

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
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"A Place Where All Are Welcome."

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www.stlizdilworth.org

If you are a visitor to St. Elizabeth's, we sincerely welcome you. Perhaps you live in the neighborhood or nearby area and decided to drop in, or you are visiting from another parish. Whatever the case, we are glad you are here to join us in worship of Jesus Christ our Lord. For more information about our parish, to register, or to ask a question, please visit our website at stlizdilworth.org or call our parish office.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a people called by God to become the Body of Christ through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, forming the faith community of St. Elizabeth, belonging to the Diocese of Crookston and to the Universal Roman Catholic Church. Our mission is to have a living active faith, with Jesus as the center of our faith community, affirming love and a compassionate concern for each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world.

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Parish Office **9:00 AM-NOON** Mon. through Thurs.

Parish Office is closed Friday.

In an emergency call 218-443-6275 (Fr. Augie)

PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES: Sunday at **8:30 AM**

St. Elizabeth - Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM

St. Andrew - Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday **9:30am-6:00pm**

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: See parish bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Before Mass 7:45 - 8:15 am or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Contact St. Elizabeth parish office at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

FAITH FORMATION - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Schedule will be given to families.

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 218-287-2705. We want to be a part of your life.

2026

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***THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2026***

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October 25, 2026 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Matthew 22:37-39**
 Stewardship is not just about taking care of others. It involves the first commandment as well. How well do you take care of your relationship with God? How often do you take time to be with God in prayer?

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

We want to hold one another in prayer, especially *Bishop Balke* and all those who struggle with illness and those who have asked for our prayers. *"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"*

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, 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).



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct 25, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	+ Dennis Reno
Sunday, Oct 25, 10:30am-St. Andrew	Parishioners
Monday, Oct 26, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	+ Lorraine Mitchell
Tuesday, Oct 27, 9:00am-St. Andrew	Communion Service
Wednesday, Oct 28, 9:00am-St. Elizabeth	+ Margaret Aker
Thursday, Oct 29, 9:00am-St. Andrew	Prayers of St. Rita
Sunday, Nov 1, 8:30am-St. Elizabeth	Parishioners
Sunday, Nov 1, 10:30am-St. Andrew	Prayers of St. Expedite

Bible Readings for this Week (Oct 26 – Nov 1)

Mon: Eph 4:32—5:8 / Lk 13:10-17
Tues: Eph 5:21-33 / Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16
Thur: Eph 6:10-20 / Lk 13:31-35
Fri: Phil 1:1-11 / Lk 14:1-6
Sat: Phil 1:18b-26 / Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

Liturgical Assignments for November 1

Altar Servers.....Penny Hanson
Regeanna Garza
 Ministers of Holy Communion.....Deacon
Tony & Julie Reno
 Lectors.....Kathy Bresee, Julie Nash
 Ushers.....Craig & Mary Jo Larson
 Giftbearers.....Shane & Breanna Mueller
 Music.....Kevin / Jocelyn



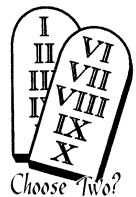
SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our Spaghetti Dinner is **today!!** It is important to remember that many hands make light work. Please be willing to lend a hand as we continue to strive to build our parish family. Get your family involved! **Let's make a special effort to have a great turn out.**

❖ **Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2026



Today's Gospel Reading Do you ever wonder why, if people have heard and sung and read about love all their lives, they can't seem to ever become proficient at it? Could it be that we are convinced love is just about how we feel? Or perhaps we believe that love comes naturally given the right circumstances. It's just that circumstances haven't been too favorable lately. Well, in today's gospel, Jesus tells us clearly that love is a commandment not a feeling. It has little if anything to do with how others treat us or if we have had enough sleep. It doesn't matter how we feel, or who happens to be making life difficult. Love is a product of being obedient, teachable, and practice...practice...practice. Take a moment today to consider -- How hard have you been practicing?

During the Month of All Souls (November), many parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. *This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief.* The Book of Remembrance is usually displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. **Our Book of Remembrance will be located at the entrance of the church on the pedestal.**



St. Elizabeth's Life Issues Group is having their Annual Baby Shower for **The Women's Care Center** (Birthright has closed) through the month of October. New and gently used baby clothes are welcome. Needed most are newborn sleepers, onesies, receiving blankets, etc. Money donations are always appreciated. For the collection of these items, they will have a crib set up in the gathering space. You may leave your donations in the crib.



Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day

This is an important day that all eligible voters should take as their responsibility. You will be choosing those who represent your interests in government policy for the next election period.

HELP WANTED:

Mission Support Assistant — Records & Finances

The Parishes of St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth are seeking a detail-oriented, dependable individual to provide part-time administrative support (approximately **10–16 hours per week**).

Responsibilities include:

- Recording contributions, deposits, and disbursements in ParishSoft
- Processing payroll and parish bills
- Reconciling bank statements and maintaining financial records
- Preparing quarterly and annual financial reports
- Assisting with annual budgeting, reporting, and Diocesan requirements
- Maintaining parish census and HR records

Ideal candidate: Organized, accurate, trustworthy, and comfortable working with financial records and computer software. Experience with bookkeeping or payroll is helpful. If interested, please contact Father Augie at 218-443-6275 or agothman@crookston.org.

Diocese of Crookston retreat opportunities

Upcoming retreats at the Diocese of Crookston Nazareth Retreat House at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Crookston. For more, visit <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>.

• **November 19-22** — Ecclesia Domestica

Step away from the busyness of daily life and encounter Jesus in a deeper way through this powerful retreat presented by Ecclesia Domestica (The Domestic Church). This four day retreat is designed for women seeking spiritual renewal, healing, and a stronger relationship with Christ.

• **December 4-6** — Mystical Roses Advent Retreat

Join us for a special Marian Advent retreat as we ask Mary, the Mystical Rose, to draw us more deeply into the hope, expectation, and joyful waiting with which she awaited the birth of her son.

• **January 28-31** — Bishop Cozzens' Men's Retreat

This 4-day retreat will consist of conferences each day aimed at helping you to relate and receive from God in the present, with daily Mass, daily Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for silence and solitude. In addition, there will be times of individual spiritual direction.

November SEPO Group
St. Elizabeth's Parish Organization (SEPO)

Winter	Shelly	Jones	Erik & Amanda
Grubb	Phillip & Julie	Jund	Mark & Katy
Hanson	Sheri	Kilde	Patrick & Lisa
Hanson	Thomas & Kaylie	Knodel	Scott & Julie
Heazlett	Kevin & Kim	Krapp	Jerrad & Nicole
Herkenhoff	Philip & Nicolette	Kuhn	John & Renee
Herrera	Willie & Shelly	Larson	Craig & Mary Jo
Hoover	Jared & Casey	Laugeness	Shirley
Houska	Wayne & Candice	Leiran	David & April
Jenson	Travis & Ashley	Mueller	Shane & Breanna



All over the World the Knights of Columbus are making a difference through community service and raising funds in support of our parishes, our priests, and our schools. The Knights strive to follow the example of Blessed Michael McGivney to be Catholics who love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves; and to build up the kingdom of God for the good of all. The Dilworth Knights of Columbus are inviting you to take this exciting step! Ask any Knight or call Grand Knight Dave Owings at (701)371-7378.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

News from Knights of Columbus Council #4463:
 Congratulations to Linda Stelzer, our \$100 winner for the October 18, 2026, drawing of the KC Calendar Raffle!

St. Leo's Catholic Church, Casselton, will be hosting their annual Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, **November 1st** from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Takeout meals are available. In addition to dinner, there is a cash raffle, Country Store/Bake Sale and Kids Games.

Rediscover Joy

Fargo Diocese Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
November 20-22, 2026

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend could help transform pain into hope, to rediscover joy where there has been darkness. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to anyone affected by an abortion experience including women, men, mothers, fathers, couples, parents, grandparents, and former abortion providers. **You can find healing.** Contact Sherry 701-520-1229 or rvregister@yahoo.com

Discerning the Diaconate Sessions

The Diocese of Crookston's next formation group for the permanent diaconate will begin in the Fall of 2027. The Diocese will be holding a number of "Discerning the Diaconate" sessions in November and December via Zoom for men, and wives if married, to provide more information about the diaconate and deacon formation. The sessions will be held on November 2nd, November 17th, or December 3rd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. If you are considering discernment of a call to the permanent diaconate, you are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. To register for one of the sessions and receive the Zoom link for the meeting, please email Dcn. Mark Krejci, Director of Deacon Formation, at mkrejci@crookston.org. In the email, please indicate which session you wish to attend.

Prayer for Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being and had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo. Aided by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world. Amen.

All Souls Novena for the Faithful Departed

All Souls Day is officially titled, "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed." On 2 November, the Church offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the souls of all the faithful departed and prays the Liturgy of the Hours for them.

Additionally, we can pray for our beloved dead in a special way **from November 1st to November 8th – A Novena for the Faithful Departed :**

The following reflections may help you in celebrating the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

All the sacraments, and principally those of Christian initiation, have as their goal the last Passover of the child of God which, through death, leads him/her into the life of the Kingdom. Then what he confessed in faith and hope will be fulfilled: *"I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."* Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation: *"I believe in the resurrection of the body."* (Apostles Creed) It implies a particular understanding of the mystery of death; the obedience of Jesus has transformed the curse of death into a blessing. (See St. Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11)

The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the *Paschal Mystery* of the death and resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is *"away from the body and at home with the Lord."* (2nd Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5:8) Death is the passage to the fullness of true life. The Church, subverting the logic of this world, calls the Christian's day of death, his *dies natalis*, the day of his heavenly birth, where *"there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness [for] the world of the past has gone"* (Book of Revelation. 21:4).

For the Christian the day of death inaugurates, at the end of one's sacramental life, the fulfillment of new birth begun at Baptism, the definitive "conformity" to "the image of the Son" conferred by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and participation in the feast of the Kingdom which was anticipated in the Eucharist – even if final purifications are still necessary for one in order to be clothed with the nuptial garment. Death is the prolongation, in a new way – of life – as the Liturgy says:

"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven." (Preface I For the Dead).

The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having, as it does, a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ. Scripture teaches that: *"Life to me, of course, life is Christ, but then death would bring me something more"* (St. Paul to the Philippians 1: 21); *"here is a saying you can rely on: if we have died with him, then we shall live with him"* (2nd Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 2:11).

The Church's prayer for the souls of the faithful departed implores eternal life not only for the disciples of Christ who have died in his peace, but for the dead *"whose faith is known to God alone"* (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The Church offers the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist for the dead not only on the occasion of their funerals, but [in



some cultures] on the third, seventh, and thirtieth day following their deaths, as well as on their anniversaries of death. The celebration of the Mass and Vespers, for the souls of the faithful departed is the Christian way of recalling and prolonging, in the Lord, that communion with those who have crossed the threshold of death.

Suggested Prayer — Byzantine Prayer for the Deceased.

God of the spirits and of all flesh,
who have trampled death and annihilated the devil
and given life to your world, may you yourself, O Lord,
grant to the soul of your deceased servant **N.** rest in a place of
light, a verdant place, a place of freshness,
from where suffering, pain and cries are far removed.
O good and compassionate God, mercifully forgive every fault
committed by him/her in word, work or thought because there
is no one who lives and does not sin.

You alone are without sin and your justice is justice
throughout the ages and your word is truth. Since you, O
Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life and the repose of
your deceased servant **N.**, we give you glory together with
your Father and your most holy, good and life-creating Spirit,
now and always and forever and ever. AMEN

(This prayer is in the Compendium of Catechism of the Catholic Church)

September 25, 2026



LEND US YOUR HEART

By Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens



- **How do I vote like a Catholic?**

- A disciple is someone who is seeking not only personal holiness but the transformation of the world in light of God's truth. Jesus did not come just to save us, but to share with us his life so we could transform the world into the kingdom of God. This means everything we do, especially in the sphere of our civil society, matters for us as disciples. We even want to vote in such a way that it builds up the kingdom of God. We have lots of options for voting this November, especially in Minnesota where both the entirety of both legislatures and our governorship are up for election.
- **In 2015 the US Bishops re-approved their important document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."** This document gives several principles by which a Catholic can form their conscience for voting. In this reflection I offer 10 principles taken from Catholic teaching about voting.
- **1. Vote based on principles of Catholic Social Teaching.** The question is not "which candidate do I like more" but "what does the Gospel and our Church teach about the issues before us." Catholics are called to form their consciences in light of Scripture, the Catechism, and authoritative Catholic teaching. Catholic Social Teaching is a rich treasury of teaching that allows us to form society in light of Gospel truths.
- **2. Protect human life and human dignity.** The most basic principle and fundamental starting point for all Catholic social teaching is the inherent dignity of every human person, from conception through natural death. In their document the bishops specifically identify protection of unborn children as a preeminent requirement, while also addressing euthanasia, assisted suicide, the death penalty, war, racism, poverty, migration, and other threats to human dignity.
- **3. We can never approve of intrinsically evil acts.** Some actions are never morally permissible. The bishops specifically identify abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting people to subhuman living conditions, transgender surgeries, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, and racist behavior as examples. A Catholic may not in good conscience vote with the intention of supporting intrinsically evil acts.
- **4. Seek the common good — not simply personal interests.** Voting should not be based merely on 'What's best for me?' Catholics should consider the good of the whole human community, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. Remember Matthew Chapter 25 which reminds us that whatever we do for the least we do for Jesus. This certainly applies to our voting.
- **5. We should consider the full range of important moral issues.** Opposition to one intrinsic evil does not permit "indifference or inattentiveness" to other important questions involving human life and dignity. There are many important issues for Catholics. The Bishop's list includes, among other things: abortion; euthanasia and assisted suicide; marriage and family; immigration; poverty; education; health care; racism and discrimination; religious liberty; care for creation; war and peace; human rights.

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- 6. Recognize that issues have different moral weight. The document explicitly says: "Not all issues are equal." As we noted, it distinguishes between intrinsically evil acts, which can never be approved, and other matters involving affirmative obligations to promote the common good. If something is intrinsically evil, our positions must be clear and unambiguous. When it comes to questions about the best way to address poverty, housing, education, and immigration, the principles are clear, but reasonable people seeking the common good can disagree about how best to apply those principles. ([See my statement on immigration I made last year](#)).
- 7. Evaluate candidates' actual positions and use prudence. This means a Catholic should not vote for a candidate simply because of party affiliation. Sometimes a candidate aligns better with Catholic teaching in a different party. We should seek to understand what candidates actually propose, and how they intend to govern. Prudence is the virtue that helps us choose the right thing in a difficult situation. Normally, no candidate fully reflects Catholic teaching. Often one must choose the lesser of two evils.
- 8. It is possible to vote for a candidate who has an unacceptable position even on an intrinsically evil act, if there is a proportionate grave reason. For example, if two candidates are both in favor of an intrinsic evil like legalized abortion, but the voter believes that one candidate would also be in favor of another exceptionally grave harm to human life or dignity, one could vote for a candidate that favors legalized abortion, because of that other grave reason. The bishops address this difficult issue directly in paragraph 35: "Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil."
- 9. Don't ignore local elections. In our news driven society we often only pay attention to the national elections. But local elections to school boards and city council can be extremely important as we try to create a more Christian community right here in our neighborhoods. It is a worthy thing to lead on the local level, and Catholics should not be afraid of entering politics! We need just and holy people to help establish our local policies and help our communities to flourish.
- 10. Pray before you vote. I think you should pray before everything, so that everything you do will glorify God, but voting is especially important. We need God's wisdom to discern what is right when the decisions are difficult. This can also help us to avoid the cultural pitfalls which play so much on anger, division and fear. Prayer allows us to cut through fear as we surrender our lives to God and he gives peace. Then even when the candidate we vote for doesn't win, we can still choose to peacefully work for the good in society, without anger or fear.

This article comes from the Friday, September 25, 2026 Northland Catholic E- Newsletter.

Then Jesus asked them some questions of His own.

Trace the letters to complete the sentence.

But they were so hard to

answer

that no one

asked

Him any more

questions.



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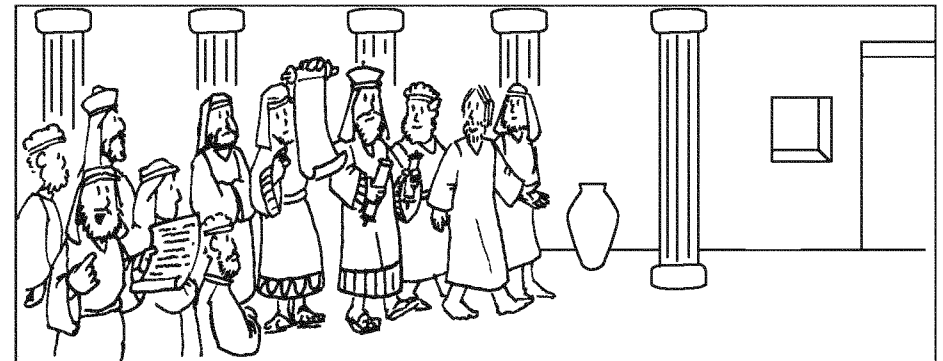
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The Greatest Commandment

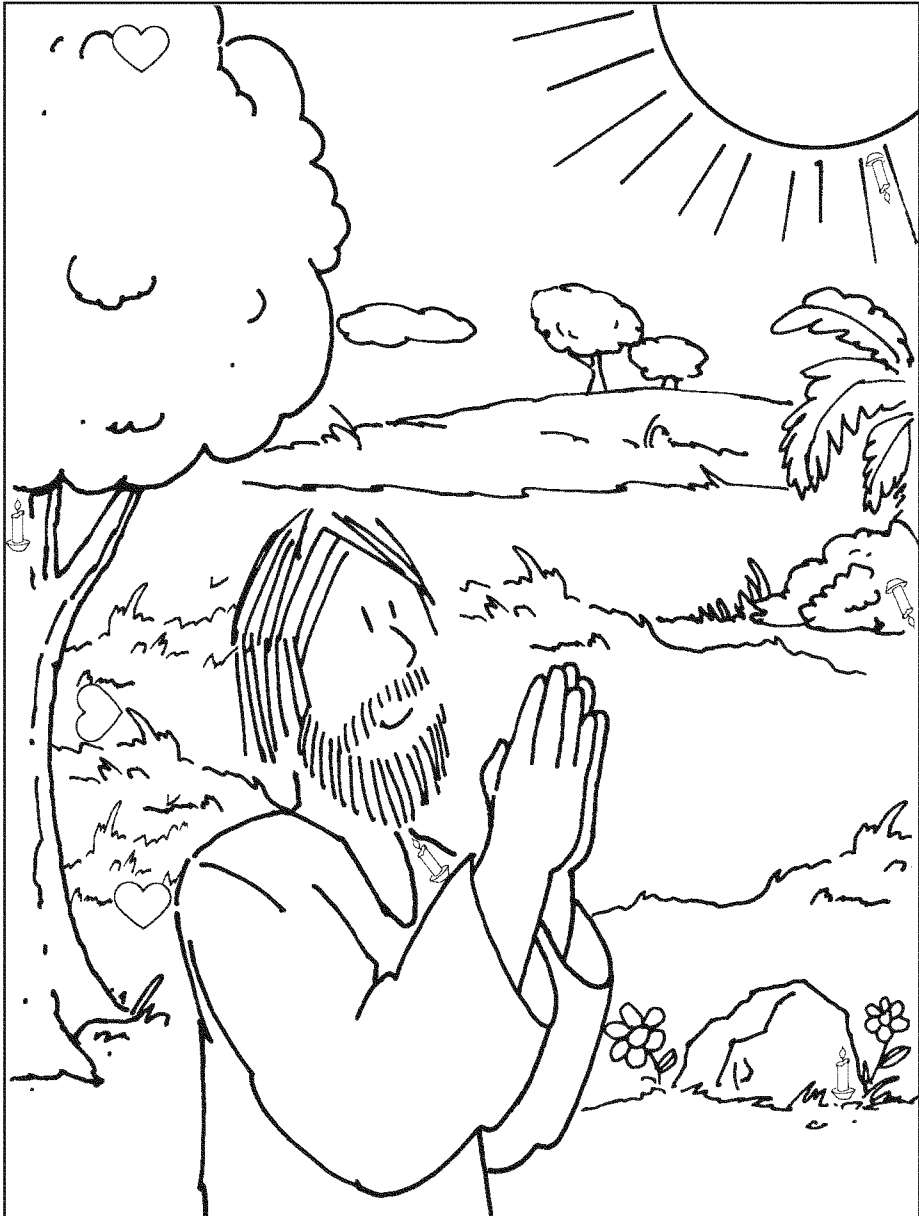
Some leaders asked Jesus,
“Which is the greatest commandment?”

Circle 7 differences in the 2nd picture.



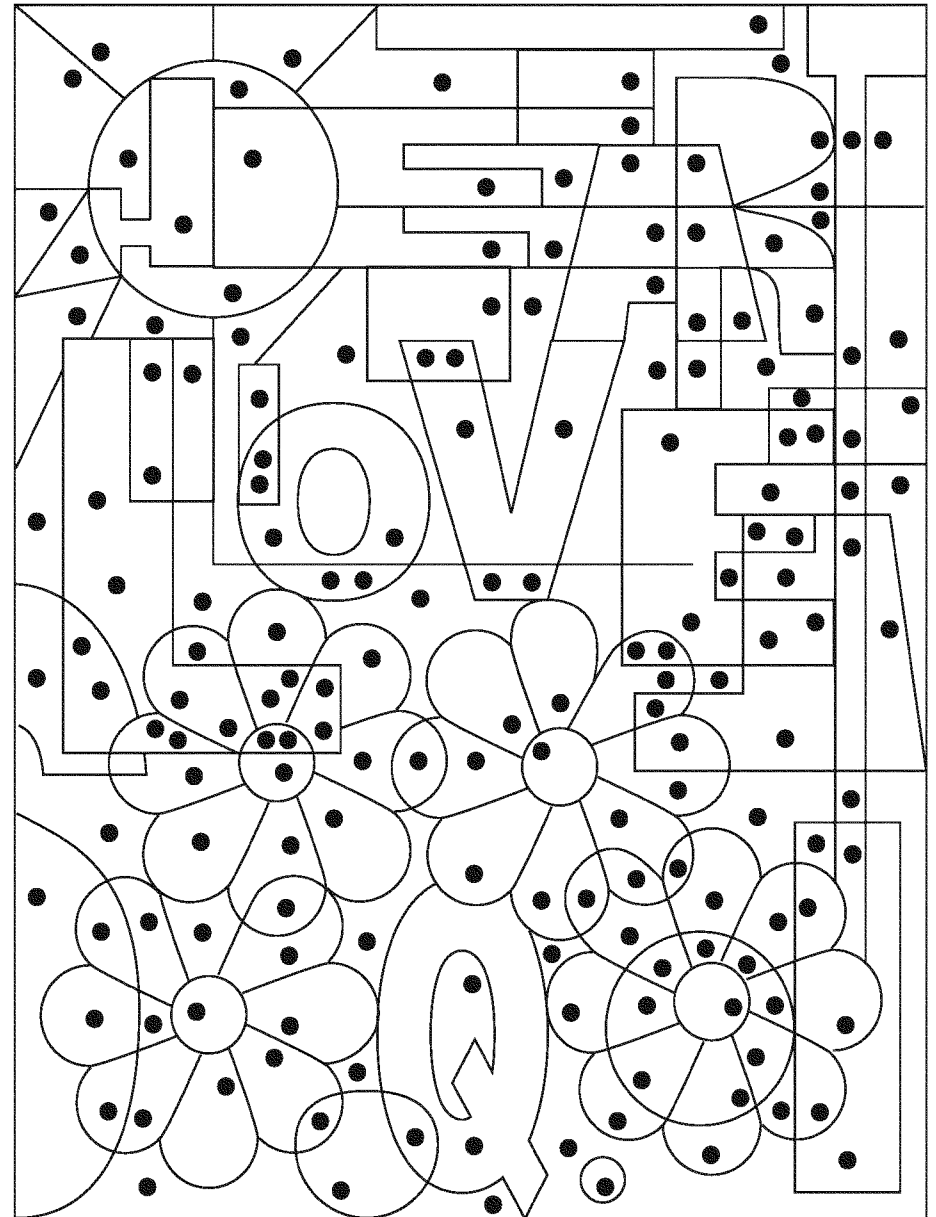
Jesus said the greatest commandment is
“Love God with all your heart.”

Count the 🕯️'s. 4 or 5? Count the ❤️'s. 3 or 4?



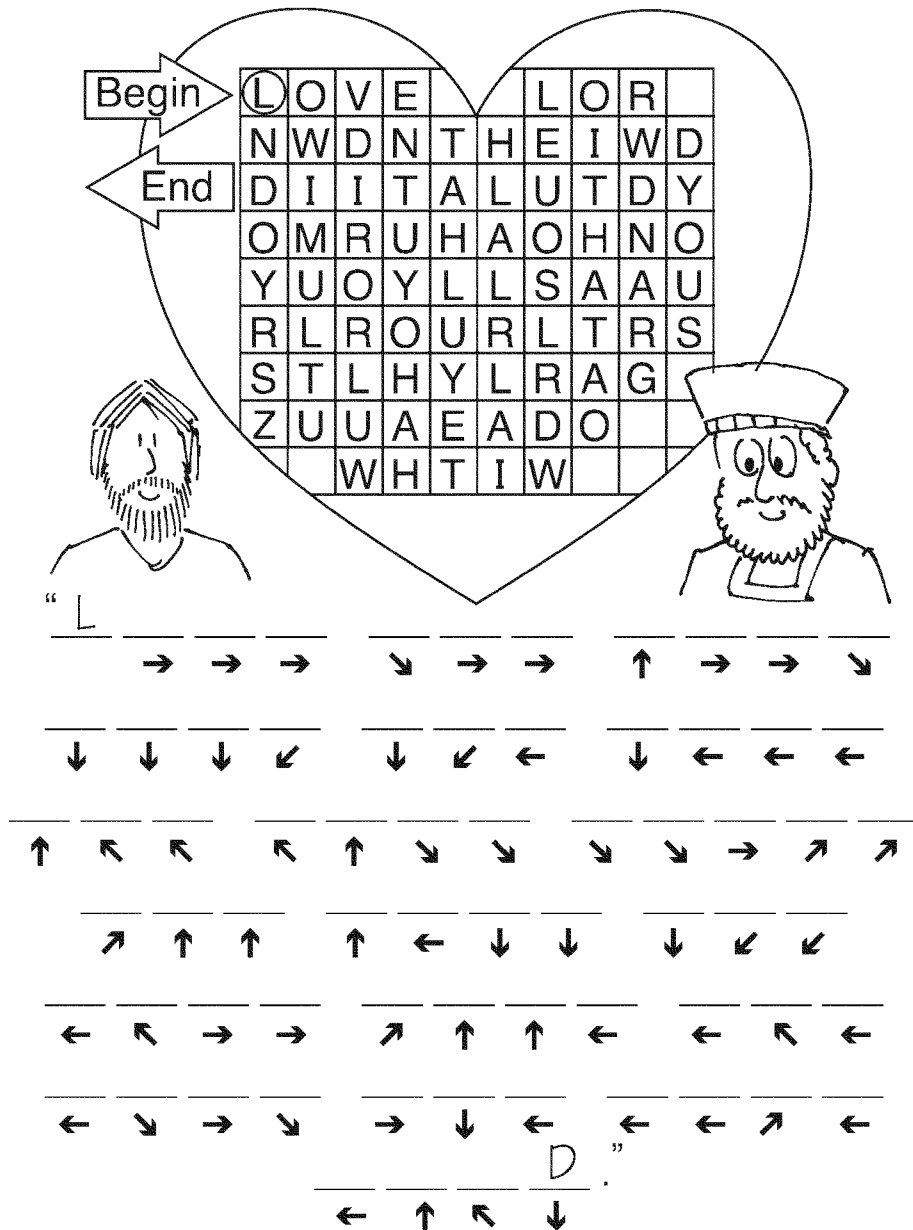
The 2nd most important commandment
is “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

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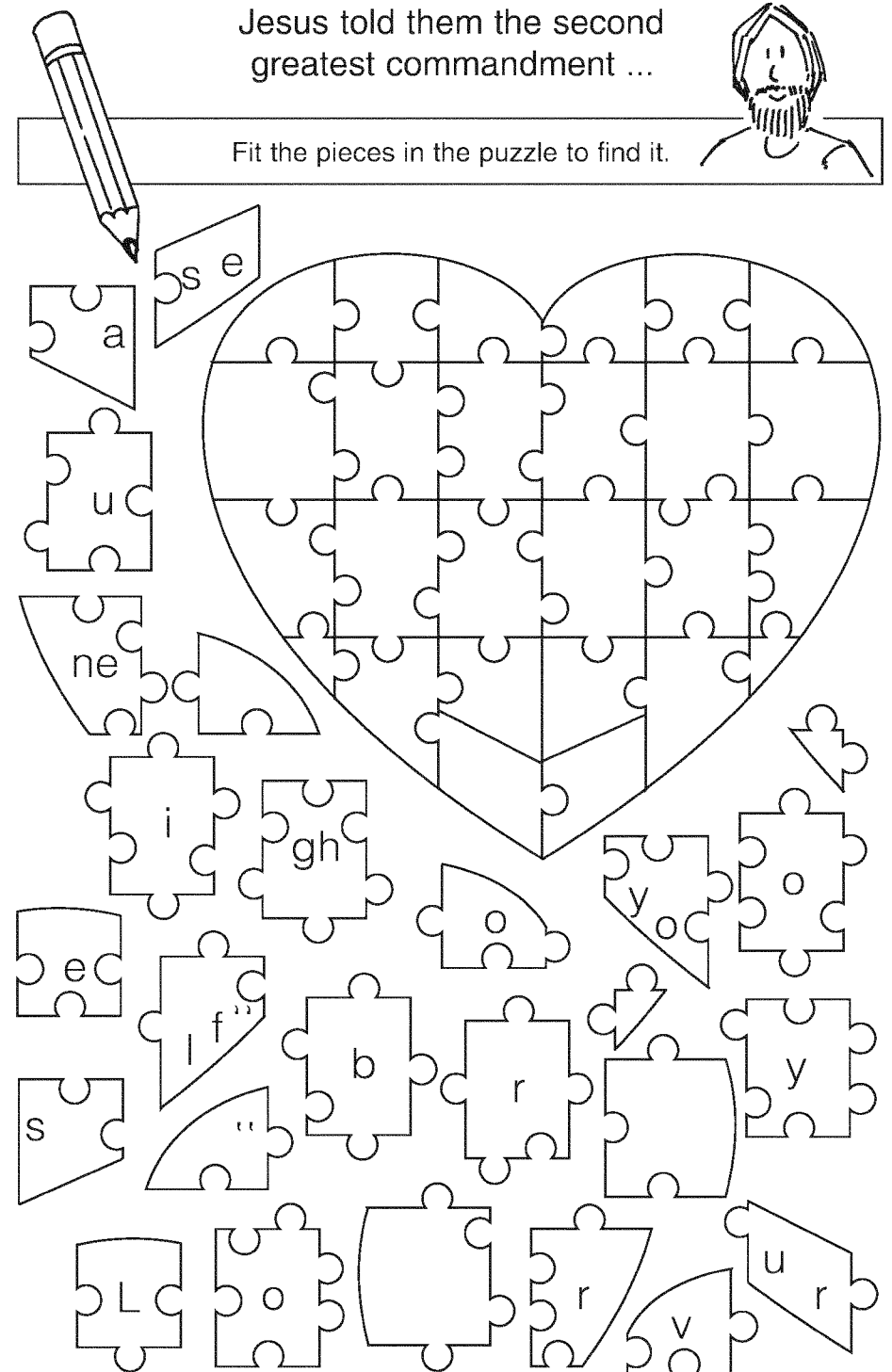
A Pharisee asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Follow the arrows through the letters to find Jesus' answer.



Jesus told them the second greatest commandment ...

Fit the pieces in the puzzle to find it.



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