



Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...March 15 - 22, 2020

Sunday	9:00am	Saint Andrew Parishioners
Wednesday	8:00am	Peggy Theis
Thursday	8:00am	Halbert Brown
Friday	8:00am	Bernie Stegman
Sunday	9:00am	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Weekday Mass schedule for March 23 - 27: 8am, Wednesday, Thursday, & 9am, Friday [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.

THERE IS A SIGN-UP BOOK...in the vestibule by the west bulletin board to sign up for the various services needed for our celebration of the upcoming Triduum. One can sign up to wash feet or have feet washed on Holy Thursday; carry in the cross on Good Friday; to carry the Easter Candle on Holy Saturday; to bake bread for the Easter Season. Thank you for signing up early.

TODAY...we celebrate the First Scrutiny. These special Lenten rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent for the Elect who are preparing for Baptism and as an inspiration and source of renewal for all of us in our own Lenten journey. A powerful moment comes as this rite begins. The Elect is called forward with her sponsor and to kneel down. The whole assembly prays for her in silence in this solemn moment. We have cared for Pam for some months. We have sent her to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed our longing for the day on which she would join us at the table of the Lord and be sent with us on mission. Now we pray for her in this sacred silence as this rite unfolds.

COFFEE AND ROLLS...are served following mass this morning. You are invited to stop by the Parish Center for light refreshment and visiting. We thank the Altar Society for this opportunity.

FINANCE COUNCIL...meets Tuesday, March 17th, 6pm, Rectory Meeting Room

PASTORAL COUNCIL...meets Tuesday, March 17th, 7pm, Rectory Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCHEONS...begin at 11:45am with a lunch and concludes after a devotion at 12:45pm each Wednesday of Lent. This Wednesday, the Luncheon will be hosted by 1st United Methodist Church, 210 Soule Ave. A donation is collected for the meal.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS...are 5:30pm, Wednesdays of Lent. We make the way of the cross and then pray vespers in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We conclude vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. [April 1st, Reconciliation Service is at 7pm in place of devotions.]

RELIGIOUS FORMATION...is on Spring Break. It resumes next Wednesday, March 25th.

FRIDAY...is a day of abstinence during lent when Catholics age 14 and older do not eat meat.

COVERED DISH SUPPER...for Senior Citizens (55 or older) is Thursday, March 26th, 6pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat dish, salad vegetable or dessert.

God of all power, fountain of grace - O living Water, show your face!

KNIGHTS INVITE YOU...to join them before Sunday morning Mass at 8:30am in praying the Rosary.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION...is available 8:30am Sunday; following weekday masses; upon request whenever possible; always by appointment. The Sacrament is also available 3pm, Saturday, at St John, Spearville and 5-6:30pm, Tuesday, and 11am-12noon and 3:30-4:30pm Saturday, at Cathedral. Our Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service will be 7pm, Wednesday, April 1st, with 4 confessors available.

OLD DISHES...at the Parish Center are available. The Altar Society will be donating the old dishes by the end of March. If you would like any or know someone in need, please contact one of the officers. (Katie Albers, Ruth Morton, Regina Lix, Barb Durler).

THANK YOU...to Alan Vogel and Logan Lix for installing new shelving in the west storage room off the vestibule in church. Thank you to all those who helped with the Salmans' funeral services. Thank you, Ed Stegman, for getting the light by the Parish Center working again.

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED...that there is some construction going on in the vestibule of church. We are finally getting a second restroom.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION CALENDAR - Wednesdays – 6:30 – 8pm
March 25; April 1 (with Parish Reconciliation), 8, 22, 29; & May 6

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for March 8th: \$2,301.00 in envelopes; \$109.00 in loose; \$1,458.00 in Electronic Giving; \$5.00 for St. Bonaventure Mission & School. Thank you to our faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for March 22nd...

Music Ministry: Jane Stein & Hattie Stein

Lectors: Maurice Bleumer & Marilyn Burke

Dismissal: Margo Morton

Servers: Braeden Simon & Calista Stein

Gifts: Pam McMillan

Communion: Lynn Buehne

Greeters: Chuck & Carol Correll

Collection: Jay Theis & Adam Albers (for March)

Rosary: Mike Wagner

Question: What motivates me to pour out my gifts to alleviate suffering... to feed the hungry?

This week's fast/feast: fast from bitterness – feast on forgiveness

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS...

As you know, we're in a situation none of us have been in before and things are changing day by day. We've seen some organizations close. Others stay open. Both seem to be options. In the last couple of days, the Kansas Bishops have joined virtually every other bishop in the country in dispensing us all from the "obligation" to participate in Sunday Eucharist. The Church has always exempted those with serious medical issues which would prohibit them from participating in Sunday Mass, as well as for all people in times of general emergencies. This is especially true during this coronavirus pandemic, particularly for adults over the age of 60, people with underlying medical conditions, and family members of such individuals, who should take special care in discerning the best course of action. About 1/3 of the dioceses in the US, such as all three in Colorado, have suspended all public masses. In some, like the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS have suspend all public masses in specific counties such as Douglas County (Lawrence, KS). This leads us to have even greater concern for one another; to hold each other in prayer; and to make sure our actions are not short-sighted and help keep others safe and healthy.