



ST ANDREW

**Sunday Bulletin ~ 6th Sunday of
Easter ~ May 17, 2020**

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But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you all things and will
remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26



Mass

Priests continue to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass privately. I am honoring specific intentions, as well as, all our intentions and the people and needs of our St. Andrew Parish.

May 17 - 24, 2020, in addition to offering Mass for the intentions of all our Parishioners on Sundays, these specific intentions will be remembered at mass offered privately:

6th Sunday of Easter: People of Saint Andrew Parish

Monday: Karen Stegman

Tuesday: Rock Miller II

Wednesday: Deena Reed

Thursday: Jake & Helen Lix

Friday: Living & Deceased K of C Members

Saturday: Agnes Beckerdite

Ascension Sunday: People of Saint Andrew Parish

NOTE: Bishop and Cathedral priests are live-streaming mass from the Chancery/Rectory Chapels. Go to www.dcdiocese.org to see the schedule of times. To view click on the Facebook icon (you don't have to be on Facebook) in the upper right hand corner.

Saturday, May 16, marked the start of Laudato Si' Week...

scheduled by the Vatican to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home. Its title, Laudato si', translates as "Praise Be to You!" in English. Pope Francis invites us to celebrate Laudato Si' Week: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

The Holy Father urges a "new mindset" regarding humanity's relationship to the earth and all of its resources. He calls us to think of ourselves as stewards – those who care for a resource we have been given on loan from God.

As people around the globe huddle in their homes and seek ways to protect themselves and their loved ones from the coronavirus that has claimed almost 300,000 lives globally since the start of the year, it's a good time to reflect on our own personal relationships with the only planet we know capable of sustaining human life.

St. Andrew Teens are invited...

...to ProjectYM Live.

In the first Frozen movie, Olaf sings a song about summer where he just doesn't get it. Summer is not what he thinks it will be. I think we are all in the same place right now. Summer is not what we think it will be. All of our plans have changed and the sweet countdown to summer may look like more of the same in the lives of those we journey with.

Join us this Sunday as we announce what we have in place for summer. Yes, it may look different than the summer you (and Olaf) had originally planned, but God is still there. ProjectYM is still here to help you be amazing.



This Sunday is the season finale of ProjectYM Live. We will be joined by the amazing speaker Sarah Swafford and worship leader Ike Ndolo.

Saint Andrew Parish is signed up to participate – all a teen member of our parish has to do is head to **PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH** this Sunday at 7pm CDT. **You will need a PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS** to log on. Plan to log in a few minutes early to make sure you're on when it starts.

You can access the event on any device with a web browser – but the faster the connection, the better.

Parents, though this event is geared for teenagers, you are invited to watch along with them!

Blessings...

...upon Robert Askew and Kelly Brauer who will exchange their consent one to the other in holy matrimony Saturday, May 23rd. Let us hold them in a special place in our prayer during this week.

Thank you...

... La Rae and Tim Slattery for obtaining and installing the light fixture in the new restroom in church. Thank you Mary Tenbrink for attending to the flower bed in front of church. Thank you Mike Wagner for keeping Old Glory flying in the cemetery.

Congratulations...

...John Askew for being named Knight of the Year for the Diocese of Dodge City!

If you know someone...

...who does not have internet access and may appreciate receiving our Sunday Bulletin and Sunday Homily, perhaps you might consider printing these off and mailing both to them. You could always let me know and I'll see that they receive them in the mail.

rschremmer@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-3363.

Praying at home

Not being able to partake of the Church's liturgy at church does not mean we can't be part of the Church's liturgy at home. The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Catholic Church. The liturgy consists of a collection of psalms, prayers, and readings prayed throughout the day at specific times (for example Morning and Evening Prayer). This form of worship is very flexible and you can pray individually or in a group. Amid coronavirus outbreak, Divine Office is opening registrations temporarily to allow people in the United States to join in prayer. We hope more people will find spiritual nourishment, strength and consolation in praying the Liturgy of the Hours as we all go through these difficult, uncertain times. You might want to consider this prayer. Find out more and register by visiting: <http://DivineOffice.org>.

Stewardship

These are uncertain times for all us. This includes uncertainty about our financial stability. Families will have varying degrees of ability to support the mission and life of our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church especially during this crisis.

With no liturgies, there are ways you can continue to give your stewardship offerings:

If you have not done so, you may wish to sign up for online giving. A number of our parishioners have been giving this way for some time now.

It is simple and it provides various ways of making the payments:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index>.

You may mail your offering: PO Box 125, Wright, KS 67882. You may drop it by the church just slip it under the door to the west sacristy. That's up front by the statues of Joseph and Mary. There's a sign on the door.

Stewardship Report

Received since last Sunday's Bulletin Report: \$3,496.00 in envelopes; \$1,445.00 in electronic giving; \$40.00 for St. Bonaventure Mission & School. **Thank you to our faithful stewards** for supporting our parish, diocese, and world-wide Church especially at this trying time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Bishop's directives, as other bishops', are intriguing: Must be in the open, behind a screen, confessor and penitent six feet apart, music playing to ensure no one else hears the confession. It might be good to take note of the counsel of Bishop Francesco Beschi, the Bishop of Pope John XXIII's home diocese: "The Church says that if I intend to confess sacramentally as soon as possible, I have already received God's forgiveness. I want to remind the faithful of this possibility."

Getting back to Mass...

...is on many of our minds. Bishop Brungardt has been working, especially with the Priests Council, to develop a plan with clear directives. While other dioceses in Kansas have begun a gradual and greatly restricted return to public masses, Dodge City Diocese is proceeding more cautiously. This is due to the fact that we have the top three counties with the most covid-19 cases in the State. Ford County has the highest number far surpassing the most populous counties in the State. It is also ranked as 11th in the country of the number of cases per capita. As plans are considered, there is thought that when the rest of the Diocese begins public mass with considerable restrictions, this would be delayed for Ford, Finney, and Seward Counties.

Pope Francis has urged prudence and obedience to pandemic protocols to prevent the coronavirus from surging even as civil leadership begins lessening some restrictions. There are many things to consider. One certainty is that anyone who is in a vulnerable group should not come to mass whenever it again is offered in public until it is deemed "safe". Mass will not return to "normal" for some time after it is offered publically.

Your understanding and patience are appreciated.

Let us continue praying for one another

We continue to hold our President, Governor, and all elected leaders in prayer that they receive wisdom and guidance in keeping people safe.

We ask blessings on all medical personnel and all involved in essential work. May they be protected.

We intercede for those who have been infected by the covid-19 virus, for their families, for all awaiting test results.

We pray for all who are graduating this Spring. May they be able to celebrate their accomplishments even in these ever-so-different times.

Let us continue to pray with and for Pam Kirkby as she continues to prepare for baptism.

We remember Les Slattery, Stan Slattery's brother, who died recently. May he rest in peace and may Stan and all the Slattery family receive comfort and solace as they mourn.

We lift up all those for whom we have promised to pray and all those who support us through their prayers.

We pray for the safety and health of all.

We pray for all who are ill in our parish.



Today's COVID-19 disaster and resulting job losses is making life difficult for many of our neighbors who were struggling before. As a provider of disaster case management and services for the vulnerable, we are ready to help.

WE CAN HELP
WE ARE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

- Assistance & tracking down your stimulus check.
- Tax-filing assistance.
- Health insurance application assistance.
- Homelessness & homelessness prevention.
- Counseling.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application assistance.
- Non-Food Pantry Supplies.
- Other basic living needs.
- Collaborating with community partners to assist with COVID19.

Catholic Charities...

...staff members want to help you if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19Help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

Father Ted Stoecklein...

...will become Pastor of Saint Andrew Parish on July 1st. Among his assignments Father Ted has served as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral and Pastor of St. John, Spearville. He presently serves as Pastor of St. Anthony, Liberal, and St. Alphonsus, Satanta. Perhaps you might want to send him a note of welcome: Fr. Ted Stoecklein, 1510 N. Calhoun St., Liberal, KS 67901.

Please read the letter that follows. This letter is in the mail to all parishioners in an attempt to get word out in this unusual time.



May 15, 2020

Dear Saint Andrew Parishioners,

I write to you about transitions.

Many have asked and many more have wondered when we can transition back to mass at Saint Andrew. Bishop Brungradt has been working, especially with the Priests Council, to develop a plan with clear directives. While other dioceses in Kansas have begun a gradual and greatly restricted return to public masses, Dodge City Diocese is proceeding more cautiously. This is due to the fact that we have the top three counties with the most covid-19 cases in the State. Ford County has the highest number far surpassing the most populous counties in the State. It is also ranked as 11th in the country of the number of cases per capita. As plans are considered, there is thought that when the rest of the Diocese begins public mass with considerable restrictions, this would be delayed for Ford, Finney, and Seward Counties.

Another transition will be effective July 1. On that date I will no longer serve as Vicar General of the Diocese. Bishop will appoint Father Ted Stoecklein as Vicar General. As planning for this transition proceeded, Bishop has also decided that Father Ted will become Pastor of Saint Andrew as well. He will grant me retirement.

I am grateful that Father Ted has accepted both of these appointments. He will serve well in both capacities.

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I know that you will offer him a warm welcome and your cooperation and support. I know Father Ted will be blessed by the special spirit of St. Andrew Parish.

I so appreciate the time that I have had to share in the life and mission of your Parish. You have been a grace that supported and encouraged me in my priestly ministry. I continue to be grateful that I celebrated my 40th anniversary of priestly ordination with you. Thank you.

Please continued to check the bulletin (www.saintandrewwright.org) as things unfold regarding these transitions.

Blessings upon you and yours.

Father Bob

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