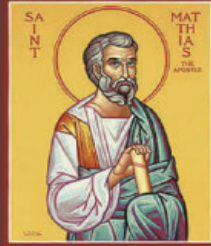


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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

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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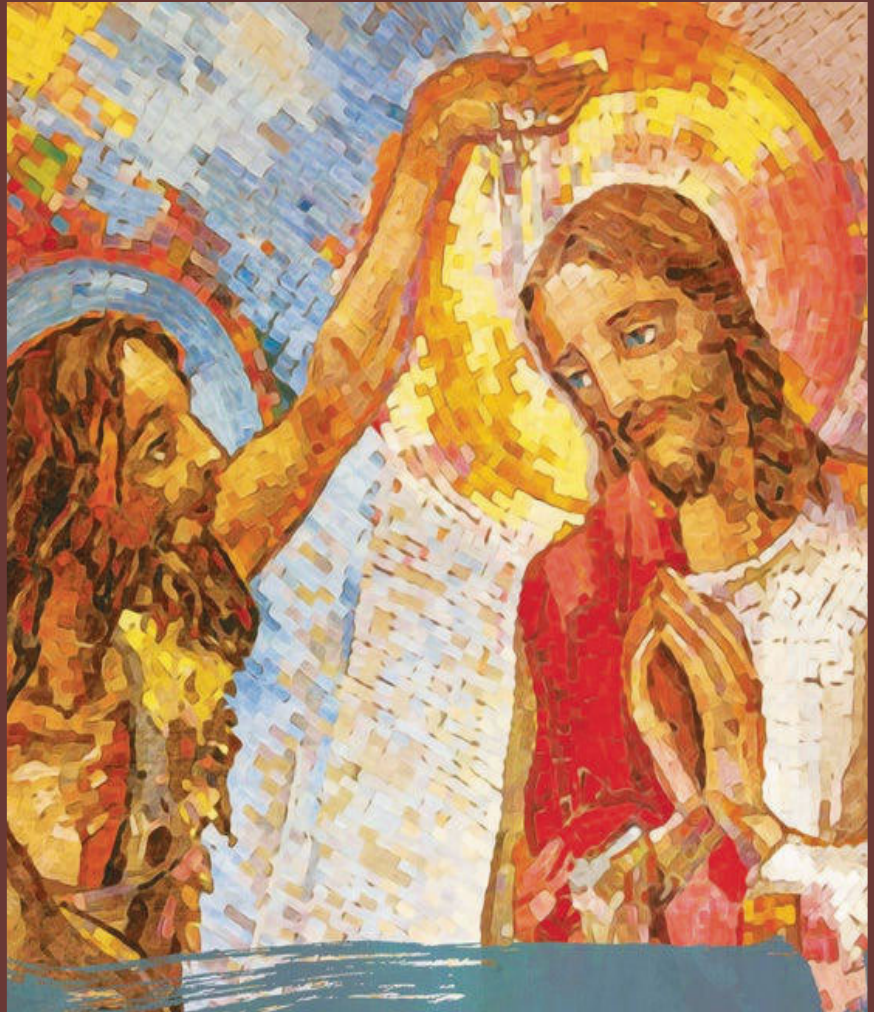
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Visit Our Website at www.blccsouth.org

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

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 12

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 High School Faith Formation/Grateful Grub, St. Andrew's Building

7:00pm Middle School Faith Formation, St. Francis School Building

Thursday, January 13

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

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

6:00pm St. Mathias Children's Choir Rehearsal, St. Mathias Choir Loft

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

Friday, January 14

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

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

5:30pm St. Andrew's Children's Choir, St. Andrew's Choir Room

Saturday, January 15

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

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

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

Sunday, January 16

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:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalms:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

WEEKLY READINGS

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Contribution Report (thru Jan. 4th)

ST ANDREW'S

Weekly Needs	\$ 8,842
Weekly Received	\$
Fiscal Year needs to date	\$ 238,722
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$ 244,953
2022 UCA Goal	\$ TBD
2022 UCA Total Received	\$ 1,301
2022 UCA % Received	%
2022 UCA Balance Due	\$

OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Goal	\$ 2,135,000
Total Commitments to date	\$ 1,980,829
New Commitments needed	\$ 154,171
Collected to date	\$ 1,738,601
Outstanding pledges	\$ 242,228
Received this week	\$ 770

ST. MATHIAS

Weekly Needs	\$ 2,278
Weekly Received	\$
Fiscal Year needs to date	\$ 61,503
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$ 54,176
2022 UCA Goal	\$ TBD
2022 UCA Total Received	\$ 1,154
2022 UCA % Received	%
2022 UCA Balance Due	\$

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

Date	Church /Time	Mass Dedication
Sat – Jan 8	SA 4:30am	† Doris Stoffel
Sun – Jan 9	SM 8:00am	Intention of our Parishioners
	SA 10:00am	† Monica Doll
Tue– Jan 11	SA 5:30pm	† Maren Nicol
Wed – Jan 12	SA 8:00am	† Liz Aulie
Thurs - Jan 13	SA 8:00am	† Wallie Barrett
Fri– Jan 14	SM 8:30am	Intention of the Homebound & shut-ins
Sat – Jan 15	SA 4:30am	† Keith Moilanen
Sun – Jan 16	SM 8:00am	† John Wlasiuk
	SA 10:00am	† Marie Klang

Parishioner Information

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Boxes of Joy Program. Because of your generosity, more than 100 children, who may have never received anything for Christmas before, were given toys, school supplies and the story of Jesus our Savior! Thank you and God bless!

CARING FOR OUR HOMELESS

Caring for our homeless neighbors in Jesus' name; will you join us in making a difference? My Neighbor to Love Coalition is pursuing a long-term solution to homelessness in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Come and find out more about their faith-based model on **Thursday, January 13th** at 1:00pm and again at 6:30pm. The presentation (including a video and Q&A) will be held in the Koinonia Room at First Lutheran Church of Brainerd (424 S. 8th St.) If you have questions, contact Melissa Fussy 218-232-8146 or Ellen Cherne 218-851-3233.

WARMING SHELTER NEEDS

The warming shelter in Brainerd is in need of hand and foot warmers, gloves, pants, sweatshirts, toilet paper, toilet cleaner, cleaning products, garbage bags, ground coffee, twin sheets, twin blankets, etc. To see the full list of needs, go to www.bridgesofhopemn.org, click on the "Warming Shelter" tab, then click on "Wish List" half way down the page. Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00pm has been designated as a recurring drop off day for donations. The address is 1926 S. 7th St. If you have any questions, call Melissa 218-232-8146 or Ellen 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>.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN COME AND SEE

The Spiritus Sanctus Secular Franciscan Fraternity is inviting you to participate in the January come and See. "Are You Being Called to Follow St. Francis of Assisi"? The Come and See is on **January 23rd** beginning at 2:00 pm in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Church, 409 North 9th St., Brainerd MN. An introduction to the charism of St. Francis and St. Clare and our fraternity will be shared. For more information, contact Rose Clack at rose.clack@yahoo.com or Esther Reagan at ea_reagan_28@msn.com.



INVOCATION OF THE WEEK

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. *All holy men and women of God, pray for us— Amen.*

BIRTHRIGHT

Are you a business owner with pro-life convictions? There is an easy way to help share information about Birthright Pregnancy Support Services available in our area. Birthright has beautiful mini posters that can be displayed in windows, bulletin boards, countertops, restrooms, or anywhere they are accessible to people. Please contact us if you are interested in posting them at your establishment. Simply call our office at 218-829-8470 and leave us your contact information. We will send you the posters. Thanks from all the mothers and little ones you may be helping by your effort.

Employment Opportunities

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St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School has an immediate opening for a full-time Director of Advancement and Admissions. Responsibilities include developing, implementing, and managing admissions and enrollment, fundraising programs, communications, financial aid, grants, Capital Campaign project management, and strategic planning to strengthen and support all advancement efforts while overseeing marketing efforts. Requirements: Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in advancement and admissions, or related field. Experience in a non-profit environment, parochial or independent school is preferred. The candidate must have excellent organization, verbal and written communication, and computer skills. Please send cover letter, resume, and letters of reference to: St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School, Attn: Jennifer Nagel/Fr. Michael Garry, 817 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN 56401 or email to jennifer.nagel@sf-school.org. View full job description at <https://stfranciscatholicsschool.org>.

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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.

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

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

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Anointing of the Sick: Administered by request.

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Baptism: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased"

"Beloved one of God!" In the sacrament of Baptism, we acquire a new identity. We become sons and daughters of God, members of Christ's Body, born into a larger family and destined for an everlasting home in heaven. Consider these few components in the rite of Baptism.



Baptismal Font: Generally, Baptisms should take place on Sunday, the day of the resurrection the 8th day. Most Baptismal fonts will have eight corners to mark the new creation that we become after baptism. The Lord revealed this with his own resurrection on the first day of the week, the 8th day. (See our parish baptismal font, 8 corners).

The Name: The first inquiry to the Parents is for the child's name. God calls each one of us by name giving us a distinct character and identity in his own heart.



Parent's intention: The parents are then asked what they seek from the Church for their child. The traditional response was "faith". The priest would then ask, "What does faith give?" And the response was "Eternal life". Today when we respond to the question with one answer, "Baptism" we mean faith and eternal life. From Baptism the children receive the life of faith which leads to salvation. Right at the beginning of the celebration of Baptism, we learn the goal of our new life. We are first transformed into new creatures on the day of 're-creation' then given a new identity which is that of being a beloved child of God

and then directed towards heaven, our everlasting dwelling home with God. To live this new way of life parents and godparents pledge to help us.

While celebrating the Baptism of our Lord Jesus, recall the reality of your own baptism. Offer a prayer or send a message of gratitude to the priest or deacon who baptized you. Offer a Pray for Godparents who helped our parents to guide us in the way of faith. Pray for our parents for the gift of baptism and thank them too for giving us this gift that has made you a beloved child of God. The ultimate gift of baptism is everlasting life with God for all who keep the faith to the end.

Pray for young families that they will appreciate the gift of baptism for their children. Pray for the conversion of parents who do not desire baptism for their little children. Encourage relatives and friends to have their children baptized. Next time you touch the Holy Water as you come into Church, pause to thank Jesus for the gift of Baptism. Every time you make the sign of the cross with Holy Water in Church, remember you are a beloved child of God and you have been claimed for Christ for all eternity because of his gift of Baptism and the Lord is well pleased to have you as his own.

Jesus thy Kingdom come! In my heart through Mary!

~Fr. Gabriel Waweru

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