

Saint Andrew Parish

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS...November 27 – December 4, 2016

Today	9:00am	Norbert & Clara Irsik
Wednesday	8:00am	Lynn Nelson
Thursday	8:00am	Mike Lix
Friday	9:00am	Special Intentions [Halsey Hall ~ Fort Dodge]
Sunday	9:00am	Bob Slattery

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. We thank Mandy Phelps for seeing that our contributions from the vestibule basket to Manna House.

ADVENT... begins today. 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.

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.

2017 CALENDARS... were blest at mass last Sunday. You will find the calendars in the basket by the west bulletin board in the vestibule of church. We 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.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION... meets this **Wednesday, November 30th, 6:30pm**. We will gather with all ages at 6:30pm, in the Parish Center. We begin with a meal; we pray; 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!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS... Monday, December 5th, 7pm, in the Parish Center. The hostesses are Barbara Durler and Julie Durler. The Altar Society will be collecting a donation to be given to the Fort Dodge Residents Fund rather than having a gift exchange. All ladies of the Parish are members of the Altar Society and are invited and welcome to participate in this monthly meeting.

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.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION... is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be 7pm, Wednesday, December 7th. Our Blessed Mother is the Patroness of the USA under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This would be a good time to join the Blessed Mother in praying for our nation.

VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL PARISH TEAM ... will meet in the Rectory after mass on December 8th.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION... is available throughout Advent: 8:30am Sunday; following weekday masses; with the Parish Reconciliation Service with 4 confessors, 7pm, Wednesday, December 14th; also upon request whenever possible; and always by appointment by calling Fr. Bob, 227-3363.

THANK YOU...to all those who made the Fall Social such a good event. Appreciate all who planned and worked the Social and all those who came and participated. Thank you to Doug and Rachel Trombley, Sister Jan Roberts, Kim Theis, Kirsten Theis, Sister Janice Grochowsky, and Sara Smith for preparing our church for the Advent Season. Thank you Mary Tenbrink, and all who helped her, care for the flowers and plants in front of church.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & CELEBRATION OF LIFE TREE...is Tuesday, December 6th, 7pm, Hospice of the Prairie, 200 Fourth Circle, Dodge City. The Service is non-denominational and spiritually based celebration of those special people who are no longer with us. Please RSVP by December 5th to 227-7209.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT...for November 20th: \$2,340.00 in envelopes; \$109.00 in loose; \$155.00 in electronic giving; \$5.00 to Saint Bonaventure Mission & School; \$75.00 for the Annual Thanksgiving Collection. \$1,025 was received from the Fall Social. Thank you!

VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL...thermometer continues to raise. We are at the 75% mark of reaching our goal of \$221,745. Thank you to all who are making pledges and donations. Parish Team members are making visits and soon 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. Need help completing your pledge card? Go to www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries and follow along with the tutorial. Thanks goes to our Parish Team members and all who are helping them for their time and effort.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Advent Parish Reconciliation Service with 4 confessors – 7pm, Wednesday, December 14th
Prepare church for Christmas – 5:30pm, Wednesday, December 21st
Christmas Eve Mass – 5pm, Saturday, December 24th.
Christmas Day Mass – 9am, Sunday, December 25th.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS for 9:00am, Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016

Music Ministry: Sr. Janice Grochowsky & Rachel Trombley

Lectors: Hattie Stein & Dave Strecker

Servers: Alexandria Phelps & Audrey Phelps

Gifts: Julie & Brett Boatright

Communion: Ray Theis, Greg Lix, Diane Lix, Regina Lix, & Sara Smith

Greeters: Sherry & Don Nau

Collection: Frank Morton & Doug Trombley (*for December*)

Rosary: Greg Lix

Fort Dodge Transportation: Gary Stein

Prayer -- First Week of Advent

Eternal life is in him, and this life gives light to all people. His life is the light that shines through the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it. [John 1:4-5]



Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
where there is darkness
of violence, hatred, injustice, neglect
may we allow your light to shine through us.

Light one candle on the wreath.