Year Needs to Date	\$237,462
Fiscal Year-to-Date Received.....	\$223,832

2023 UCA

Goal	\$
Total Received.....	\$ 4,167
Percentage Received.....	
Balance Due	\$

OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Goal.....	\$ 2,135,000
Collected from Giving	\$ 1,971,659
Pledge Giving	\$1,874,637
Non-Pledge Giving	\$ 97,022
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 92,148
Received This Week.....	\$ 767

ST. MATHIAS

ORDINARY INCOME (OPERATING FUND)

Weekly Needs.....	\$ 1,962
Weekly Received.....	\$ 1,834
Envelopes & Plate	\$1,277
Online Giving	\$ 557
Fiscal Year Needs to Date	\$ 58,846
Fiscal Year-to-Date Received.....	\$ 60,609

2023 UCA

Goal	\$
Total Received.....	\$ 1,215
Percentage Received.....	
Balance Due	\$

Electronic giving options are available on our website.

Mass Attendance: Weekend of Jan. 22nd

St. Andrews's 4:30pm - 170, 10:00am - 308

St. Mathias 8:00 am - 131

Mass Intentions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church /Time</u>	<u>Mass Dedication</u>
Sat., Jan. 28	SA 4:30pm	† Jeff Smith
Sun., Jan. 29	SM 8:00am	Intention of Our Parishioners
	SA 10:00am	† Terence Jones
Tues., Jan. 31	SA 5:30pm	† Tom MacDonald
Wed., Feb. 1	SA 8:00am	† Regina Derfler
Thur., Feb. 2	SA 8:00am	† Joseph Ribkawskis
Fri., Feb. 3	SM 8:30am	† Col. Flavian Waweru
Sat., Feb. 4	SA 4:30pm	† Francis Schmith
Sun., Feb. 5	SM 8:00am	Intention of Our Parishioners
	SA 10:00am	† Sandy Gay

Parishioner Information

BRAINERD AREA WARMING SHELTER

Our next week to provide volunteers is **January 29 through February 5**. Volunteers work with a paid staff member for a shift of about 3 hours in length. Online training is available and the volunteers who assisted during the first week indicated the experience was very rewarding. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Katie Lee, email: katie@brainerdlakes.com or cell: 218-831-5243. Thank you.

PARISH DIRECTORY STATUS

The creation and finalization of the Parish Directory is taking much longer than anticipated. Please know that we will announce their completion and when distribution will take place. Your patience is appreciated!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The Parishes here in Brainerd have a half-day retreat for baptismal preparation every other month. Sessions are held from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the next few months, please call the either the St. Francis or St. Andrew's parish office to register for the **February 11th** retreat (218-822-4040 or 218-829-1340).

ATTENTION: CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES SUPPLY

Supply chain disruptions and the inability to add employees at the necessary rate have created a slow draw on production and shipping of contribution envelopes from our supplier. There will be a window of time where your personalized giving envelopes will not be mailed, hence not available for your use. Envelope printing will resume and they should be delivered by the first Sunday in March.

We will keep you updated if/as further information is received. General giving envelopes will be made available at the parish office, on tables near church entrances, and in the pews. Online giving is also an option. Visit www.blccsouth.org/giving to process electronic contributions. We thank you for your understanding, and for your continued support!

YES! COOKBOOKS ARE STILL FOR SALE

The "Saints in the Kitchen" cookbooks are still for sale at the St. Francis and St. Andrew's parish offices! Be sure to pick one up for yourself or as a gift! The cost is \$25.00. Church. Net proceeds will be directed towards the Warming Shelter and the Soup Kitchen.

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE KIOSK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Remember to check out the kiosk located near the fireplace at St. Andrews' main entrance. There are some great CDs, books, and pamphlets available for sale. Take time to stop after Mass and check it out!

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER NEEDED

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School is in **immediate need** of a teacher for our middle school math program. Starting date is February 6th and continues through June 2nd. The individual needs to have a 4-year degree. Classroom experience and a MN teaching license preferred. If interested, please send resume and application to jennifer.nagel@sf-school.org.

ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER

Catholic United Financial is providing St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School their yearly fundraising opportunity. Now through February 26th, students will be selling raffle tickets for \$5.00 each. 100% of the money raised is provided to the school. Our 2023 goal is \$50,000 which will go directly to our operating expenses offsetting the cost of tuition. Each family has a fundraising goal to meet! Your raffle ticket purchase will help students reach their personal and school goal.

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to the following students who had their first reconciliation on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023.

Tobias Ahrens	Milo Kaiser
Elsie Anderson	Estelle Kotsmith
Reagan Baratto	Connor Kuepers
Jack Bertel	Arya Lee
Izabelle Bjerketvedt	Eleanor Loney
Nora Borgstrom	Allison Mielke
Adeline Brenizer	Francis Nelson
Calen Clayton	Lexi Obeidzinski
Abram Cutkay	Reagan O'Brien
Penelope Czeck	Josephina Olson
Phoebe Deblock	Ahnika Olson
Oliver Denny	Adrienne O'Reilly
Maddie Esperson	Jordy Potvin
Madeline Faber	Adrian Ramponi
Quinn Ferry	Nathaniel Ray
Adeline Flynn	Elizabeth Ronnevik
Abigail Freihammer	Spencer Ruhl
Sebastian Frie	Wyatt Schilling
Kenzie Fussy	Jamison Seevers
Thomas Gangestad	Marko Seitzer
Layton Gondringer	Olivia Shypkowski
Adelyn Goslin	Jameson Siemers
Emerald Gustafson	Vivian Steinhauser
Daniel Hinsz	Grayson Swenson
Cole Hokanson	Finley Tepper
Annie Holbrook	Anistyn Thesing
Landon Indihar	Evander West
Carson Jay	

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Queen of Peace Adoration Chapel

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday 5:00am - Midnight, Wednesday 3:00am - 10:00 pm, Thursday 3:00am - 11:00 pm, Friday 5:00am - 6:00pm

The Chapel entrance is located off of Willow Street, inside the northeast gate of St. Andrew's Church.

If you are interested in signing up, or have questions or concerns, please contact Leonard Skillings at 218-232-6688.

Sacrament Information

Reconciliation: (or by appointment)

• **St. Andrew's:** Tuesdays. 4:30-5:15pm

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15pm

• **St. Mathias:** First Sunday of the month at 7:30am

Baptism: By appointment following preparation session.

Please call 218-829-1340 to register for baptism class.

First Reconciliation/Communion: Classes held during school year. Please call 218-829-1340 to enroll in classes.

Confirmation: Classes held during school year. Please call 218-829-1340 to enroll in classes.

Marriage: By appointment with at least a six month preparation time.

Holy Orders: Interested in a Vocation? Please visit www.dioceseduluth.org for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Administered by request.

Additional Programs

NORTHLAND FAMILY PROGRAMS: Looking for an all-natural, hormone free, zero side-effect way to plan your family? Consider Fertility Care! Register for an introductory session by calling 218-828-6201. St. Andrew's and St. Mathias are Congregational Members, the classes are **FREE** to registered parishioners.

PATHWAYS COUNSELING: Are the challenges of life stressing you out or causing you to feel depressed? Do you use alcohol or other chemical substances to relieve your anxiety? Do you need help with a relationship? Would you like help with parenting? We are fortunate to have at St. Andrews, a professional who specializes in marriage and family therapy and drug and alcohol counseling. All sessions are confidential and can be done in-person or via the internet on Zoom. To schedule an appointment, call or email Beatrice Comty-Charnock, at 218-838-3729 or pathwayscounseling17@gmail.com.

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I have come that they might have life (John 10:10)

These words of Jesus increase hope in our life. Take time to realize the beauty of life. These words help us to live our life without despair but with total trust in God's providence. Life is precious. Life is from God and it reflects God because all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. The protection of all human life from conception to natural death is a venture all should undertake. Unfortunately, we all know that human life has been destroyed in many ways. The innocent are killed through senseless wars, and mass shootings, and worst still, is the unborn losing their lives when they cannot even defend themselves. The experience of death and the multiplication of forms of killing destroys the good news of Jesus.

Last weekend, we offered a Holy Hour for Life. During this prayer before the Eucharistic Lord, we prayed the Scripture Rosary. The Joyful Mysteries provided us with reflections that lifted our hearts to the joy of human life as we recalled Christ being born and living in a society and in a family. This prayer prepared our hearts to hear deeply and clearly the truth. Jesus has come so that we might have life. In this prayer, we found hope in Jesus for Christ in the Eucharist is alive. His gospel is living. Where two or three gathered in his name the living God is in our midst. In short, the holy hour was truly an hour surrounded by life. Death as proclaimed and supported in our culture does not have the last word. Life triumphs over death.

It is good to be alive. In the joy of our life, we went on into the annual March for Life downtown Brainerd. During this March, many people held signs while others expressed jubilantly the joy of being alive. While on our March, a young lady rolled down her car window and insulted those marching with an obscene gesture. Her posture and her facial demeanor clearly showed a hurting soul. She was not willing to listen nor to watch many people celebrating human life and working towards the protection of innocent life. This encounter reminds us to pray sincerely for the healing and protection of human life. Many have been hurt by the false teachings against human life in the abortion industry, many have been hurt by the loss of loved ones senselessly. Pray for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. Pray for the openness of heart for those who stubbornly continue to support the killing of innocent lives. Pray for our state legislators who continue to seek abortion and the killing of innocent life to convert. Pray boldly and with hope, Jesus has come to bring abundant life.

Jesus thy Kingdom come! In my heart through Mary!

Fr. Gabriel

