

February 8, 2026



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February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE!

The 2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) begins this weekend. Our theme, **“In Christ, We Are One”**, is an invitation to unite “as a diocesan family to share the love of Christ, form disciples, and expand ministry that no one parish could fund on their own,” – Bishop Andrew Cozzens.

This year's DAA goal of \$995,000.00 is shared among our 65 parishes. St. Michael's Parish goal is [\\$15,338.00](#) and St. Joseph's Parish goal is [\\$6719.00](#). Your gifts to the DAA provide essential funding for Missionary Discipleship, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Campus Ministries, Safe Environment, The Office of the Bishop, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Schools, Communications, Marriage Tribunal, Hispanic Ministry, and the Nazareth Retreat House; ministries that affect everyone in our Catholic communities!



Please prayerfully review the mailing you have or will soon receive at home. Visit [www.crookston.org/DAA](#) or scan the QR code to watch Bishop's video, make your gift online, or view additional information. Thank you for your generosity!

Planning for Mission Invitation: On November 1st last year, the Diocese of Crookston hosted a Regional Leadership Summit at St. Michael's Church for the parish leaders of St. Michael's, St. Joseph's and the White Earth Catholic Communities on planning for mission.

All the parish leaders who attended or were invited to that event are invited to follow up Leadership Formation Sessions on **Sunday, February 22nd** and **Sunday, March 1st** from **2:00 to 4:00 pm** at St. Michael's Parish Hall. These sessions will give the parish leaders an opportunity to encounter the Lord in prayer and begin to learn how to use prayer to discern God's will to carry out the mission in our parishes. The sessions are structured as three 90-minute prayer and discernment sessions, which include prayer, watching a 30-minute video and discussions. On February 22nd, we shall watch videos 1 and 2 and then video 3 on March 1st. Thank you all for marking your calendars and planning to come to these events.

**Fr. Andrew will be out of the office until Thursday.
No Masses Monday, February 9th thru Thursday, February 12th**

Saturday 2/7/26 Team 1	<p>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions at St. Joseph's 4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Jim Johnson by his Family <u>Sacristan:</u> Juanita Zimmerman <u>Servers:</u> Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather <u>Lector:</u> Dave Zimmerman <u>Commentator:</u> Juanita Zimmerman <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Kathy Janisch, Dave Zimmerman, Joe Kaiser, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, Joe Kaiser <u>Cantor:</u> Tina Penner</p>
Sunday 2/8/26 Team 2	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parishioners <u>Server:</u> Norah Geray <u>Lector:</u> Kathy Haider <u>Commentator:</u> JoAnn Kersting <u>Gifts:</u> Dan and Deb McNamee <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Ann and Jerome Schoenborn, Cletus Geray, Deb McNamee, HELP NEEDED 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Glenn Hanson by Karen Hanson Family <u>Sacristan:</u> Mark Jirik <u>Servers:</u> Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf <u>Lector:</u> Mark Jirik <u>Commentator:</u> Megan Askelson <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Mark Jirik, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, Mark Jirik, HELP NEEDED <u>Cantor:</u> Megan Askelson Family <u>Pianist:</u> Gina Worms</p>
Monday - 2/9/26	<p>No Mass</p>
Tuesday 2/10/26	<p>No Mass <u>Special General Election at St. Michael's</u> 9:30 am Collection Counters: Elmer Schoenborn and Karen Hanson 4:00 pm Family Aid Meeting at St. Michael's</p>
Wednesday 2/11/26	<p>No Mass 6:00 pm Supper followed by Screenstrong Presentation at 7:00 6:15-7:00 pm Grades 3-8 Faith Formation Class 7:00-8:15 pm Grades 9 and 10 Faith Formation Class</p>
Thursday 2/12/26 Giving Hearts Day	<p>2:00 pm Bulletin Folder: Marlys Johnson No Mass 5:30 pm Family Fun Night at St. Michael's School</p>
Friday - 2/13/26	<p>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's w/Students: † Shirley Buschette by Rita Wolbeck</p>
Valentine's Day Saturday 2/14/26 Team 2	<p>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners <u>Sacristan:</u> Joe Kaiser <u>Servers:</u> Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson <u>Lector:</u> Rita LaVoi <u>Commentator:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Michael & Megan Askelson, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Urban Jirik, Michael Askelson, HELP NEEDED <u>Cantor:</u> Lynn Buschette</p>
CLOW at Both Parishes Sunday 2/15/26 Team 3	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: † Math Neisen by Darrell Neisen <u>Server:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Lector:</u> Vickie Anderson <u>Commentator:</u> Yvonne Kersting <u>Gifts:</u> Barry and Vickie Anderson <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Jeff Crandall, Doug and Yvonne Kersting, JoAn Kersting, Rita Wolbeck 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Raphael (Joe) Klinkhammer by Wes and Lois Klema and Family <u>Sacristan:</u> Joe Dewey <u>Servers:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Lector:</u> HELP NEEDED <u>Commentator:</u> Char Spaeth <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Joe Dewey, HELP NEEDED <u>Ushers:</u> Dan Schoenborn, HELP NEEDED <u>Cantor:</u> Char Spaeth <u>Pianist:</u> Diane Spaeth</p>



Stewardship of Treasure
For The Week of February 1, 2026

Thank you to all who are using envelopes or mailing your stewardship offering to the parish office.
Your Gifts Are Greatly Appreciated!

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>
Adult	\$ 1950.00	\$ 2140.00
Youth	\$.00	\$.00
Plate	\$ 283.00	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$ 2233.00	\$ 2180.00
Year-to-date Totals (As of July 1, 2025)	\$101,921.00	\$ 39,257.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 35.00	
Black/Indian Mission	\$ 25.00	
Eastern Europe	\$ 25.00	
Church of Africa	\$ 25.00	

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED - Please pray for those in need for their healing & peace.

We Especially Remember:

Wayne Becker, Jim Krajsa, Chad Blaser, Mike Neisen, Trey Beauchamp, Richard Pavlish, Pauline Vizenor, Harold Schultz, Reed Bjerk, Jeri Lynn Jaeger, Keith Francis, Sue Voit, Caleb Stock, Jessica Halvorson, Molly Houdek, Sandy Haddeland, Allen Neisen, Mike McCollum, Connie Bruggeman, Sonny Saice, Jeannie Hanson, Casey Bristian, Delores Miller, Linda Noll, Theresa Thielen, Rita Kaiser, Amy Houdek, Mary Monahan, Al Beach, April Jirik, Lucy Johnson, Nan Christopherson, Ernie Stock, Maggie Lerud, Joe Thompson, Mary Jirik, Joyce Sponskowski, Alan Beach, Cole Houska

And all recipients of the Catholic Daughter Prayer Blankets.

To add or remove someone from our Parish Prayer List, please call the Parish Office at 218-935-2503.

February 15, 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Our sympathy and prayers to Paul and Shelly Benson and family for the loss of his mother, Betty Benson

Betty passed away Saturday, January 24th at her home under the loving care of her family and HIA Hospice.

Services were held Saturday, January 31st at Lake Grove Lutheran Church, Waubun.



Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Linda Howard

Linda passed away on Sunday, February 1st at the Mahnomen Nursing Home.

Services will be at a later date.

Our sympathy and prayers to Jeanine and Steve Houska and family for the loss of her sister, Sheila Hondl

Sheila passed away on January 28th. Services were held Saturday, February 7th in Lakeville

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Solomon Gaja - Fire Recovery Raffle

Proceeds to benefit Mother Gaja in rebuilding her home which was a total loss in Benue State, Nigeria.

Must be 18 to participate, need not to be present to win. Winner responsible for applicable taxes and fees. Live Drawing when tickets are sold out.

\$50 per ticket - only 400 sold

Prizes: 5-\$1000.00, 10-\$500.00

Contact Jamie Weigel - Home 218-983-3418 or cell 218-401-0158.

Women's Care Center is seeking a compassionate part-time or full-time Ultrasound Tech/ Registered Nurse/LPN for our pro-life pregnancy centers in Fargo and Moorhead.

Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-237-6530 for further details or questions.

Update on the Appeal for the Parish Hall Floor.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our end-of-year fundraising appeal to replace the parish hall carpet. **We have so far received \$9,015.00 of our goal of \$34,000.00.** The Parish Finance Council will have the floor replaced with vinyl plank during the summer holy days. God Bless You Abundantly.

If you are still considering donating, please use the envelope you received in the mail, drop it in the collection basket any weekend, or mail it back to the parish office. There are also some envelopes at the gathering space of the church. You can also donate online at www.stmichaelmahnomen.org and click the GIVE Button, in the drop-down menu, then select Parish Hall Project. Thank you for your generosity.

**The “Sunday Mass Devotional”
on KRJM “Gold 101.5 FM” Radio
Can be heard from 1:00-1:30pm every Sunday**

*In Memory of
Dolores Ahmann*

Sponsored by: Doug & Darlene Spaeth

Cost is \$42.00

(Please Consider sponsoring or donating)

Cursillos

Thinking about your 2026 plans? Consider signing up for Cursillo. The men's Cursillo is February 19-22 and the women's Cursillo is March 19-22. Both will be held at the Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston.

This three-day retreat is an encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with others. It also focuses on living Christianity in all environments.

Applications are available at
<https://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com/>

Sacraments

Baptisms: Please call the parish office for baptismal preparation, and to set a date for baptism.

Reconciliation: 4:30 pm Saturdays at St. Michael's – 8:00 am Sundays at St. Joseph's or anytime by appt. with the Pastor

Marriages: Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (ideally, at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your marriage.

Pastoral Visitation: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 935-2503.

We want to be part of your life.

ScreenStrong Workshop for Parents & Caregivers: Kids' Brains & Screens

**Wednesday,
Feb. 11th
7:00 PM
(supper served at 6 PM)**

**Hosted by:
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**Do you WORRY about how much
time your child spends on
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the tools to create a screen strong home where your
child can focus, create, and embrace life beyond
the screen.**

**Rethink the screens. Reclaim your kids.
Reconnect your family.
We can all take the first step today!**

**February 8, 2026
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

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).



St. Michael's School News

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To contact the school office
 Please call: 218-935-5222
 Website: www.stmichaelschool.org

Congratulations to this week's
Calendar Winner Of \$50.00

Sydney Balstad, Fosston

Thank you

to the many parishioners, alumni and friends of St. Michael's School for their purchase of tickets to our Annual Benefit Dinner 2026.

The night was so fun and thank you for celebrating with us!

Our winners of the raffle are:

1st place-\$8,000 Dave and Pam Vipond
 2nd place-\$2,000 Pro-Ag Service and Insurance
 3rd place- \$1,000 Lori and Jerry Handyside
 4th place- Free ticket for 2027 Benefit-Derek Aus

An enormous amount of work goes into this event by so many people. Thank you to all who donated their time, their talents and their treasure to make it a success! Financial numbers will be coming as we get all our expenses totaled.

A **HUGE** Thank you to Dave and Pam Vipond and Pro-Ag Service, who have donated their winnings of \$10,000 back to our Faith Family Future Campaign with a designation to the Vipond Family Burse.



Faith Formation Classes for grades 3-10

Wednesday – February 11th

3rd - 8th grade: 6:15 - 7:00 pm
 9th - 10th grade: 7:00 - 8:15 pm

COMMUNITY **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**



THURSDAY, February 12, 2026

5:30-7:00 P.M.

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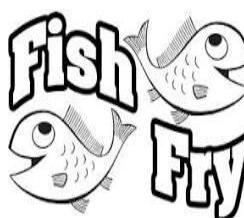
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Giving Hearts Day

St. Michael's School is very excited to share our Giving Hearts Day Match amount of \$10,500 for this year's Giving Hearts Day on February 12th, 2026! This is our largest match ever thanks to Gordon Construction, United Valley Bank, Country Fields Greenhouse and Delmar and Betty Schoenborn. Their combined gifts enable us to inspire other donors this Giving Hearts Day, February 12th. Please share the good news with family and friends! Our goal for this year is \$20,000.00, please pray that we will meet and exceed it!

St. Michael's PTC Lenten Fish Fry



Fridays during Lent.
 February 20th and 27th
 March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
 5:30-7:00 pm.
 \$20.00 per 1 Fillet Meal

Meal includes: Walleye Fillet, Potato, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Beverage

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