

# 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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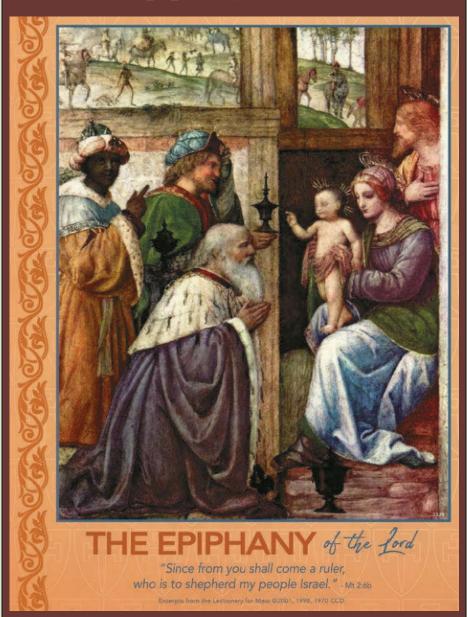
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## JANUARY 2, 2022 EDITION The Epiphany of the Lord



MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

~St. Andrew's & St. Mathias Parish Clergy & Staff

### Calendar of Events

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Offic	e Close
St.	Andrew
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Opm St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal, St. Andrew's Choir Room

Tuesday, January 4

8:45am Contribution Analysis, St. Andrew's Conference Room 8:30am St. Francis Middle School Retreat, St. Andrew's Building 9:30am Mission Quilters, St. Francis Church, St. Anthony's Room

4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Andrew's Church
5:30pm Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church

6:15pm Elementary Faith Formation, St. Andrew's Building

6:15pm FUSE, St. Francis' Gathering Spaces

Wednesday, January 5

8:00am Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church 8:30am Cursillo Group, St. Andrew's Room 4

8:30am Home School Group, St. Andrew's Rooms 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & Social Hall during lunch

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, January 6

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 Troop 45 Meeting, St. Andrew's Room 7

Friday, January 7

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

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

Saturday, January 8

7:30am Sisters in Christ, St. Francis Church

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

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

Sunday, January 9

8:00am Mass, St. Mathias Church

9:00am St. Mathias Sunday School, St. Mathias Building

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

## Readings

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

**Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading:** It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

**Gospel:** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

#### **WEEKLY READINGS 22**

**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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday**: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday**: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Contribution Report (thru Dec. 20th)

ST ANDREW'S		
Weekly Needs	\$	8,842
Weekly Received	\$	27,557
Fiscal Year needs to date	\$2	221,038
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$	187,155
2021 UCA Goal	\$	76,978
2021 UCA Total Received	\$	74,835
2021 UCA % Received		97%
2021 UCA Balance Due		
OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMP		
Campaign Goal		
Total Commitments to date		
New Commitments needed	\$	154,357
Collected to date		
Outstanding pledges		
Received this week	\$	3,231
ST. MATHIAS		,
Weekly Needs	\$	2,278
Weekly Received		1,619
Fiscal Year needs to date		56,947
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$	47,962
2021 UCA Goal		16,794
2021 UCA Total Received		16,974
2021 UCA % Received		100%
2021 UCA Balance Due		0

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

## Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Intentions				
<u>Date</u>	Church /Time	Mass Dedication		
Sat – Jan 1	SA 4:30am	† Raymond Norrgard		
Sun – Jan 2	SM 8:00am SA 10:00am	† Donna Perlinger † John Wlasiuk		
Tue– Jan 4	SA 5:30pm	† Jim Dunne		
Wed – Jan 5	SA 8:00am	† Patricia Depew		
Thurs - Jan 6	SA 8:00am	† Unborn Children of Kevin & Jan Blum		
Fri– Jan 7	SM 8:30am	Intention of Christian Mothers		
Sat – Jan 8	SA 4:30am	† Doris Stoffel		
Sun – Jan 9	SM 8:00am	Parishioners		
	A 10:00am	† Monica Doll		

## Parishioner Information

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### YOU DID IT!

Many thanks to all who supported this year's **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program** through gift purchases, monetary donations, and prayer.

I am very excited to report that through your efforts, we were able to provide gifts to **16 families**, **equaling 59 children**! God is so good, and I marvel at how he works through each and every one of you to deliver to families who would otherwise go without.

Continue to pray for those in our community seeking assistance from the Salvation Army, as well as the staff and volunteers (especially Carole). This group of dedicated individuals works tirelessly to bring love and joy to countless families in our midst. God bless you!

-Ann Scheinost

#### **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.

#### WARMING SHELTER IN BRAINERD

Many have recognized the need for a safe place for homeless adults (ages 18+) to sleep in our community. A 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 <a href="www.bridgesofhopemn.org">www.bridgesofhopemn.org</a>. 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.

## St. Mathias

#### ST. MATHIAS PRAYER PARTNERS

St. Mathias Prayer Partners sign-up for 2022. What is a prayer partner? Someone who prays for you and someone you pray forit's as simple as that. How do you get a prayer partner? Sing up at the Church entrances by **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** or contact Lorena Tougas, at 218-839-7736.

Who doesn't need more prayers? It's such a comfort knowing you are being prayed for. Everyone is welcome to be a prayer partner.

#### ST. MATHIAS CCW GROUP LIST

St. Mathias ladies, please pick up your 2022 group list located in the box at the church entrance. If someone was missed, please call Rosanne (218-831-3376)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Over 40 of children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

They encountered God's love and mercy in this beautiful Sacrament!

Audrey Asche Karsten Bahl **Emily Beierman** Addelyn Bender Maddox Bernander Julia Braaten Caleigh Brandl Elsie Brekken **Aubrey Carr** Oliver Czeck Bowen Dalland Johnathan Diederich Alice Dorschner Archie Feierabend Boone Fromm Caiden Gruber Owen Gunderson Garrett Gunderson Aurelianna Gustafson Drew Hinsz Jack Krebsbach Evelyn Lang Sawyer Lehmkuhl Clare Lundy Kaitlyn Mellenthin Adelaide Merck Everett Miller Chloe Mulholland Elliot Nelson Celia Nemmers Isla Norton Leighton Parrish Bentley Pietig Mick Ouast Kit Scofield Breck Swenson Eviana Thiesse Macallister Thuringer Henry Torfin Madisyn Triplett Reid Wallace Josie Zauhar

#### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time,
Many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen

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#### St. Mathias Cemetery:

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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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218-829-1340 to enroll in classes.

**Marriage:** By appointment with at least <u>six months</u> preparation

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#### SERVE THE LORD IN THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! Let us welcome the new year with delightful hearts. At the beginning of this new year, we turn to God. God offers us a new year and new possibilities enclosed in his providential love for us. It is always nice to begin new things or acquire something new in life. New things bring with them so much hope and ambition. New things in general tend to wake us up to curiosity and a sense of determination. New things challenge us and stretch us to new horizons in our life. The freshness of the New Year is no exception. We are entering 2022 let us welcome the new possibilities ahead of us.

This new year has made me think of a time when the people of Israel were entering the promised land. Moses had led the people out of Egypt through dramatic events and occasions. Now Joshua was made the head to lead the people. He received God's authority and power and helped Israel settle in their new land. It is the wisdom of Joshua that fascinated me and captivates me this year. It is how Joshua challenges the people to live their new life in their new land, that makes me think of God's invitation for us all this new year.

Joshua having managed to enter the promised land he was able to help the 12 tribes of Israel settle in the land amicably. The people delightfully took possession of the land over time and settled in and became comfortable. Slowly by slowly, some of the people began to waver in their faith and their covenant with God. In the new year, we can challenge ourselves to remain faithful to God. As the days and months progress, the resolutions and commitments we make at the beginning of the year may become poor and faint. Just like the people of Israel, their achievement began to fade and they were attracted to foreign gods. This can happen to us Christians as the new year progresses.

As you welcome the new year 2022, make a commitment to live for God almighty who has made it possible for you to see this year. Renew your covenant with God and your regular worship of him. God is in our midst and a new year is one sign of his continued providence. God wants our relationship with him to grow strong. He renews his love for you with each day. As the new year unfolds, seek God constantly for he is the source of all good things.

With the help of Joshua, the Israelites made their renewal to God's covenant. Joshua gathered the people and in a categorical way demanded that the people make clear whom they will save. Joshua himself said "for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15. Everyone else said the same thing making it clear that it was God who had provided for them all their lives. Can you imagine at the beginning of the new year, God seeking you to recommit yourself to him? Whom will you serve?

Jesus thy kingdom come! In my heart through Mary!

~Fr. Gabriel



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