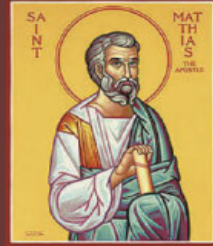


# Welcome to the Churches of St. Andrew & St. Mathias



## 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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## JANUARY 23, 2022 EDITION Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

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## Calendar of Events

### Monday, January 24

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

### Tuesday, January 25

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

7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Andrew's Social Hall

### Wednesday, January 26

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

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

6:30pm High School Faith Formation/Grateful Grub, St. Andrew's Building

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

### Thursday, January 27

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

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

6:00pm St. Mathias Bazaar Meeting, St. Mathias Basement

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

### Friday, January 28

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

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

### Saturday, January 29

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

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

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

### Sunday, January 30

8:00am Mass, St. Mathias Church

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

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

7:00pm Prayer Group, St. Andrew's Room 8

## Readings

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

#### Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

#### Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

#### Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## Contribution Report (thru Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>)

### ST ANDREW'S

Weekly Needs .....	\$ 8,842
Weekly Received .....	\$ 10,105
Fiscal Year needs to date .....	\$ 256,405
Fiscal Year to Date Received .....	\$ 240,392
2022 UCA Goal .....	\$ TBD
2022 UCA Total Received .....	\$ 3,497
2022 UCA % Received .....	%
2022 UCA Balance Due .....	\$

### OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Goal .....	\$ 2,135,000
Total Commitments to date .....	\$ 1,980,963
New Commitments needed .....	\$ 154,037
Collected to date .....	\$ 1,765,136
Outstanding pledges .....	\$ 215,827
Received this week .....	\$ 583

### ST. MATHIAS

Weekly Needs .....	\$ 2,278
Weekly Received .....	\$ 3,171
Fiscal Year needs to date .....	\$ 66,059
Fiscal Year to Date Received .....	\$ 59,414
2022 UCA Goal .....	\$ TBD
2022 UCA Total Received .....	\$ 561
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 22	SA 4:30am	† Mike & Irma Schroeder
Sun – Jan 23	SM 8:00am SA 10:00am	Intention of our Parishioners † Yvonne McQuoid
Tue– Jan 25	SA 5:30pm	† John Wlasiuk
Wed – Jan 26	SA 8:00am	† Mary Gabel
Thurs - Jan 27	SA 8:00am	† John Wlasiuk
Fri– Jan 28	SM 8:30am	† Fr. Jon Wild
Sat – Jan 29	SA 4:30am	† Earl & Besse Barnes
Sun – Jan 30	SM 8:00am SA 10:00am	Intention of Our Parishioners † All Souls in Purgatory

## Parishioner Information

### NOTICE ON SCAMS!

Hackers have been targeting our parishes/parishioners with phishing emails and now text messages, 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.



### BAPTISM

Welcome to the faith community through the waters of Baptism to **Avila Genevieve Kunstleben**, daughter of **Eric & Beth (Lash) Kunstleben** who was baptized at St. Andrew's on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

A special welcome to **Margaret Hanson**, who recently joined our St. Andrew's family. We are so happy you have joined us!

### ATTENTION ALL MEN

Fellowship Men Prayer meets Friday mornings at 6:00am in the St. Andrew's Social Hall. Join us when you are able. High school seniors and college men are welcome! For more details, please contact Tony Cossette, at 218-838-3861 or [tonycossette11@outlook.com](mailto:tonycossette11@outlook.com).

### ST. MATHIAS BAZAAR

The St. Mathias Bazaar is back! It will be held the last Sunday in June (June 26<sup>th</sup>). All St. Mathias parishioners are invited to our first bazaar meeting. It will take place in the St. Mathias Church basement on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Bring your ideas to share.

### BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

The BeFriender Ministry is a volunteer program for men and women, who are trained lay persons to respond to the needs of others by visiting with them, being with them, and providing emotional and spiritual support. If you are in need of the BeFriender assistance or would like to join our beautiful group, please contact, Pat Bluth at 218-829-1128 or Karen Schloemer at 218-829-3364. Meetings are usually the third Mondays of each month at 1:30pm at St. Andrew's in Room 6.

### WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

One part of our Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. A Mass intention can be for the living or deceased.

At the Brainerd Lakes Catholic Churches, the cost of a Mass intention is \$10. The important part is to remember that you are not paying for the graces from God (which are of infinite value and cannot be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating that particular Mass.

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

Please call or stop by the Parish Office to request a Mass intention for a loved one.



### 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. *Hail, O Cross, our only hope! – Amen.*

## Job Opportunities/Surrounding Area Activities

### AFTER-SCHOOL (KALEIDOSCOPE CLUB) AIDE

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School is seeking an after-school aide (Kaleidoscope Aide) to supervise K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students from 2:30pm-5pm daily. This position may include assisting with student activities, homework help, technology assistance, organizing games, providing snack, among others. Applicants need to be age 16 or older, preferred to have experience with school aged children or classroom experience, and must pass a complete trainings and background check. Applications can be found on the school website <https://stfranciscatholicschool.org>.

### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PIERZ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUFFALO RAFFLE

The Pierz Knights of Columbus invite you to their annual raffle, which will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Pierz Ballroom. The meal starts at 4:00 pm and we serve until 8:00 pm. The drawing will be held at 8:15 pm. Dinner is \$7.00, raffle tickets are \$10.00 each- all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Join us for a night of food, music, and prizes. Please see the large, pink flyers at the back of the churches for more information.

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#### St. Mathias Cemetery:

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Parish Office Phone: 218-829-0371

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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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# Dignity of Human Life

The Lord God after creating the world he created man in his own image and he said, "it is very good". We are created by God for out of his love and infinity majesty. "Of all visible creatures only man is 'able to know and love his creator' He is 'the only creature on earth that God has chosen for its own sake' and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity" (CCC356). The dignity of the human person is a direct gift from God. To say that life is a gift is to acknowledge that life has been received from someone other than the individual who lives. Respect for one's life and the life of the other stems from this fact. Life is given to us by God.

49 years ago, abortion was legalized in the United States. Millions of children have been killed through abortion across the country. The dignity of these children has been violated and the God-given gift of life has been dishonored. The reasons for abortion continue to change and grow now and then. The lie abortion is an act of freedom that has led many women to abort their child only to regret the enslavement of the guilt that follows. God's love for life is everlasting and he offers us every means to keep this life sacred and to care for it. Legal protection of human life is needed in our society today.

The love of God that reaches the hearts of those who once believed abortion is good is making many seek ways of saving lives and protecting life. It is by God's power that life comes to be and when it is taken through abortion, this sin cries to heaven for vengeance. Through prayer and penance, hearts will be healed and transformed and we will live once more as a nation that respects human life from conception to natural death.

If you or someone you know has ever had an abortion and needs healing, please know of God's mercy for you. Trust in his love and embrace his mercy. God's mercy is found in prayer and penance. Going to confession is a starting point. Also, experienced women have come forward to help others in their healing journey. Consider *Rachel's Vineyard*, a resource that provides a safe place for support, renewal, and rebuilding of your life.

Beyond abortion, another threat to human life and dignity is the call for assisted suicide. This extreme action of violating human life is being promoted and given legislative support. Most Rev. Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles said, "Legalized euthanasia would involve doctors and nurses ... in helping to kill people. It would lead to a society in which the government ... would essentially decide which lives are worthy of living, and which people would be better off dead. Already in America, legalized abortion has made it "routine" to kill unborn children. About a million babies are killed this way each year. That is scandalous enough. We cannot now allow the killing of the elderly, terminally ill, and disabled people to become "routine" also".

Please sometime to pray for the respect of human life and especially human dignity which God has given to each living person both in the womb or at their death bed. Thank you for your support for human life over the years. Do not be discouraged but continue to remain faithful. Again, for those who have had an abortion or made the compromising end-of-life decisions for the dying, let God's mercy help you. Know of the Church's prayers and readiness to help you in your healing.

**Jesus thy Kingdom come! In my heart through Mary!**

~Fr. Gabriel Waweru

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