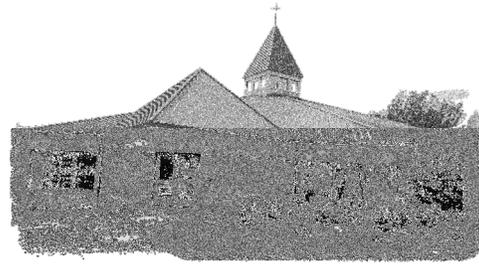


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February 10, 2019

Mass times are Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.
 We celebrate the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time this weekend.

**This month's June Urmie Church Ladies Lunch will be held
 Monday, February 11th, at Cracker Barrel Restaurant
 300 Jason Way Court, Davenport.
 All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.**



Weekend Ministries for February 16 & 17, 2019		
	<i>4:30 PM</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Mass Intention</i>	Timothy Robert Motto	People of St. Andrew Parish
<i>Greeters</i>	Jim & Bobbi Goodin	Manning Family
<i>Announcer</i>	Jim Fries	Morey Pranger
<i>Lectors</i>	Bill Talken / Shirley Schmidt	Janet Friederichs / Sandra Frericks
<i>Ushers</i>	Kathy & Shay Elliott	Schadel Family
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Caldwell Family	Tina Gipple / Helen Paul
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jay & Judy Matlock	Yvonne Friedrichsen / Rebecca Escalante
<i>Hospitality</i>	Jeanne Ferring / Candy Harlan	Kris & Chad Burt
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Matt Carlson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Abby Ratermann / Volunteer	Ethan & Zach Hausch
<i>Homily Recorder</i>	Jim Crossen	

Prayer Corner

THE LOVE PRAYER



*Today I remove all boundaries and walls,
Once used as a means of defense,
I forgive those things from the darkened past,
That in love's divine realm make no spiritual sense.*

*Releasing all worries, all burdens and doubt,
I bring light to the shadows of fear.
By centering myself with a loving thought,
Harsh judgments I no longer hear.*

*The greatest experience that life has to give,
Is love from an open heart,
For it moves me to appreciate all there is,
And I'm one with it all, not apart.*

*It's love that brings me closer to God,
And leads me according to God's way,
Love's light warms my spirit, it nurtures my soul,
And assures me everything is okay.*

*I am one with God and never apart,
As I live this day with an open heart.*



Lord our God, help us find the path that we may walk with confidence because you are our Father. Banish all thoughts that try to depress us. Let your Spirit drive them away. May our hearts become quiet before you, because you, the Almighty, guide everything for the good of people on earth. Everything will lead to thanksgiving, to your praise and glory. Be with us at all times, day and night. May our hearts always exult afresh, rejoicing in you, our God and our Savior. Amen.



All parishioners are invited to this year's **Sweetheart Dinner**, sponsored by Mary's Angels and to be held on Saturday, February 16th in the Church hall. Appetizers will be served at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost is \$15.00 per person and \$30.00 per couple.

Feel free to invite your friends and relatives. Singles are welcome!



Collections for the Month of December, 2018
We have 286 families registered as active members.

<u>Envelopes</u>	\$24,905.00
<u>Offertory (Cash)</u>	1,427.29
<u>Electronic Giving from 16 Families</u>	2,777.00
<u>Total Collected for the month is</u>	\$29,109.29
<u>Our monthly budget requirement for 2018/19 is</u>	\$15,866.00

If you need envelopes or want to consider electronic giving, see Deacon Terry.
Thank you for your generosity!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.



The St. Andrew Knights of Columbus meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the parish center. If interested in joining the Knights, contact Chris Rubley at (563) 594-9851 or Jay Matlock at (563) 381-1028. Our next meeting is Monday, Feb. 11th at 7:00 pm.

Fraternal Benefits Seminar

Open to all Parishioners, you are cordially invited to attend a "Fraternal Benefits Seminar" after 9am Mass on Sunday, February 17th in the Parish Center. Please come enjoy refreshments and learn about valuable information on fraternal and financial benefits available to members of the Knights of Columbus. Life Insurance, Disability Income Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance and Retirement Accounts are each an important piece of a complete retirement plan. Breakfast Pizza will be served!!

This seminar is sponsored by our local Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent, Jim Brockert.



Meeting

The Finance Council will meet on Tues., Feb. 12 at 7:00 pm.

The Worship & Prayer Committee will meet on Wed., Feb. 13 at 6:00 pm.

From Your PLC's Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon finally obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created a lot out of little, just as He did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through our example and the positive influence of our lives.

Blessings, Deacon Terry

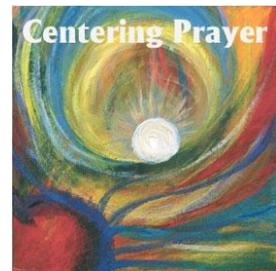


Centering Prayer

Feeling overwhelmed in the midst of our busy and chaotic lives? Centering Prayer may have an answer for you. Centering Prayer is a shift from striving and achieving to surrendering to grace and wisdom. Centering Prayer has deep roots in Christianity and allows us to fulfill our human desire that leads to oneness with God.

A Centering Prayer Group meets at St. Andrew
every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information call Joan Timmons at (563) 271-0502



Check out our Facebook Page! You are invited to use the Parish Facebook page to post items of interest to our parish community, photos of life events such as baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, etc. Anything that will further enrich our faith community and let others know what a welcoming and friendly parish we have. **Be sure to "Like" us!** Here is the link to the St. Andrew Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Andrew-Church-111666438870042/>



Religious Education Corner

Here is what is going on for Religious Education for February:

February 10th – Class

February 17th – NO CLASS

February 24th – {2nd grade class mass prep.}

March 2nd – 2nd grade 1st communion retreat & 2nd grade class mass @ 4:30pm.

Please contact Phyllis Avesing, phone 381-1363, e-mail: bluegrassstandrewdre@diodav.org if you have questions.



What did the stamp say to the envelope
on Valentine's Day?

Ans: "I'm stuck on you!"



Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide **Marriage Encounter Weekend**? They found something worth passing on. Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today!

Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jljwwme08@gmail.com



Cinderella's Cellar Resale Shop: You can't tell by the weather outside that spring is coming but it is coming to Cinderella's Cellar Resale Shop starting with 50% off all merchandise, excluding furniture, Feb. 9-21. The big \$6.00 Bag Sale is Feb. 23, 25 and 26. The shop will be closed Feb. 27-March 1. It will reopen with all new fresh spring merchandise on March 2. Be first in line at 230 W. 35th Street, Davenport! Hours are Mon., Tues., Thur. 9-4 and Sat. 9-12:30.



Commitment is essential to the life of the parish! You can make sure you never miss your **Offertory Donation** – consider **Electronic Giving** through your checking or savings. It's easy and a big help to the parish! See Deacon Terry for details.

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BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER/ST. MARY MONASTERY, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, retreats@smmsisters.org or online at <http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs> to register for programs mentioned below.

Compassion to Others Retreat – a 24-Hour Retreat: Fri. Mar. 1 (Arrival: 4:30 pm; Soup Supper (optional) 5:30 pm; Retreat Opening: 7:30 pm)-Sat. Mar. 2, 5 pm;

Break-A-Way: Day of Prayer and Quiet: Wed. Mar. 6, 9 am-4 pm;

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays weekly: Mar. 6, 13, 20 and 27; 1-2:30 pm;

Portrait of a Radical: The Jesus Movement:

Thursday evenings: Mar. 7, 14, and 21; 9:30-11 am;

The Word Among Us: Mondays, Mar. 11 and 25; 1-2:30 **at St. Mary Monastery;**

Taizé Prayer: Thurs. Mar. 14; 6:30-7:30 pm;

Encountering the Sacred Through Lectio Divina: Tues. Mar. 19; 10 am-2 pm;

Drumming Circle: Fri. Mar. 22, 6:15-8:15 pm;

Working with the Sacred Medicine Wheel: Sat. Mar. 23, 9 am-3 pm;



Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat where all are welcome for prayer, spiritual renewal, solitude, conferences and meetings. *2664 145th Avenue - Wheatland, Iowa 52777*

- For more info and to register: 563-336-8414/olpretreat@gmail.com / www.chmiowa.org
- All programs include a delicious homemade meal

will be another two-hour quiet time. The day ends with a short sharing session Fee \$20

Tues, February 12 | 9:30am-3:30pm Come to the Quiet: The Way of Suffering *Pat Shea*
When faced with our own or another's suffering you might try to get rid of it—fight it off. The way of spiritual wholeness invites us to consider another approach filled with mystery and insights that come when we embrace the graces of our vulnerability. The day begins with a short reflection followed by a two-hour quiet time to use as you choose. After lunch will be another two-hour quiet time. The day ends with a short sharing session **Fee \$20**

Sat, March 2 | 9:00am-3:30pm Peacemaking and Active Nonviolence in a Hurting World

Sr. Kathy Sadler, OSF Fee \$20

How can we bring peace to this violent and broken world?