

The Catholic communities of

St. Ann

1112 3rd Street, Waubun, MN
Mass: Saturday, 5:00pm; Sunday, 11:00am
Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am

St. Frances Cabrini

MN 113 & Becker Co. 35, Big Elbow Lake, MN
Mass: Saturday, 7:30pm

St. Anne

204 County Road 4, Naytahwaush, MN

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).



Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of celebration.

Baptisms: Baptisms are scheduled as we have candidates. Please call the parish office to register yourself or your child.

Reconciliation: Before Mass or anytime by appointment with a priest.

Prayer Chain: To be a member or place an intention, contact Lori Tibbetts, 218-841-4963.

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2-3, 2026



Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ is
the way, the truth and the life
for all creation;
grant us grace
to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

✿ Mass Intentions this Week ✿

May 2	Saturday	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	Brenda Kersting† People of the Parishes
May 3	Sunday	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Caterina Gordon† Ted Holl†
May 4	Monday	No Mass	Diocese of Crookston
May 5	Tuesday	No Mass	Priests Convocation
May 6	Wednesday	No Mass	Bemidji
May 7	Thursday	No Mass	
May 8	Friday	8 AM (W)	Herman & Lillian Winter Family†
May 9	Saturday	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	Bernard Stalboerger† Special Intention
May 10	Sunday	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Gladys Gordon† People of the Parishes

Gospel Reflection: *John 14:1-12*

Jesus and his disciples are gathered for the Last Supper. He tells them that he is going to “prepare a place” for them but Thomas points out that they do not know the place or the way to get there. What Thomas and the others have not yet grasped is that Jesus himself is the way. When Philip asks Jesus to “show us the Father,” Jesus makes it clear that he and God the Father are one. The words and works of Jesus are the words and works of the Father.

What does it mean to you to go the way of Jesus in our world today?

Stewardship

Thank you for your financial support of our parish ministry. Last weekend the offering totals were:

St. Ann (W): Adult \$445; Plate \$167; Masses \$30; Home Missions \$160; Total \$802.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$70; Plate \$145; Home Missions \$15; Total \$230.

St. Anne (NTW): Adult \$565; Plate \$140; Masses \$100; Stole Fee \$200; Home Missions \$275; Cemetery \$200; Total \$1480.



We remember in our prayers...

Ron Bastyr, Robert Blaeser, Diane Mattsen, Rita Carlson, David Farm, Owen Bendickson, Jeannie Williams, Lucas Peterson, Gary Williams, Janine Madison, Charlotte Borseth, Henry Rivers, Katie Lombardo, Dawn Necas, Brian Smith, Ginny Sahli, Richard Brudevold, Stanley Heisler, Joyce (Toczek) Santjer, Jeffrey Gieseke, George Bauer, Tim Staffenhagen, Orville Staffenhagen, Katelyn Lorsung, Paul Bisek, Jeff Larson, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Mike Fosness, Gary & Vaun Borgrud, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Jacques Rolland, Yvonne Bregel, Norma Stalboerger, Gabe & Maryann Brisbois, Peg Braaten, Lily Thronson, Skip Stuvland, Dawson Hoban, Dale Duchscherer, Richard LaFriniere, Mary Dahlen Sullivan, Holzem Family, Olene Ahles, Special Intention, Deb Pavek, Julie Spaeth, Reed Bjerk, Rogene Clark, Kristin Schmidt, Llewyn Ockuly, Lalanina Walker

2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal “In Christ, We Are One”

We have stalled. Our progress to date:

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Remaining	Donors
W	\$5511	\$4045	\$1466	13
BEL	\$1531	\$1805.34	\$274.34 over!	6
NTW	\$3731	\$2658.32	\$1072.68	10

Let us all prayerfully consider how we might help our parish meet its goal. Use the contribution envelope sent to your home, one available in church, or make a gift online by visiting www.crookston.org/DAA. Thank you for supporting our parish and Diocesan ministries.

Cemetery Upkeep

All year long we honor your deceased loved ones by maintaining their resting places in our cemeteries. Your donations enable us to keep them clean, attractive, and reverent. We will soon be doing spring clean-up in anticipation of Memorial Day. Then we will be in the mowing season. We need your help to meet our perpetual care expenses. Checks payable to St. Ann Church (W) or St. Anne Church (NTW), earmarked “Cemetery”, are greatly appreciated. You may mail your check to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. Thank you. *Note: St. Anne (NTW) is responsible for St. Agnes Cemetery in Lengby.*

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord...

Mrs. Audrey Claire Leising, 99 years of age, mother of **Fr. Bob Leising, OMI**, passed away on Thursday, April 30th. Please remember Fr. Bob and the Leising Family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Fr. Bob at **La Parra Oblate Center, P.O. Box 9, Sarita, TX 78385-0009**

Annual Spring Priest Days

Priests of the Diocese of Crookston will be assembled at the SouthShore Hotel on Lake Bemidji for their spring convocation on Monday, May 4th - Thursday, May 7th. Fr. John and Fr. Solomon will be there. Consequently, **there will be no morning Masses on May 5-6-7. In case of emergency, you may call or text Fr. John at 305-753-2087.** Please pray for our priests, that their convocation will be Spirit-filled and fruitful.

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During the month of May, **the rosary will be prayed before the weekend Masses.** If you are available to help lead the rosary, **please contact Sally Simonson at 218-473-2379.**

Monthly Rosary Service

Our next monthly Rosary Service will be held on **Monday, May 11th, at 3pm** at St. Ann Catholic Church in Waubun. All are welcome!

Waubun Baccalaureate

We will ask for God's blessings on the Waubun High School Class of 2026 **Wednesday, May 13th, 7:00pm** **St. Ann Catholic Church**
Sponsored by the Waubun Clergy.
All are welcome.



Mother's Day at The Landing

1222 1st Street in Waubun, 218-473-2700

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

(9:00am-1:00pm) all you can eat, \$15.

The regular breakfast menu also available.

Springtime at the Lakes Tabletop Luncheon

Saturday, May 16th, 10:30am – 1:00pm

St. Mary of the Lakes Church

20996 County Highway 20, Detroit Lakes

Featuring Jayme Littlewolf & "R.N Entertainment"

Tickets are \$20, includes lunch, table theme gift and entertainment.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 3

9am – 12:30pm, Flom Hall

Free Will Donation.

All donations go towards the purchase of playground equipment for the Flom Lions Park.

Sponsored by the Flom and Area Lions.



I Am the Way

Based on John 14:1-14

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*

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Pray at Planting Time

Blessing of Seeds and Rain

Loving God, the Spirit of Life hovered over the waters and began the great work of creation. Bless the waters of this earth. Let them fall again from the sky at the proper times so that our gardens and fields may yield abundantly, and all growing things may thrive.

Bless also these seeds, pregnant with life. They show us the Easter mystery of new life coming from death and burial. May they burst forth soon with verdant growth from earth, rain and sun.

You have called us to the honored task of being workers in your garden. Through the rain and these seeds, bring us to a new awareness of your presence in and around us, as we joyfully live in the knowledge of eternal resurrection.

Plant seeds of love in our lives that will grow through the years, watered by the tears of pain and sacrifice that come our way. Your Son showed us the way. We now ask your guidance to follow it well. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*adapted from prayers provided by Catholic Rural Life,
St. Paul, Minnesota, www.catholicrurallife.org*

Religious Education

Classes are held on Wednesdays at St. Ann, Waubun, September to the beginning of May. For information about our program or to register your child for the 2025-26 school year, contact **Janet Lhotka** at **218-473-2101**.

We wish our students, families, catechists, and volunteers a blessed summer.

Pope's May prayer intention: "That everyone might have food"

By **Deborah Castellano Lubov** for **Vatican News**

(VATICAN - April 30, 2026) Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this May in praying that everyone might have food.

He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video on Thursday, which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

In his prayer, the Pope recognized with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger.

Lamenting that so many goods are wasted at our tables, Pope Leo prayed that the Lord may "awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to give thanks for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few."

He prayed that Jesus make us capable of "transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity" through our communities by promoting concrete gestures, including awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

"You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world," Pope Leo prayed, "give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity."

Pope Leo concluded by praying, "may no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption but as a sign of communion and care. Amen."

According to the World Food Program's 2026 Global Outlook, 318 million people will face food crisis or even worse situations this year.

The agency warns that the conflict in the Middle East could push an additional 45 million people into facing dire hunger before the middle of this year.

In a press release accompanying the video, Fr. Cristóbal Fones, international director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, said the intention is very significant.

"This intention," he said, "comes from the Pope's heart. It pains him deeply that so many people in the world cannot access something as essential and human as food. This is

why he is asking everyone not to remain indifferent but to take decisive action, first with prayer, then with concrete gestures of solidarity."

Pray with the Pope:

Lord of creation, You gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread, as a sign of Your love and providence.

Today we recognize with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger, while so many goods are wasted at our tables.

Awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to thank for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few.

Good Father, make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity. May our communities promote concrete gestures: awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world, give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity. May no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption, but as a sign of communion and care. Amen.

For more news about Pope Leo, the Vatican, the global Church, and world issues and events from a Catholic perspective, visit Vatican News at vaticannews.va/en.html

All are invited
Divine Renovation and Bishop Andrew Cozzens
at St. Philip's, Bemidji
Tuesday, May 5 | 7:00 - 8:15 P.M.
Three Keys of Missionary Conversion and Pastoral Planning
Speakers: Matt Regitz & Fr. Nick Desimone

DIVINE RENOVATION **New Life** **Diocese of CROOKSTON**
Through the Tender Compassion of Our God

No RSVP necessary!

**"It's always springtime
in the heart that loves God."**

St. John Vianney