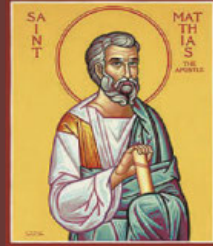


Welcome to the Churches of St. Andrew & St. Mathias



MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

ST. ANDREW'S MASS SCHEDULE

1108 Willow Street, Brainerd
Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Wednesdays - 8:00 am
Thursdays - 8:00 am
Saturdays - 4:30 pm
Sundays - 10:00 am

ST. ANDREW'S CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesdays - 4:30 pm
Saturdays - 3:30 pm

ST. MATHIAS MASS SCHEDULE

4529 County Rd 121, Ft. Ripley
Fridays - 8:30 am
Sundays - 8:00 am

ST. MATHIAS CONFESSION TIME

1st Sundays - 7:30 am

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DECEMBER 26, 2021 EDITION The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Visit Our Website at www.blccsouth.org

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 27

Parish Office Closed

6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, St. Andrew's Room 7

Tuesday, December 28

8:45am Contribution Analysis, St. Andrew's Conference Room

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

5:30pm Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church

Wednesday, December 29

8:00am Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church

8:30am Cursillo Group, St. Andrew's Room 4

Thursday, December 30

8:00am Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church

8:30am Coffee & Donuts After Mass, St. Andrew's Social Hall

7:00pm Troop 45 Meeting, St. Andrew's Room 7

Friday, December 31: New Year's Eve

Parish Office Closed

6:00am FMP Meeting, St. Andrew's Social Hall

8:30am Daily Mass & Reconciliation, St. Mathias Church

Saturday, January 1

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

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

Sunday, January 2

8:00am Mass, St. Mathias Church

10:00am Mass, St. Andrew's Church

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

The Parish Office will be closed on
Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd

Contribution Report (thru Dec. 13th)

ST ANDREW'S

Weekly Needs	\$ 8,842
Weekly Received	\$ 7,005
Fiscal Year needs to date	\$212,197
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$159,598
2021 UCA Goal	\$ 76,978
2021 UCA Total Received	\$ 69,506
2021 UCA % Received	90%
2021 UCA Balance Due	\$ 7,472

OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Goal	\$ 2,135,000
Total Commitments to date	\$ 1,978,721
New Commitments needed	\$ 156,279
Collected to date	\$ 1,724,268
Outstanding pledges	\$ 254,452
Received this week	\$ 1,745

ST. MATHIAS

Weekly Needs	\$ 2,278
Weekly Received	\$ 2,968
Fiscal Year needs to date	\$ 54,669
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$ 46,343
2021 UCA Goal	\$ 16,794
2021 UCA Total Received	\$ 16,374
2021 UCA % Received	97%
2021 UCA Balance Due	\$ 420

Please continue to support our parish financial needs. Electronic giving options are available on our website: <https://www.blccsouth.org/Giving>.

Thank you for your
continued support!

Mass Intentions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church /Time</u>	<u>Mass Dedication</u>
Sat – Dec 25	SA 10:00am	† Ardy Dumbeck
Sun – Dec 26	SM 8:00am SA 10:00am	Intention of our Parishioners † Cecilia Posch
Tue– Dec 28	SA 5:30pm	† Rita Britz
Wed – Dec 29	SA 8:00am	† John Wlasiuk
Thurs - Dec 30	SA 8:00am	† Ardelle Wentworth
Fri– Dec 31	SM 8:30am	† Betty & Joseph Thesing
Sat – Jan 1	SA 4:30am	† Raymond Norrgard
Sun – Jan 2	SM 8:00am SA 10:00am	† Donna Perlinger † John Wlasiuk

Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD. (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Parishioner Information

BAPTISM

Welcome to the faith community through the waters of Baptism to **Brielle Rae Weise**, daughter of **Aaron & Kandace (Knoll) Weise**, who was baptized at St. Andrew's on Saturday, December 18th, 2021.

YEAR END DONATION REMINDERS

Contributions are deductible in the year they are made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of December (Dec 31st, 2021), count for a 2021 donation. This is true even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2022. Also, checks count for 2021 as long as they are mailed and have a 2021 postmark. Please go to the church website and donate online at www.blccsout.org under online giving or if you plan to drop off a year-end donation to the parish office, keep in mind the office will be closed December 31st. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH OFFICE & ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSURES

- The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd.
- The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Friday, December 31st at 4:00pm, and all day Saturday, January 1st.

WARMING SHELTER IN BRAINERD

Bridges of Hope, in partnership with law enforcement, Crow Wing County, nonprofit organizations, church partners, and community members have recognized the need for a safe place for homeless adults (ages 18+) to sleep in our community. This group has come together in a collaborative effort to address homelessness by providing a warming shelter that will offer a safe place for individuals to rest for the night.

With the warming shelter now open, our parishes have a new opportunity to help! The warming shelter has many needs, including the need for sheets, socks, toiletries, paper products, etc. If you are looking for way to help those in need please visit, the Bridges of Hope website www.bridgesofhopemn.org. Click on the *Warming Shelter* tab. If you need assistance or have any questions, please call Melissa Fussy at 218-232-8146 or Ellen Cherne at 218-851-3233.

RESTORED: RETREAT FOR ADULTS JANUARY 21-23, 2022

Join us for a retreat weekend for adults. Enjoy good food and lodging, thought-provoking content, engaging conversation and fellowship, time for reflection and prayer. Ages 21+. Sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth. Registration open. Space limited due to COVID. No deposit needed during registration. A payment plan will be set up when you register. For more info and to register go to: <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored>.

NOTICE ON SCAMS!

Hackers have been targeting our parishes/parishioners with phishing emails, posing as priests, asking for money. We would like to remind everyone of these scams, and that the only way you should give money to the parish, is by, going to the parish and giving the money, mailing a check to the parish, or by giving online, through the parish's website. If you would like to give by any other means, you should contact the parish office in person or by phone.

INVOCATION



An invocation is a short prayer that may be repeated aloud or silently. These prayers elevate the mind to God and remind us that we are always in his loving presence. *Allow me to praise you, Virgin most holy; give me strength against your enemies.*

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

Our bulletin is not only in the paper format, but also online on the parish website, and parishioners can subscribe to receive it via email each week! We hope that parishioners who have a business will consider sponsoring an ad on the back of the bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes the bulletin possible, at no cost to the parish. Also, if you know of any other businesses in the community that would like to support the parish, please let them know about this opportunity.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling, the local food shelf, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help!

If you are interested in getting more information, please call Gina Shaughnessy on her cell phone 952-356-6488. You can also email her at gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

Parishioner Information

KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT NEEDED!

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School is looking to fill a Kindergarten Assistant position for the remaining 2021-2022 school year. The position is 7:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday. Candidates must pass a background check and classroom experience preferred. To apply, please submit application to jennifer.nagel@sf-school.org or mail to St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School, Attn: Jennifer Nagel, 817 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.

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St. Mathias Cemetery:

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Parish Office Phone: 218-829-0371
Contact Person: Krissy Nelson, knelson@lakescatholic.org,
218-838-0152 (After Hours)

Queen of Peace Adoration Chapel

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday - Thursday, 5:00am - 10:00pm
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:** Tues 4:30pm-5:15pm & Sat: 3:30pm-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.

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Marriage: By appointment with at least six months preparation time.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

I take this opportunity on behalf of our parishes (St. Andrews and St. Mathias) to wish you a Merry Christmas. These words, Merry Christmas, echo the reality of our festivity. God in his continued love for us has provided us with another year and another season to recall and receive his immense love for us. This is cause for rejoicing.

I am aware also of some among us who are finding the Christmas season challenging due to various circumstances in their life. For instance, some of us have lost loved ones this year and this is our first Christmas without them. Others have a new diagnosis or terminal illness and this may well be their last Christmas celebration. The trepidation and anxiety that accompany these situations challenge the joy of Christmas. In fact, for some in our community, darkness overshadows them in their life situation.

Reflecting on the days of Christmas we can find hope and encouragement. St. John Paul II referred to the Christmas event as "the event most grand and most lowly". Jesus was born in poverty. There was no room in the inn. Mary and Joseph were away from their home. Those in authority were hostile to him. However, despite all these, there was the jubilation of the heavenly angels and the delight of the shepherds. The birth of Jesus transcended all the odds and circumstances that bring sorrow and sadness. Heaven had come to earth. God was born in the flesh. The hope for eternal life and end to sin had dawned. Darkness was overcome by light.

This Christmas, let us open our hearts to the true joy that surpasses all understanding. Jesus Christ is the Joy that is never dimmed by the circumstances of our life. This Christmas let us be charitable in receiving Jesus Christ and allowing him to be our Lord. It is Jesus who enters our circumstances of life to bring us joy. In the sorrow of losing a loved one, in the fears of our health and future, welcome Jesus. Christmas is teaching us that Jesus is not afraid or ashamed to be identified with our misery. The conscious expression of our love of Jesus this Christmas will help us live in his light and his truth. Share your heart with Jesus.

The season of Christmas continues until the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on January 9th, 2022. Take time to extend your festivities of Christmas to draw the most out of this season. Keep your tree and decorations until then. Gather your family one more time during the Christmas season for a moment of prayer and gratitude to Jesus who brings the light of hope and joy to our lives. May your Christmas joy touch others and spread in our community.

Jesus thy kingdom come! In my heart through Mary!

~Fr. Gabriel

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