

Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...November 29 ~ 6, 2015

Sunday	9:00am	Barbara & Philip Lutz
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	<u>9:00am</u>	Special Intention [<i>Halsey Hall – Fort Dodge</i>]
Sunday	9:00am	Louise Downey

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.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT...and the beginning of a new Church year. As in the past we begin each of our Advent Sunday Masses with the procession of advent candles. If you would wish to be part of a procession, please visit with Father Bob. We will also bless 2016 calendars. Once again this year, the calendars are provided by an anonymous benefactor for which we are grateful.

SAINT ANDREW SERVES FRIENDSHIP FEAST...December 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the southeast corner of the vestibule of church for more information contact Blaine Venters: 225-5520, blainerson@live.com. We thank those already signed up.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION...resumes this Wednesday, December 2nd, 7pm, Parish Center. Adult and High School Youth will continue our preparation for the Jubilee of Mercy by exploring the interplay among mercy, justice, and humility. Our meal to begin the evening will be provided by the Religious Formation Commission. Religious Formation is for all ages. Everyone has something to learn and something to share. Future Meetings: December 9th and 16th (Parish Advent Reconciliation Service).

RCIA GROUP...meets Thursday, December 3rd, 6:30-8pm, Saint Augustine Room, Cathedral, 3231 N. 14th. For more information contact Coleen Stein, 227-1538, cstein@dcdioocese.org, or Sister Janice Grochowsky, 227-1527, jgrochowsky@dcdioocese.org.

ALTAR SOCIETY...will meet Monday, December 7th, 7pm. In lieu of a gift exchange The Altar Society is collecting donations for residents of the Kansas Soldier's Home in Ft. Dodge. Suggested donation is \$5. Hostesses will be Marilyn Kolbeck and Sherry Nau.

DECEMBER 8TH...is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The USA is under the patronage of Our Lady with the title of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be 7pm. In this time of uncertainty and world-wide violence, this provides us an opportunity to pray especially for our country. Pope Francis has also chosen this feast to open the Jubilee of Mercy.

ADVENT SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION...is available 8:30am Sunday; following weekday masses; 7pm, December 16th with our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service; upon request whenever possible; and always by appointment.

WE ARE EVER SO GRATEFUL...for the recognition and appreciation you showed us last Sunday as our parish brought a close to this Year of Consecrated Life. We enjoy belonging and being involved at St. Andrew and appreciate the many kindnesses you extend to us throughout the year. ~ Sr Jan and Sr. Janice.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS & GLENN KERBS...who exchanged vows of marriage during the Liturgy of the Word last Friday. We congratulate them and wish them well. Let us hold them in our prayer especially this week.

THANK YOU...Sister Jan, Sister Janice, Rachel & Doug Trombley, Jared Helfrich, Gary Stein, Kirsten Theis & Kim Theis for your help preparing our church for the Advent Season.

WELCOME...to those recently registered as parishioners: Doug and Rachel Trombley; Tanner and Samantha Rumbaugh; Adam and Kacey Stegman; and Brandi Simon with her two sons, Braeden and Quinlan. We feel blessed to have you as part of our Parish. May your involvement with us be a blessing for you as well. If you have not registered in St. Andrew Parish and would like to do so, please contact Father Bob and a visit will be arranged.

CHRISTMAS MASSES...will be 4:30pm on Christmas Eve and 9am on Christmas Day.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for November 22nd: \$2, 815.13 in envelopes; \$73.00 in loose; \$100.00 in electronic giving; \$20.00 for the annual Thanksgiving Collection. Continued blessings on our faithful stewards.

MINISTERS for 9:00am, Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2015

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Allen Morton

Lectors: Hattie Stein & Dave Strecker

Dismissal: Mindy Downey & Sr. Jan Roberts

Servers: Shyanne Theis & Elise Helfrich

Gifts: Stanley Kliesen

Communion: Sheila McCarty, Jean Downey, Mindy Stegman, Ray Theis, Elaine Slattery

Greeters: Sherry & Don Nau

Collection: Jim Burke & William Helfrich (*for December*)

Rosary: Ray Theis

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?

COMING SOON...a jubilee year of mercy, are you prepared? The Holy Father has designated that December 8th, 2015 through November 20th, 2016 be a year set apart where we focus our attention on God’s infinite mercy.

Indeed, every day we have access to the Father’s mercy through our Lord Jesus but in designating a Holy Year for Mercy, the Pope has discerned that there is a special time of grace for the Church and for the world. He wants the celebration of this Holy Year to be for all believers “a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God.”

Pope Francis wants the Church to reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during the Year of Mercy as “a way to reawaken our conscience.” He notes that they are the measure by which we can tell if we have been living as disciples of Christ.

The corporal works of mercy are the ways in which we are to be charitable to the bodily needs of our neighbors. The spiritual works of mercy are the ways in which we care for our neighbor’s spiritual needs. The Corporal Works of Mercy: ♦ Feed the hungry ♦ Give drink to the thirsty ♦ Clothe the naked ♦ Welcome the stranger ♦ Heal the sick ♦ Visit the imprisoned ♦ Bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy: ♦ Counsel the doubtful ♦ Instruct the ignorant ♦ Admonish sinners ♦ Comfort the afflicted ♦ Forgive offences ♦ Bear wrongs patiently ♦ Pray for the living and the dead.