



Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...December 15 - 22, 2019

Sunday	9:00am	Dave Wagner
Wednesday	8:00am	Charles Helfrich
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	9:00am	Alice Lattas [<i>Halsey Hall – Fort Dodge</i>]
Sunday	9:00am	Helen Lix

Weekday Mass schedule for December 23 -27: 4:30pm, December 24th, 9am, December 25th, 8am, December 26th.

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. If you might be interested in another format, the book is available for purchase on most e-readers and is available as an audio book.

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

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.

VOCATIONS COMMISSION...will meet following Coffee and Rolls this morning.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION...meets Wednesday, December 18th. We meet at 6:30pm, in the Parish Center to prepare for the Parish Reconciliation Service. After a brief preparation, we will go church to participate in the Reconciliation Service. K-1 will remain in the Center for a session for them. Please note there will not be a meal available this Wednesday. We will next meet on January 8th when we have our special annual “Celebrate Epiphany” session with Fr. Juan Salas as our special guest.

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION...will be celebrated Wednesday, December 18th, 7pm -8pm. Fr. Jim Mainer, Kinsley; Fr. John Forkuoh, Spearville; Fr. Juan Salas, Cathedral, and Fr. Bob will be the available confessors. 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 also available today, Sunday, December. 15th, 2pm at Offerle and 4pm at Spearville. The Sacrament is also available 8:30am on Sundays; following weekday mass; by appointment, upon request when possible;

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. ANDREW...are 4:30pm on the 24th and 9am on the 25th. (January 1st Holy Day Mass – 9am)

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

MUSIC MINISTRY WILL PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS...Sunday, December 22nd, 7pm in church. If you wish to be part of our music ministry for the Christmas Season, please come and join in.

COLLEGE MEN...are invited to dinner with Bishop Brungardt, Sunday, December 29th, 6-8pm, at his house. Bishop invites college students to join him for this special “Andrew Dinner” with a great dinner, conversation, and prayer, with a focus not just on the priesthood, but on God’s call for every Catholic young man to live an extraordinary life. Please RSVP to agaytan@dcdiocese.org by December 26th. Here’s a youtube video for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESEX1hqsvFM>.

THANK YOU...to all those who have provided gifts for the Fort Dodge Residents. We thank Lana Dirks for initiating and coordinating this effort.

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 18th (includes Parish Advent Reconciliation Service)

January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19; March 4, 11, 25; April 1, 8, 22, 29; May 6

“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 8th: \$2, 075.00 in envelopes; \$45.00 in loose; \$1,453.00 in electronic giving; \$45.00 to St. Bonaventure Mission; \$70.00 for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generous and sacrificial financial support of our Parish, Diocese, and the world-wide Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for next Sunday...

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Sr. Jan Roberts

Lectors: John Askew & Sue Evans

Servers: Rory Gamblin & Kara Brakey

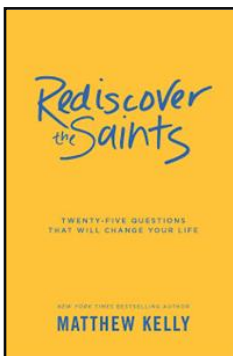
Gifts: Wilfred Helfrich

Communion: Greg Lix, Maurice Bleumer, Sara Smith, Diane Lix, & Ray Theis

Greeters: Lana Dirks & Jane Graf

Collection: Adam Albers & Jared Helfrich (for December)

Rosary: Ray Theis Fort Dodge Transportation: Dorothy Hansen



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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