



Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...December 8 - 15, 2019

Sunday	9:00am	Alice Zurbuchen
Wednesday	8:00am	Norbert & Clara Irsik
Thursday	8:00am	K of C
Friday	8:00am	Jerry Ring
Sunday	9:00am	Dave Wagner

Weekday Mass schedule for December 16 -20: 8am, December 18th, 19th, & 9am, December 20th [Halsey Hall – Fort Dodge].

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. We appreciate Mandy Phelps for taking our contributions to the Manna House.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT...is waiting for you on the table at the center of the church vestibule: Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover the Saints". 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.

ADVENT...Sunday Eucharists begin with the procession with an Advent Candle to our advent wreath. If you would wish to be part of one of these processions, please let Fr. Bob know.

ALTAR SOCIETY AND K OF C...will have a first-ever joint meeting this Monday, December 9th! It will begin in the Parish Center at 6:45pm by praying the Rosary together. Then there will be separate meetings. Supper will follow the meetings. Child care will be provided. All ladies of the parish and all Knights are invited.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION...meets Wednesday, December 11th. We meet at 6:30pm, in the Parish Center for a meal provided by the Liturgy Commission, pray and then gather in age groups. We will conclude at 8pm. Child care is provided. High School Youth & Adults will conclude the Journey through the Bible with Mary. Each one has something to share and to learn. You are invited.

INQUIRY...meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm, St. Augustine Room, Cathedral. For information, please visit with Sara Smith (225-5542) or Sister Janice (225-1527).

COFFEE AND ROLLS...will be served following mass next Sunday, December 15th. St. Nick is scheduled to be with us to visit and wish everyone a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas. Please plan to enjoy light refreshment and fellowship, as well as, a chance to visit with St. Nick next Sunday.

VOCATIONS COMMISSION...will meet following Coffee and Rolls next Sunday, December 15th.

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION...will be celebrated Wednesday, December 18th, 7pm. Four confessors will be available. We will celebrate the Sacrament during a holy hour in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction. With this service we will celebrate first reconciliation with our young parishioners preparing for first communion. Reconciliation Services are available next Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2pm at Offerle and 4pm at Spearville. The Sacrament is also available 8:30am on Sundays; following weekday mass; upon request when possible; and always by appointment

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. ANDREW...are 4:30pm on the 24th and 9am on the 25th.

BE PART OF CHRISTMAS...for Fort Dodge residents. Boxes for donations are in the vestibule till Sunday, December 15th. Items needed: shampoo (no cream rinses), body wash, body spray, scarves, gloves, skid-proof socks, diabetic socks, ball point pens, note cards, greeting cards, snacks (candy, nuts, crackers - regular and diabetic). Monetary donations may be made by checks payable to KS Soldier's Home for Resident Benefit Fund. Questions? Please call Lana Dirks, 227-6361. Thank you to all those who have donated so far.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR...will move into church following Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. Any who can stay to help are welcome and would be most appreciated!

THANK YOU...to Jim Burke, Maurice Bleumer, Gerard Lix, Alan Vogel and all who helped with the repair of the water leak west of the Rectory.

NEED TO TALK...to someone? Catholic Charities offers free counseling for those who do not have insurance. Catholic Charities is here to help. Call Amy at 620-227-1590.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION CALENDAR - Wednesdays – 6:30 – 8pm

December 11th, 18th (*includes Parish Advent Reconciliation Service*)

Each of us has something to learn and something to share. You are invited!

Schedule for 2020 is coming soon. Keep watching the bulletin!

“A great Christmas begins with an incredible Advent”...is a free offer from Dynamic Catholic. You'll receive short, inspirational videos each day to help you slow down, think and pray. All that is needed to sign up is your name and email address: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for December 1: \$2, 644.00 in envelopes; \$198.00 in loose; \$130.00 in electronic giving. Thank you for your financial support of our Parish, Diocese, and world-wide Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for next Sunday...

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Choir

Lectors: Michael Phelps & Alan Vogel

Servers: Shyanne Theis & Elise Helfrich

Gifts: Rodney Helfrich

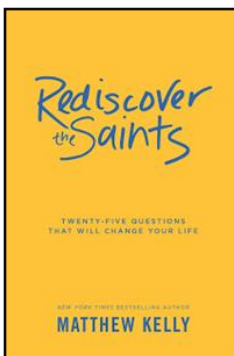
Communion: Josie Lix, Jim Burke, Sheila McCarty, Elaine Slattery, & Regina Lix

Greeters: Delbert & Barbara Downey

Collection: Adam Albers & Jared Helfrich (for December)

Rosary: Jay Theis

Fort Dodge Transportation: Rawlin & Sara Smith



God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that God has enfolded in our being. The saints encourage us to explore all our God-given potential with the example of their lives.

“Rediscoverer the Saints” offers 25 questions and offers 25 “saints” that help us explore our response. To become holy, to become a Saint, is the same thing as to “become the best version of yourself”, to become all that God calls you to be.

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