

**PROGRAM NEEDS**

Clare House is in need of: (Donations can be dropped off at Clare House, 7 days a week, 10a-6p)

- Liquid detergent
- White trash bags
- Bath soap
- Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.,
- Shower curtains
- Twin sheets
- Towels

Homeless Family Services is in need of: (Donations can be dropped off at the Main Center on Fridays from 9am – 4pm)

- Bedding (new or gently used)
- Twin Sheets (new or gently used)
- Toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies

Brother Francis Shelter

- New hoodies
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Beanies
- Blankets
- Coats

Medical Respite at Brother Francis Shelter

- Herb seeds
- Pots
- Gardening tools

Supportive Family Services is in need of: (Donations can be dropped off at the Main Center on Fridays from 9a-4p)

- Diapers sizes 4 5 & 6
- Baby wipes

Saint Francis House Food Pantry is in need of: (Donations can be dropped off at the Main Center on Fridays from 9a-4p)

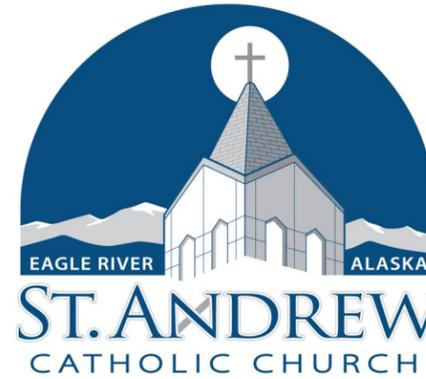
- Canned fruits and veggies
- Canned protein
- Medium plastic disposable gloves

**Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services Update:**

RAIS is excited to announce pre-orders for the RAIS Cookbook, “Berbere & Beets: Recipes from Alaska’s Refugee Community.” These recipes come from Somalia, Iraq, Ukraine, Mexico, and many other places around the world. Whether it’s replacing grape leaves with Swiss chard or using halibut instead of catfish, the recipes have been shaped by the Alaskan lifestyle and represent resiliency, flexibility, and how place affects food. Order one today for yourself and share with your family and friends. [www.cssalaska.org/cookbook](http://www.cssalaska.org/cookbook)

**Giving Tuesday**—This #GivingTuesday, we invite you to ask 5 friends to donate \$5 in support of the vital programs at Catholic Social Services. #GivingTuesday is a global movement on December 1st, and you can make it local by transforming your community, here at home. Just \$5 guarantees shelter guests at Brother Francis Shelter receive breakfast and lunch. When you call on your community, you can make a lasting impact on the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Go to [cssalaska.org/donate](http://cssalaska.org/donate) and join the generosity movement!

**Helping Holidays** —Helping Holidays connects the Anchorage community to Catholic Social Services clients. This program provides gifts for specific families in need, and you can help! Sign up to sponsor a family here: <https://www.cssalaska.org/donate/ways-to-give/helping-holidays/>



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**Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners**

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form.

Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wed. @ noon.

Readings: Isaiah 63:16–17, 19, Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19  
1 Corinthians 1:3–9, Mark 13:33–37

The new Church year begins with a plea for God’s visitation. “Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,” the prophet Isaiah cries in today’s First Reading.

In today’s Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today’s readings are relatively brief. Their language and “message” are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today—as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God’s covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can’t we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel’s sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8–9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11–15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ’s final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning—repeated three times by our Lord in today’s Gospel—to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm (10am Live-streamed during COVID )

Weekdays\* : Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

\*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly schedule

Holy Days: 9 am and 7 pm  
Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:15 pm on Thursday  
Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

**Sacraments**

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment  
Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick--contact the office.

## Mass Intentions week of Nov 30

Mon.		
Tues.	Katie & Phil Landolina	ROS
Wed.	Sandy Roberts	ROS
Thurs.	Special intentions of Marian Jones	SI
Fri.	Living & deceased members of the Cook and Jones families	
Sat.	Jamie Yeargan Marmon	ROS
Sun. 10am	Raymond Coates	ROS
7 pm	People of the Parish	

## Miscellaneous Items

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**—*There is more sweetness in one hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament than in all the world's crowded theaters, and brilliant drawing rooms, and giddy diversions, and social gatherings.*"

--St. Gabriel Possenti

These hours need more adorers soon:

**Sunday 2pm and 6pm**  
**Monday 1pm**  
**Wednesday 3am and 11pm**  
**Thursday 3am and 7pm**  
**Friday 10am**  
**Saturday 5am, 6am, 11am, 8 pm and 11pm**

Please call 632-0272 to reserve a Holy Hour



**THANKSGIVING BLESSING PROJECT – MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED !**

The last special collection of the year, the Retirement Fund for Religious, will be held in two weekends from now, **December 12-13.**

**SAINT ANDREW DAY MASS**— On Monday at 7pm Archbishop Bellisario will be here to celebrate our feast day . He will also be re-blessing the church after all the earthquake repairs have been completed.

**ST. ANDREW NOVENA** |—traditionally prayed 15 times per day from November 30 - December 25. "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires (mention your request) through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

**TRAIL LIFE TROOP 226** of Eagle River is looking for a few good young men and boys. We are a local Christian scouting organization that meets at the First Baptist Church of Eagle River. We meet at 6:30 pm on Mondays in different age level groups. Please contact Herman Ellemberger (Troop 226 Navigator Leader & parishioner at St. Andrew Parish) with any questions or interest. 907-230-9222 or [hre814@gmail.com](mailto:hre814@gmail.com). More information can be found on the Trail Life website: <https://www.traillifeusa.com> . From the website: "Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy. Established on timeless values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys from Kindergarten through 12th grade are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created."

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOPS** in Eagle River are welcoming new members. AHG is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. There are two Eagle River options: AHG troop AK1130 is chartered through St Andrew Church and meets on Thursdays from 4:30-6pm OR AHG troop AK2008 meets at the First Baptist Church of Eagle River on Mondays (6:30-8pm). If you are interested or have any questions, please contact a Troop Coordinator. AK 1130- Spring Ellemberger, [ahgtroop1130@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtroop1130@gmail.com) or (907)230-9223. AK 2008- Connie Saffle [belovedrabbiswife@gmail.com](mailto:belovedrabbiswife@gmail.com) or (907)634-0461. For more information on AHG: <https://americanheritagegirls.org>

Due to COVID 19 numbers increasing the church office will be closed and the church building will be open only for worship and adoration. We request you follow all the proper protocols of wearing and mask, hand sanitizing, and keeping social distancing.

**MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS: ADVENT CONCERT**—Join St. Patrick's Catholic Church virtually for an evening of Advent music and reflections. Proceeds benefit Catholic Social Services Brother Francis Shelter, Clare House, and Homeless Family Services. St. Patrick's will also be hosting a winter gear drive. Donations include new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and sweaters. Boxes for donations are located in the Gathering Area throughout Advent. The concert will be held Friday, December 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m virtually on their facebook page.

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Council Meetings & Need for Financial Secretary**—We will be having our monthly business meeting Tuesday December 8 at 7pm. The location will be the Narthex St Andrew's church, here in Eagle River. Agenda will follow soon. We are still looking for someone to fill the upcoming vacancy for Financial Secretary. I and the council would greatly appreciate this position to be filled by December 31, 2020. Contact the Grand Knight Mike Simpson at (907) 863-3254 or email me at [msimpson@mtaonline.net](mailto:msimpson@mtaonline.net).

**Pot of Gold**—During this time of business as unusual (Covid time) St Andrew Knights of Columbus, Council 9830 is looking for new ways to reach parishioners and sell our annual Pot of Gold tickets. Having said that, if you are interested in purchasing a ticket, reach out PGK Ken Kutney. Just Call (leave a message) or /TEXT/ KofC TICKETS, your name, address and phone number to him at (907) 223-3141 and we will arrange for one of our members call you and bring you any number of tickets you desire.

Here are the particulars:

- Tickets are \$25 each Cash, Check or Credit. Card
- Prizes are \$15,000 Grand Prize Ten \$1000 Second place finishers
- Max 4000 tickets sold (That is a one in 318.18 chance of winning).

We will be wrapping this up the last week of November. All proceeds support our charitable efforts. Which include Scholarships for Seniors, Parish outreach, helping the homeless, Support of Alaska Catholic schools, Keep Christ In Christmas, Mother's day Flowers, Parish Holiday BBQs (Maybe Next Year) GOOD LUCK!

**Wreaths Across America**—Check with POC Terry Michalski for dates and type of help needed. Ph. 230-6729 Email: [terrym@partnersre.com](mailto:terrym@partnersre.com). Here's the webpage link for our Wreaths Across America fundraising site: <https://wreathsaacrossamerica.org/pages/20533/Overview/?relatedId=14722>

I've also attached a QR Code for this link that my Brother Knights can print and use, as well as an 8.5" X 11" poster that can be printed and put up at workplaces and other businesses. It also has the QR code on it so people can sponsor a wreath on the spot if they see the poster.

**Bison Hunt:** Need POC, Starts in December. Get involved and put your talents to use.

**Keep Christ in Christmas:** POC Russ Hart. Ph. 250-0808 Email: [hartruss@rocketmail.com](mailto:hartruss@rocketmail.com).

**Advent is Almost Here!:** Advent begins this year on Nov. 29. Knights will be set up to sell Christmas decorations in the Nave for three weeks .

**Annual Dues Payment:** 1st notice goes out December 15, 2020

Dues can be cash, check or CC Payable to WT Pierre, WFS Chris Smith, Trustee Ken Kutney