

Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...December 13 ~ 20, 2015

Sunday	9:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Norbert & Clara Irsik
Thursday	8:00am	Bea Schaffer
Friday	9:00am	Special Intention [<i>Halsey Hall ~ Fort Dodge</i>]
Sunday	9:00am	Marilyn Grasser

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...blest on the 1st Sunday of Advent 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.

YOUTH...will shop for angel tree gifts today, Sunday, December 13th. Meet at Walmart at 6:30pm. Please bring a few dollars to donate to the cause. We will go for ice cream afterward! For further information, contact Sherry Askew, 682-5497, askewsem@hotmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSALS...in preparation for Christmas are today and next Sunday, 7pm, church. If you are interested in sharing your talent in this way, you are invited, please come!

K OF C...meets Monday, December 14th, 7:45pm, Parish Center.

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE...is Wednesday, December 16th, 7pm. Four Confessors will be available: Fr. John Forkuoh from Spearville, Fr. John Strasser from Kinsley/Offerle, Fr. Maurice Cummings from Jetmore/Hanston, and Fr. Bob. We will also celebrate first reconciliation for some of our young parishioners with this service. Other opportunities to celebrate Advent Reconciliation include today, 2pm at Offerle, 4pm at Spearville; Thursday, 7pm at Kinsley; next Sunday, 4pm and 7pm at Cathedral. Also, 8:30am Sundays; following weekday masses; upon request whenever possible; and always by appointment.

RCIA GROUP...meets Thursday, December 17th, 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.

COFFEE AND ROLLS...will be served in the Parish Center following Mass next Sunday. Also, St. Nick is scheduled to make his annual visit to St. Andrew's. Please plan on stopping by the Parish Center after mass for visiting, light refreshment, and to visit with St. Nick.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR...will move into our church next Sunday at the conclusion of Coffee and Rolls. All help will be welcome and appreciated!

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS...will be 9am.

QUO VADIS...is a retreat for single men (high school seniors through age 30) held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, beginning the evening of Jan. 1st and concluding Jan. 3rd at noon. During Christmas break, would you invest a little time to strengthen your connection with Jesus and think about where you're going? What does God want you to do with your life? There is no charge and transportation is provided by the Diocese. Register online by December 21st: <http://dcdioocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact Fr. Wesley Schawe, 227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION...will resume Wednesday, January 13th, 7pm, Parish Center. Religious Formation is for all ages. Everyone has something to learn and something to share

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS...is the focus of the upcoming Pastoral Ministry course. It will explore the Scriptures, Church teachings, and the human condition. Classes meet January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 5, 12, Saturday mornings 8:30am - 12noon, ITV Room Hennessey Hall, old St. Mary Campus. For more information contact Coleen Stein, 227-1538, cstein@dcdioocese.org. There are flyers on the east bulletin board in church. Remember that St. Andrew will pay for parishioners to take part in Pastoral Ministry Formation classes.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for December 6th: \$3,084.00 in envelopes; \$75.00 in loose; \$1,113.00 in electronic giving; \$70.00 for the annual Thanksgiving Collection; \$475.00 for Saint Bonaventure Mission and School. Thank you!

MINISTERS for 9:00am, Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2015

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Hattie Stein

Lectors: Maurice Bleumer & Marilyn Burke

Dismissal: Sara Smith & Ruth Morton

Servers: Clay Weil & Couy Weil

Gifts: Gerard Lix

Communion: Elaine Slattery, Ray Theis, Mindy Stegman, Sheila McCarty, & Diane Lix

Greeters: Blaine & Rita Venters

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

Rosary: Maurice Bleumer **Fort Dodge Transportation:** John 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!

Visit www.dcdioocese.org click “Jubilee of Mercy” tab, upper right corner, under the Cathedral.

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.

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: Giving food, drink, and clothing. Caring for the sick, the captive, and those in need of shelter. Burying the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy are the ways in which we care for our neighbor’s spiritual needs: Teaching those in need of education, knowledge, and experience. Assuring the doubtful, helping others build their confidence so they may be able to act with conviction. Humbly Cautioning sinners, perhaps mainly through our own good example. Bearing wrongs patiently, and forgiving offences willingly. Comforting the sorrowful. Praying for the living and the dead.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 ~ 7:00PM