



Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...December 16 - 23, 2018

Sunday	9:00am	Ben & Elaina Morton
Wednesday	8:00am	Doris Salmans
Thursday	8:00am	Leo & Marie Burke
Friday	9:00am	<i>Ron Friess [Halsey Hall – Fort Dodge]</i>
Sunday	9:00am	Flora Ricke

MANNA HOUSE... basket is in the vestibule by the east bulletin board. We may place non-perishable food items and other useful items such as toiletries in the basket. Thank you for all your contributions.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT... is waiting for you on the table at the center of the church vestibule: Matthew's Kelly's "The Biggest Lie in Christianity". There's one for you and one for you to take to share with someone as a gift. We will use this book for our adult/high school religious formation in the new year. We thank Pam McMillan for providing these books to us for this Christmas and new year.

COFFEE AND ROLLS... are served following mass this morning. St. Nick is scheduled to be with us to visit and wish everyone a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas. Please stop by the Parish Center to enjoy light refreshment and fellowship, as well as, a chance to visit with St. Nick.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES... today (16th) 2pm, St. Joseph, Offerle and 4pm, St. John, Spearville; Tuesday (18th) 5pm, Cathedral; Wednesday (19th) 5pm, St. Lawrence, Jetmore; Thursday (20th) 7pm, St. Nicholas, Kinsley. The Sacrament is also available 8:30am on Sunday, following weekday mass, by appointment, upon request when possible. Thank you to all who participated in our Parish Reconciliation Service this past Wednesday.

CHOIR... will rehearse for the Christmas liturgies, 6:30pm, today, December 16th. If you wish to be part of the music ministry for these special Christmas liturgies, please know that you are invited to this rehearsal. For more information, please visit with Hattie Stein, 339-4543, steinhattie@gmail.com, or Sr. Janice, 253-1060, jgrochowsky@dcdiocese.org.

WE WILL PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS... 5:30pm, Wednesday, December 19th. All help is invited, welcome, and appreciated. Food and drink will be available.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION... resumes Wednesday, January 9th, 6:30pm, when we have our annual "Celebrate Epiphany!" event. Watch the bulletins for more information. For now, please mark your calendar for this event.

INQUIRY... resumes Thursday, January 3rd, 6:30pm, in the Saint Augustine Room at the Cathedral. For information: Fr. Bob, 227-3363 or 227-1555; or Sr Janice Grochowsky, 253-1060.

MASS AT FORT DODGE... will be this Friday, December 21st, 9am, Halsey Hall. Halsey is the three-story building at the center of the campus. Enter through the north door. You'll need to sign in and out at the desk. We celebrate mass in the northwest corner of the Activity Room, which is to your right when you enter. All are invited and welcome. Plan to stay for refreshments and visiting that follow mass.

THANK YOU... to all who gave gifts and contributions to Fort Dodge residents' Christmas. Thank you, Lana Dirks, for initiating this project.

SAINT ANDREW SERVES FRIENDSHIP FEAST... Wednesday, January 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the southeast corner of the church vestibule.

CALLED AND GIFTED... is a workshop that guides one to recognize gifts given by the Holy Spirit through baptism and confirmation. These gifts enable one to accomplish things for God above and beyond one's natural abilities. The Workshop is Saturday, January 12th, 9:30am – 5pm, Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend. Saint Andrew will cover the registration fee for the workshop. For more information/to register contact Coleen Stein, 227-1530, cstein@dcdiocese.org.

NEW TESTAMENT & YOUTH MINISTRY... are the topics offered through our Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Formation Program. There are flyers on the east bulletin board with more information. You may also visit www.dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation. You may also visit with Coleen Stein, 227-1530, cstein@dcdiocese.org. Saint Andrew will cover the fees for these courses.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT... for December 9th: \$4,502.00 in envelopes; \$133.00 in loose; \$1,153.00 in electronic giving; \$50.00 for Thanksgiving Collection; \$25.00 to Saint Bonaventure Mission & School. Thank you to our faithful and generous stewards for their sacrificial gifts to the support of the life and ministry of our Parish, our Diocese, as well as, the Church throughout the world.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for 9:00am, Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Choir

Lectors: Greg Lix & Ken Stein

Servers: Couy Weil & Ethan Hirshfeld

Gifts: Michael Phelps

Communion: Ray Theis, Sheila McCarty, Josie Lix, Diane Lix, Ken Stein

Greeters: Jim & Marilyn Burke

Collection: Adam Albers & Maurice Bleumer (for December)

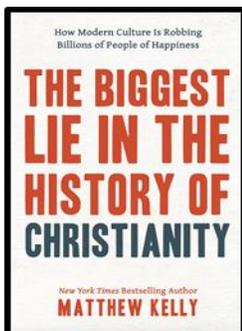
Rosary: Gary Stein

Fort Dodge Transportation: Ruth Morton

What is the ONE THING that touched your heart today from the scripture readings, homily, music or prayers that inspires you to “Become the Best Version of Yourself” for this upcoming week?

OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES... may picked following Mass, if you have not already done so.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: 4:30PM on CHRISTMAS EVE & 9:00AM on CHRISTMAS DAY
(January 1st Holy Day Mass – 9am)



Kelly's book offers spiritual fortitude as we embrace the world God loved so much that God sent the Son. As the Son of God comes offering life and life to the full, Kelly suggests there are ways we can break out of the lie of the *happy, full life* the world offers us. He suggests “Holy Moments,” where we set aside self-interest, personal desire, and embrace what will bring the most good to the most people in that moment.” He calls on Christians to learn from history and suggests that holy moments will provide a practical approach to living authentically, allowing us to break out (however momentarily) from the common culture of self-interest to inspire hope in others.