

Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...December 27 ~ January 3, 2015

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| Sunday ~ Feast of the Holy Family | 9:00am | Bea Schaffer |
| Friday ~ New Year's Day | 9:00am | Charles Stallings |
| Sunday ~ Epiphany | 9:00am | Doris Salmans |

THANK YOU...to our Liturgy Commission, Sacristan Sr. Jan, and all who helped with our Christmas décor. There was great help last Sunday and through the week! Thanks also go to all those who in so many ways helped with our Christmas celebrations...even as they continue. Thank you!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY BAPTISM...for Emma Margaret, the infant daughter of Ben and Megan Peintner, today with our 9am mass, on this Feast of the Holy Family. We are happy to welcome Emma Margaret into the Body of Christ and to pledge our support to Ben & Megan in their mission as Christian parents. Let us keep them in a special way in our prayer.

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

MARK BRANTLEY...is a seminarian for our diocese. St. Andrew is one of his "sponsors". Mark will be with us for mass next Sunday on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 3rd.

BLESSING OF HOMES...is an Epiphany tradition. If you would wish to have your home blest this Epiphany, there is a sign-up sheet by the west bulletin board. There are one-hour slots but the rite is brief.

ALTAR SOCIETY...meets Monday, January 4th, 7pm, Parish Center. Hostesses are Dixie Kliesen and Ruth Morton. Mark your calendars, ladies -- Altar Society will host a ladies' card party on Sunday afternoon, January 24, 2016, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited.

CATEHCIST FORMATION...is Wednesday, January 6th, 6 – 9pm and repeated Saturday, January 9th, 9am – 12noon. Both at the ITV Room at Hennessey Hall, St. Mary campus. Use the west door. Father Gale Hammerschmidt will present "Ways the World Wounds". Open to all. Parents especially invited. No registration. No fee.

SAINT ANDREW SERVES FRIENDSHIP FEAST...Wednesday, January 6th. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the southeast corner of the church vestibule. We appreciate Blaine Venters and Rick Schaffer who have already signed up to represent us in this corporeal work of mercy. Friendship Feast provides a noon meal Monday through Friday for any who may need it. For further information, please contact Blaine Venters, blainerson@live.com, 225-5520.

RCIA GROUP...next meets 6:30pm, Thursday, January 7th, in the Worship Space at the Cathedral, 3231 N. 14th. For more information contact Coleen Stein, 227-1538, cstein@dcdioocese.org, or Sister Janice Grochowsky, 227-1527, jgrochowsky@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, St. Mary Campus. Contact Coleen Stein, 227-1538, cstein@dcdioocese.org. There are flyers on the east bulletin board in church. St. Andrew will pay for parishioners taking these classes.

STAND UP FOR LIFE...by being part of the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka, Friday, January 22nd. Take part in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally). For more information, visit www.dcdioocese.org, or contact Gayla Kirmer, 620-227-1525, gkirmer@dcdioocese.org.

IN JANUARY...8th, 9am Mass at Fort Dodge
...9th, 2pm, Julie Dirks and Brett Boatright Nuptial Mass
...10th, 9am, Rite of Welcome
...17th, 9am, Baptism of Quaid Michael Gleason
...19th, 6pm, Finance Council & 7pm, Pastoral Council
...29th, 6pm, Annual Couples Dinner

YOU ARE INVITED...by Spearville K of C Council to a New Year's Eve Dance, doors open 7pm, December 31st, St. John Parish Center, \$15/ couple or \$10/person. Bring your favorite finger food. Buckner Creek Band starts playing at 8:30pm.

WRIGHT K of C...are having their annual fund-raising raffle. The drawing will be January 31st in conjunction with the Annual Pitch Tournament. For tickets, contact Delbert Downey or Alan Vogel.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for December 20th: \$3,637.00 in envelopes; \$109.00 in loose; \$135.00 in electronic giving. May God continue to bless our faithful stewards who give generously and sacrificially.

MINISTERS for 9:00am, New Year's Day, January 1, 2016

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Sr. Jan Roberts

Lectors: Hattie Stein & Alan Vogel

Servers: Shyanne Theis & Elise Helfrich

Gifts: Steve Lutz

Communion: Mindy Stegman, Maurice Bleumer, Jim Burke, Jean Downey, & Greg Lix

Greeters: Betty Burkhart & Mary Tenbrink

Collection: Bob Durler & Dave Strecker (*for January*)

MINISTERS for 9:00am, Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2016

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Allen Morton

Lectors: Robert Askew & John Askew

Dismissal: Michael Phelps & Kathleen Lutz

Servers: Michaela Strecker & Brenna Strecker

Gifts: Joan Mages

Communion: Regina Lix, Josie, Lix, Sara Smith, Ken Stein, & Hattie Stein

Greeters: Jay & Kim Theis

Collection: Bob Durler & Dave Strecker (*for January*)

Rosary: Greg Lix

Fort Dodge Transportation: Pete & Rhonda Weil

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?

CONTINUED CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS...*of peace, comfort, and joy be yours throughout this Christmas Season. Again, this Christmas, I was blest in many ways and with gifts, cards, notes and other acts of kindness. All so very much appreciated...thank you!* ----- Father Bob