

St. Andrew Calendar:

- ❖ **Sunday Jul 19th** **VOTIVE MASS at 10:30am with Bishop Walsh**
 - *Mass Intention – Candy Hanson*
 - Rosary at 10:00am – Outside in Rosary Garden
 - *Rosary in memory of Carolyn Long*

❖ **Sunday Jul 19th** **SUMMER CELEBRATION POTLUCK**

- ❖ **Sunday Jul 26th** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - Rosary at 10:00am
 - Mass Intention – Sandi Frericks*

- ❖ **Sunday Aug 02nd** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - Rosary at 10:00am
 - Mass Intention – Donald Schmidt*

WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY JULY 19

SACRISTAN:

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

ALTAR SERVERS:

LECTORS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

GREETERS:

USHERS:

GIFT BEARERS:

CANTOR:

MONEY COUNTERS:

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CANTOR:

MONEY COUNTERS:

PHYLLIS AVESING

BRIAN PITTNER AND JILL HALLIGAN

CAIDEN GOSSE, TAYLOR GOSSE, PHYLLIS AVESING and
MATT CARLSON

BONNIE STRONG AND SARA EHRECKE

TINA GIPPLE AND MARY NELSON

BONNIE STRONG AND LISA SMITH

ART AND LINDA DAUFELDT

CALDWELL FAMILY

RAY HARRE

BONNIE STRONG AND TINA GIPPLE

CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY

BRIAN PITTNER AND CHRIS RUBLEY

PRESTON ZUBECK, CAIDEN GOSSE AND MATT CARLSON

JIM FRIES AND STEPHANIE MIGAWA

PHYLLIS AVESING AND MARY NELSON

JESSI ZUBECK AND JILL HALLIGAN

GOSSE FAMILY

BOLDT FAMILY

LARRY EWERS

WENDY SCHNACK AND PAT SHEEHEY

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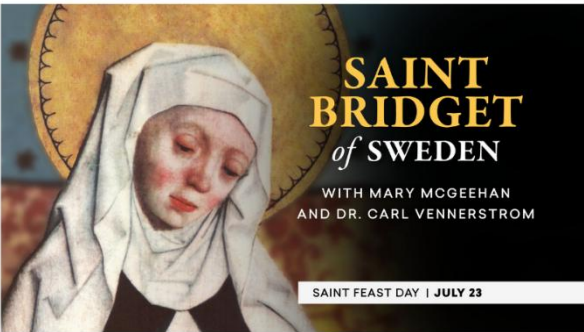
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday JULY 19, 2026

This Week on Formed:



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St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!

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TODAY JULY 19th



Our Summer Celebration Potluck will be after Mass in the Parish Hall...Please bring a dish to share.
Matt Carlson is providing Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2026-2027 School Year

RE Family Faith Formation classes will be starting Wednesday September 2 at 5:30pm

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY AUG 2nd

Registration Forms are available on our Website or Contact Phyllis for additional information

TEACHERS ARE ALSO NEEDED

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 07/12/2026					
WE HAVE 150 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS		ACTUAL MONTH OF JULY	BUDGET MONTH OF JULY	TOTAL TO DATE	2026-2027 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2027
30 OF 125 ENVELOPES		\$ 2,085.00	\$ 5,837.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 5,837.00
9 OF 25 ELECTRONIC		\$ 652.00			
CASH (LOOSE)		\$ 88.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 416.67	\$ 187.00
CHILDREN'S		\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$ -

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From the Desk of Deacon Matt

The Feast Day of St. Andrew is on November 30th, which happens to very often be on the first Sunday of Advent. So, our Patron Saint of our parish hardly gets any of our attention. Today we are celebrating our 50th anniversary as a parish community and with our Bishop, we will be having a Votive Mass of St. Andrew to mark this occasion.

St. Andrew was the older brother to St. Peter. According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills. In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named, but there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother. However, the Gospel of John offers us a whole different version of Andrew. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew made the decision to follow Jesus. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross. He was crucified on an X-shaped cross, which is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

It's important for us to know about St. Andrew and how he truly wanted to Live to Give the Gospel, Glorify the Lord, and Become the Good News by being the Good News. I believe that he would want that from us too!!!

Shalom Shalom