

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 26, 2025

Calendar

10/27/25 Monday
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

10/28/25 Tuesday
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 16:12-16

10/29/25 Wednesday
Rom 8:26-30
Lk 13:22-30

10/30/25 Thursday
Rom 8:31b-39
Lk 13:31-35

10/31/25 Friday
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

11/1/25 Saturday
Rv 7:2-4,9-14
1Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

11/2/25 Sunday
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11, 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have Masses said for living or deceased family members, or other intentions please send your intentions to Assumption Parish Office. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

Prayer Chain: If you have someone who needs to be added to the Prayer Chain please call:
Darlena Arends: 218.443.3441
Rose Beck 218.789.7440

Victim Assistance 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, please contact local law enforcement. In addition, Cindy Hulst LSW, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at (218) 281-7895. (24hour confidential number).

A Note about next weekend, November 1/2.

As you know November 1st is The Solemnity of All the Saints, which is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. However, the U.S. bishops decreed with the approval of the Apostolic See that: "Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated." This means All Saints Day; while remaining Solemnity, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The masses for Sunday November 2 along with the vigil Mass on November 1 will be celebrating the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day).

Fr. Todd Out of Office.

I will be out of the office from the morning of October 29 until the evening of November 3rd. Please welcome Fr. Duane Pribula, a retired priest from our diocese as our presider on the weekend of November 1/2, 2025.

While I am out of the office, please contact St. Joseph's in Moorhead at 218.236.5066 in case of emergency.

Mass Intentions

No Mass

8:30am + Fr. Rick Lambert
Assumption

No Mass

No Mass

No Mass

5:00pm + Maurice Nicklay
Assumption

9:00am For the People
Assumption
10.30am +Marc Ratajczak
St. Cecilia's

Liturgical Ministries

November 2

Eucharistic Ministers:

MaryLou T., Karen O., Jeff W.

Lector:

Steve H.

Altar Servers:

Cooper & Evan

Sacristans:

Steve H.

Money Counters:

Rose B

November 9

Eucharistic Ministers:

Arlen K., Tami H., Steve H.

Lector:

Mary Lou T

Altar Servers:

Evan, Sam

Sacristans:

Jacob V

Money Counters:

Bryan K.

November 16

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mary Lou T., Curt S, Karen O.

Lector:

Renee W.

Altar Servers:

Cooper, Taylor

Sacristans:

Bryan K.

Money Counters:

Rose B.

November 23

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jeff W., Arlen K., Bryan K.

Lector:

Amanda V.

Altar Servers:

Sam, Evan

Sacristans:

Steve H.

Money Counters:

Bryan K.

Ushers for October

Dave K., Curt S



**Please join us
for a potluck
following
Mass today**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus's parable today isn't exactly subtle. In fact, the evangelist Luke tells us from the onset that "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." Luke proceeds to explain the great discrepancy between the proud Pharisee, gloating in God's face, and the humble, penitent tax collector, clearly doing the right thing. With whom do we identify? Surely, we readily claim the model of whom Jesus approves....but is this the point of the story?

When we claim our identity as the "good" tax collector, not the "bad" Pharisee, are we being truthful with ourselves? Isn't claiming we're "better than" an act of righteousness? When Jesus gives us a parable, it's often not the "hero" of the story to whom we are meant to cling. We are meant to recognize ourselves in the antagonist. When are we self-righteous? When do we speak loudly, hoping we are heard? When do we want our neighbor to know that he or she is wrong?

Judging our neighbor, our friend, or our colleague, sizing them up and judging our worth against theirs, is certainly tempting. And, we may be seeing that we are better...or worse. But even if we judge ourselves to be lesser than our neighbor-or whomever our point of comparison might be-comparing ourselves with others draws us into jealousy...into dissatisfaction...and into a lack of self-worth. We are not to compare ourselves with others. We are all flawed. And, we are all to serve God. Let our prayers be prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for God's mercy. Let us be grateful for our gifts and the gifts of our neighbor. Let us not compare, but ask God for the grace of learning to use our own gifts better.

Life

Brooks R.	10-31
John W.	11-3
Arlene D.	11-5
Alex W.	11-7
Sue K.	11-7
Carter R.	11-8
Adam W.	11-13
Curt C.	11-15
Lincoln R.	11-20

Love

Steve & Tami H.	11-6-87
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Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

Please Join us starting the evening of Wednesday November 5, 2025 at 6:30pm for a great opportunity to grow in your faith and prayer life as we reflect on the video series: Lectio: Finding Intimacy with God.

In six video sessions, this series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

Engaging and accessible, Prayer: Finding Intimacy With God includes: -The Lectio Divina approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating -Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions -Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application -Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

St. Leo's Fall Dinner, Casselton, will be hosting their annual Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings on November 2nd, from 11:00-1:30. Takeout meals are available.

In addition to dinner, there is a cash raffle, Country Store, Bake Sale, and kids games.



Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart (Healing Retreat),

November 20-22, 2025:

The Dioceses and Fargo and Crookston are sponsoring the Undone Women's retreat offered by the John Paul II Healing Center. This two evening (Thursday, Friday) and Saturday retreat will provide women with an authentic encounter with Mary's model of radical receptivity to the Lord and will be an experience of truth, beauty, and transformation.

Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss! Presented by the John Paul II Healing Center, and sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo and Diocese of Crookston, this event will be held at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo.

The retreat is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience: <https://fargodiocese.net/undone>. Registration opens August 18th. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact JPIIretreatFargoND@gmail.com for more information.



Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us. We appreciate your participation. If you would like to join our parish community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to St. Cecilia's, PO Box 52, Sabin MN, 56580

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