

Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...December 6 ~ 13, 2015

Sunday	9:00am	Louise Downey
Tuesday	7:00pm	Bea Schaffer (Immaculate Conception – Holy Day)
Wednesday	8:00am	Larry Conrardy
Thursday	8:00am	Lynn Nelson
Friday	8:00am	Charles Helfrich
Sunday	9:00am	Special Intention

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.

2016 CALENDARS...were blest last Sunday. They are available by the west bulletin board in the vestibule of church. These calendars are provided by an anonymous benefactor for whom we are grateful.

WE WILL CELEBRATE...the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the conclusion of mass this morning. If you wish to be anointed or pray with those who do, please gather at the entrance of the sanctuary following mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY...meets 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 is 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.

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

RCIA GROUP...meets Thursday, December 10th, 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.

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.

THANK YOU...to all those who helped with the ice and snow around the parish grounds and to those who put the snow fences. Thank you.

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 29th: \$1,440.00 in envelopes; \$30.00 in loose; \$100.00 in electronic giving; \$952.00 for the annual Thanksgiving Collection. Thank you!

MINISTERS for 7:00pm, Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Hattie Stein

Lectors: Robert Askew & John Askew

Servers: Taige Kliesen & Jarrett Kliesen

Gifts: Irene Koechner

Communion: Maurice Bleumer, Greg Lix, Sara Smith, Jim Burke, & Josie Lix

Greeters: Roni & Dave Strecker

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

MINISTERS for 9:00am, Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2015

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Choir

Lectors: Alan Vogel & Chelsea Gleason

Dismissal: Maurice Bleumer & Regina Lix

Servers: Michael Theis & Logan Lix

Gifts: Lyle Kolbeck

Communion: Regina Lix, Diane Lix, Ken Stein, Hattie Stein, & Sr. Jan Roberts

Greeters: LaRae & Tim Slattery

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

Rosary: Mike Wagner **Fort Dodge Transportation:** Sr. Jan Roberts

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?

JUBILEE OF MERCY! 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.

During this year of mercy --- let us especially remember the Manna House, Friendship Feast, Catholic Charities Teen Moms.