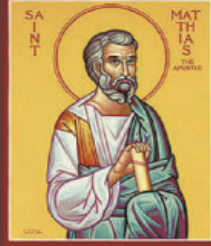


# Welcome to the Churches of St. Andrew & St. Mathias



## 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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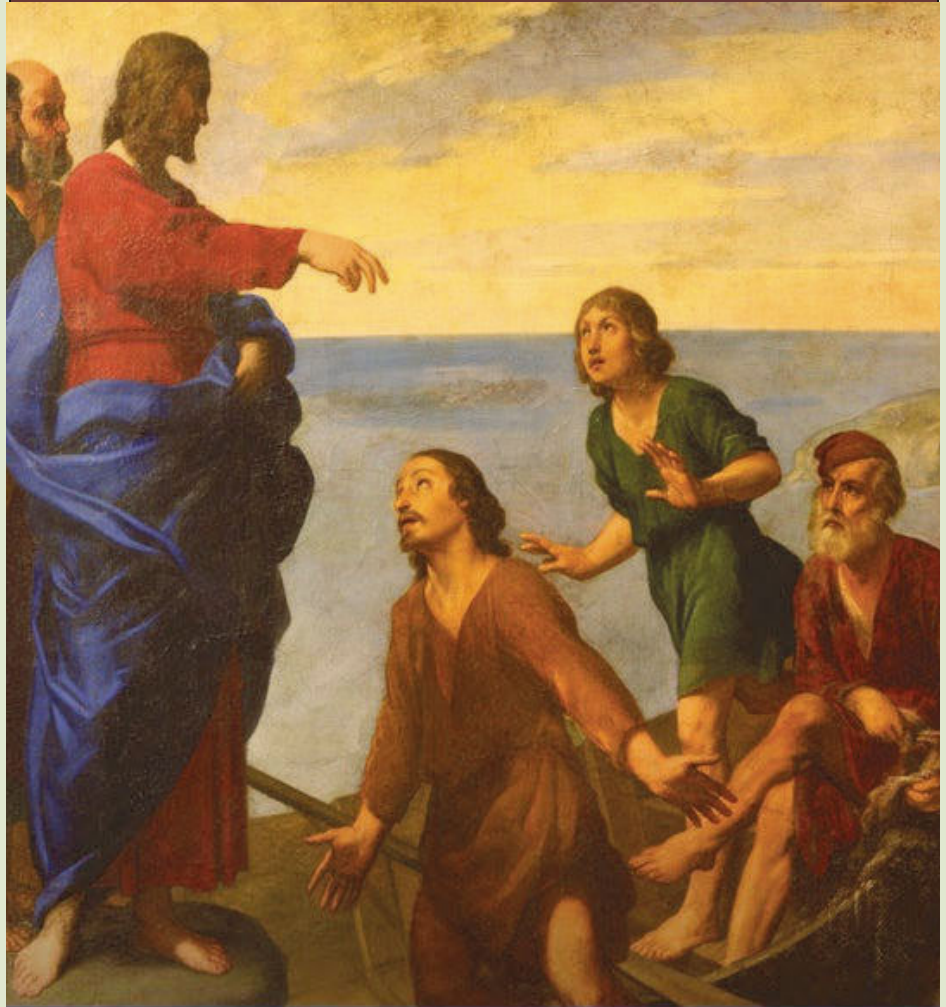
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## FEBRUARY 6, 2022 EDITION Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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## Calendar of Events

### Monday, February 7

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

### Tuesday, February 8

- 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  
 6:30pm Holy Hour for Vocations, St. Andrew's Church  
 7:00pm St. Mathias CCW Meeting, St. Mathias Basement

### Wednesday, February 9

- 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, February 10

- 8:00am Daily Mass, St. Andrew's Church  
 8:30am Coffee & Donuts After Mass, St. Andrew's Social Hall  
 5:00pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting/Dinner, St. Andrew's Social Hall  
 7:00pm Troop 45 Meeting, St. Andrew's Room 7

### Friday, February 11

- 6:00am FMP Meeting, St. Andrew's Social Hall  
 8:30am Daily Mass, St. Mathias Church

### Saturday, February 12

- 7:30am Sisters in Christ, St. Francis Church  
 9:00am Baptism Prep Class, St. Andrew's Room 7  
 3:30pm Reconciliation, St. Andrew's Church  
 4:30pm Mass, St. Andrew's Church

### Sunday, February 13

- 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 I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

**Psalms:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

**Second Reading:** Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

## Contribution Report (thru Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>)

### ST ANDREW'S

Weekly Needs .....	\$ 8,842
Weekly Received .....	\$ 8,106
Fiscal Year needs to date .....	\$ 274,088
Fiscal Year to Date Received .....	\$ 254,174
2022 UCA Goal .....	TBD
2022 UCA Total Received .....	\$ 4,971
2022 UCA % Received .....	%
2022 UCA Balance Due .....	\$

### OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Goal .....	\$ 2,135,000
Total Commitments to date .....	\$ 1,981,289
New Commitments needed .....	\$ 153,711
Collected to date .....	\$ 1,771,896
Outstanding pledges .....	\$ 209,393
Received this week .....	\$ 761

### ST. MATHIAS

Weekly Needs .....	\$ 2,278
Weekly Received .....	\$ 1,214
Fiscal Year needs to date .....	\$ 70,615
Fiscal Year to Date Received .....	\$ 61,949
2022 UCA Goal .....	TBD
2022 UCA Total Received .....	\$ 1,771
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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church/Time</u>	<u>Mass Dedication</u>
Sat – Feb 5	SA 4:30pm	† Francis Schmith
Sun – Feb 6	SM 8:00am	Intention of Christian Mothers
	SA 10:00am	† Edith Lambert
Tue – Feb 8	SA 5:30pm	† Rita Britz
Wed – Feb 9	SA 8:00am	Intention of the Homebound
Thurs - Feb 10	SA 8:00am	† Bob
Fri – Feb 11	SM 8:30am	† Julie Sather
Sat – Feb 12	SA 4:30pm	† Jim Dunne
Sun – Feb 13	SM 8:00am	Intention of our Parishioners
	SA 10:00am	† Cecilia Posch

### NOTICE ON SCAMS!

Hackers have been targeting our staff and parishioners with phishing emails and 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.

## Parishioner Information

### NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

A special welcome to **Daniel & Janet Minke**, who recently joined our **St. Mathias** 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).



### 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. *Heart of Jesus, in you I trust! – Amen.*

### BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

BeFrienders will visit the elderly, the seriously ill and those who have experienced loss through death, job loss, or other crisis. A BeFriender is a friend who can be trusted, who will visit or call regularly and is willing to listen. BeFrienders are trained to listen without judgment and maintain a respectful give and take between two people. 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 the third Monday of each month at 1:30pm at St. Andrew's in Room 6.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

The parishes in the Brainerd Lakes Area provide a half day retreat for those looking to get their child(ren) baptized. Sessions are held from 9:00am until 1:00pm at St. Andrew's Church in room 7. These take place every other month, so if you are planning to have your child(ren) baptized in the next few months, please call the parish office to register for the **February 12<sup>th</sup>** retreat (218-822-4040 or 218-829-1340).

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS



Give the best St Valentine's Day gift possible by signing up for the February 12-13 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington, MN. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) to register, for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

## St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** (Applications can be found on the school website <https://stfranciscatholicschool.org>.)

- **DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT AND ADMISSIONS:** We have 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.
- **AFTER-SCHOOL (KALEIDOSCOPE CLUB) AIDE:** We are seeking an after-school aide (Kaleidoscope Aide) to supervise K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students from 2:30pm-5:00pm 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.

## From the Desk of our Pastor, Father Gabriel Waweru

### UNDERSTANDING TEMPTATIONS

Temptations come our way every day. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines temptation as “an attraction either from outside oneself or from within, to act contrary to right reason and the commandments of God”. Jesus demonstrated in his own temptation the distinction between God and the devil. He also resolutely manifested the way to triumph over the works of Satan.

The whiles of the devil and the struggle with the powers of evil are part of the human experience. Everybody faces temptations and the taunting of the devil. St. Paul Says, “For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want” Romans 7:19. This struggle is real and I know it is real for you too. To understand the battle better let us look at the sources of temptation. Understanding temptations will equip us with a better response to our baptismal vocation.

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# 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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In general, the classic catholic doctrine has demonstrated that temptations come from three areas. The **world**, the **flesh**, and the **devil**. The **world**, and in particular the fallen world, denies or rejects God. We are often lured towards the things around us, given false pleasures and aspirations for the transitory things as if they are the fulfillment of our lives. With the landscape saturated with these attractions, we become deadened in our sensitivity because temptations are so much in the environment in which we live. Regarding the **flesh**, we know of our fallen nature. As a result of original sin, "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" Rom 3:23. The word for this source of temptation is *concupiscence*. This can refer to any intense form of human desire. Christian theology has given it a particle meaning; the movement of the sensitive appetite contrary to the operation of the human reason. St. Paul calls it "the rebellion of the flesh against the spirit." Even though in itself it is not an offense, the catechism teaches that it does "incline man to commit sin". The flesh may attract us to sin by the appetites of the body or the curiosity of the eye that leads to vanity. Regarding the **devil**, this source makes us experience temptation as a voice within us. Seductively the voice suggests the ways we can satisfy our basic cravings. Some people are tempted frequently and intensely, while others are tempted less and without being deeply agitated.

St. Augustine proposes three phases of temptation. Suggestion, pleasure, and consent. Suggestion consists in the proposal to some evil. Our imagination or our mind represents to us in a more or less vivid manner the attraction of the forbidden fruit. Pleasure then follows. Instinctively our lower tendencies are drawn towards the suggested evil and a certain pleasure is experienced. This pleasure does not, as long as the will refuses to consent to it, constitute sin. If, on the contrary, the will delights in the pleasure willingly enjoys it and consents to it, the sin is committed.

There is a gap between temptation and sin. St. Anthony of the desert (1645) is depicted by the artist, David Teniers the Younger (1610-1690) surrounded by temptations of all kinds. Included in the image, where worldly anxieties, greed, lust, demons attacking him, monsters offering Anthony a drink, etc. Anthony remained focused on scripture and prayer. No suggestion or pleasure would make him consent. Like Job, the more he was tormented the more he submitted himself to God. From Anthony's example, we can understand temptation as constant but the desire that leads to holiness is the constant longing and effort to renew our eagerness to find Jesus Christ every day. Temptations deceive the Christian to think "unless I give in, the temptation will not stop". St. James gives us good counsel "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" James 4:7-8.

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