

Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...November 20 - 27, 2016

Today	9:00am	Charles Helfrich
Wednesday	8:00am	Barbara & Philip Lutz
Thursday	9:00am	Thanksgiving – Thanksgiving Day
Sunday	9:00am	Norbert & Clara Irsik

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.

ADVENT...will arrive next Sunday. Resources (especially for children and families) for the taking are on the table on the east side of the vestibule.

LECTORS...may pick up the “Lector Workbook” for the new Liturgical Year from the table in the room off the east side of the vestibule. Thank you for your committed service.

TODAY...with our 9am Mass we celebrate the Reign of Christ the Lord, the conclusion of another Church year and the end of the Special Year of Mercy.

2017 CALENDARS...will be blest as part of the final blessing of mass this morning. Please help yourself to the calendars following mass. We are again, this year, are grateful to our anonymous donor who year after year gives us this gift. Please pray for this donor and all our benefactors.

COFFEE AND ROLLS...will be served following mass today. Please plan to stop by the Parish Center following mass for refreshment and visiting.

YOUTH NERF FUN...6:30pm, today, Sunday, November 20th, Parish Center. Bring your own equipment. Some extra will be available. Ages 3rd grade and up. For information: Mindy Downey, 620-682-5439, msdowney@hotmail.com or Sherry Askew 620-682-5497, askewsem@hotmail.com.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION...does not meet this Wednesday. We will meet next on Wednesday, November 30th. We will gather with all ages at 6:30pm, in the Parish Center. We begin with a meal and then gather in age groups. We will conclude at 8:00pm. Child care is provided. The meal on the November 30th will be provided by the Liturgy Commission. We all have something to learn and something to share. You are invited!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS...9am, November 24th. Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

ADVENT MOVES INTO OUR CHURCH...Saturday, November 26th, 10am. You are invited to help with the advent wreaths and other elements of the advent décor. We will also need to change out the Today’s Missals and replace the Music Issues with the ones for 2017. All help is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT BEGINS...Next Sunday and a new Church year begins. As in the past, we will begin each Advent Sunday Eucharist by processing with an Advent Candle to our advent wreath. If you would want to be part of one of these processions, please let Fr. Bob know.

Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship + Formed by the Word + Generous in Service

ST ANDREW SERVES FRIENDSHIP FEAST... Wednesday, December 7th. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the southeast corner of the church vestibule. Friendship Feast provides a noon meal Monday – Friday at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Dodge City. St. Andrew serves the prepared meal on the first Wednesday of each month. More information: Blaine Venters: 225-5520, blainerson@live.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for November 13th: \$3,250.00 in envelopes; \$94.00 in loose; \$440.00 in electronic giving. Thank you!

VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL...thermometer continues to raise. Thank you to all who are making pledges and donations. Parish Team members are making visits and so will be making phone calls. If you did not receive a pledge card or misplaced yours, cards are available in the basket by the west bulletin board in the vestibule of church. Completed cards with pledge and any donation may be returned to Vibrant Ministries, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801 or placed in an envelop marked VMA and returned through the Sunday Offering. These envelopes will be sent unopened to Vibrant Ministries. Thanks goes to our Parish Team members for their time and effort.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Mass for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation – 7pm, Wednesday, December 7th
Advent Parish Reconciliation Service with 4 confessors – 7pm, Wednesday, December 14th
Prepare church for Christmas – 5:30pm, Wednesday, December 21st

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for 9:00am, Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Choir

Lectors: Logan Lix & Ken Stein

Servers: Shyanne Theis & Elise Helfrich

Gifts: Mark & Shannon Davis Family

Communion: Sara Smith, Regina Lix, Josie Lix, Hattie Stein, Sr. Jan Roberts

Greeters: Jenna Powers & Lana Dirks

Collection: Giles Issinghoff & Kevin Tieben (*for November*)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for 9:00am, First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Choir

Lectors: Michael Phelps & Sr. Jan Roberts

Servers: Michael Theis & Logan Lix

Gifts: Mike & Inez Demuth

Communion: Elaine Slattery, Sheila McCarty, Maurice Bleumer, Lynn Buehne, Jim Burke

Greeters: Sue & Jim Groth

Collection: Giles Issinghoff & Kevin Tieben (*for November*)

Rosary: Delbert Downey Fort Dodge Transportation: Pat Friess

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

**Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice that fills our nation.**

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land.

**We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.**

We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

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?



Pope Francis said that he called the special Jubilee of Mercy because “the world being riddled with such violence, that in the face of such violence, we as Christians need to confront it with mercy and with love.” After the Jubilee Year of Mercy is over, don’t forget that we are all still called to be merciful. Pope Francis wrote that, “Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.”

The basic way to be merciful is to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead and counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead

We can pray the Our Father every day. That prayer with its words, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” reminds us to open our hearts to receive mercy and to extend mercy.

We can receive mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Another way to experience God’s mercy is through regularly praying “the Jesus Prayer”: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

We remember we are a section in the pipeline of God’s mercy, with a valve at each end. The abundant supply will never end. The question is whether we will keep those valves open for inflow and outflow. Will we keep ourselves open to receiving the mercy of God, and will we continue to pass it on?

SAINT ANDREW’S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION...



Our Annual Thanksgiving Collection has a history. For a number of years St. Andrew, celebrated Thanksgiving Day as a community event and a fundraiser. This meant a great deal of work...a thanksgiving turkey meal...games for all...a dance. According to all accounts, it was very successful year after year. It was eventually decided that instead of all the work on Thanksgiving Day, each family would give a certain amount. The amount was eventually set at \$45.00. The collection was and has been split between the general parish account and the Altar Society. There is an envelope for the Annual Thanksgiving Collection is your packet of offering envelopes. If you did not receive one or misplaced it, please just mark an envelope: Thanksgiving Collection.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE...

Sunday, November 20th, 6pm, First Assembly of God, 2301, N. 14th Avenue, Dodge City. Sponsored by the Dodge City Ministerial Alliance.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST & FELLOWSHIP...

You are invited. It is free! Thursday, November 24th, 11:00am – 2pm, National Guard Armory, 2120 First Avenue, Dodge City. Sponsored by the Dodge City Ministerial Alliance, Churches, Businesses, and Individuals. Happy Thanksgiving.