

# St. Andrew Parish

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**May 12, 2019**

Mass times are Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.

We celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter this weekend.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 13108, thank you very much for your money, food, and non-food items to exceed our goal for the 40 cans for 40 days. The Buffalo Food Pantry is very grateful to all of you.  
 God Bless you all,  
 Dave Evans  
 Community Director



<b>Weekend Ministries for May 18 &amp; 19, 2019</b>		
	<i>4:30 PM</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Mass Intention</i>	Vera Carlin	People of St. Andrew Parish
<i>Greeters</i>	Anakin Lance / Bill Talken	Doug Haiston Family
<i>Announcer</i>	Mary Nelson	Ray Harre
<i>Lectors</i>	Megan Kocal / Andrea Caldwell	Danielle Blake / Angie Morrison
<i>Ushers</i>	Phyllis Avesing / Brenda Todd	Al & Deb Ehrecke
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Lynn & Chris Rubley	Chris Hausch Family
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Barb Reiland / Bonnie Strong	Judy Freeman / Sandra Frericks
<i>Hospitality</i>	Remley Family	Al & Vicki Seddon
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Tim Munger	Vince Motto
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Evan & Ethan Bedeian

## Prayer Corner

### Mother's Day Prayer

God our Creator, we pray:  
for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;  
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;  
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;  
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;  
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;  
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;  
for those who have children they do not want;  
for those who raise children on their own;  
for those who have lost a child;  
for those who care for the children of others;  
for those whose children have left home;  
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.  
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,  
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,  
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.  
Amen.



“I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England.” ~ *John Wesley*

“Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.” ~ *Billy Graham*

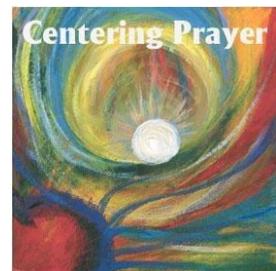
“There’s no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.”  
~ *Jill Churchill*



### 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



**Collections for the Month of March, 2019**  
We have 282 families registered as active members.

<u>Envelopes</u>	\$24,011.00
<u>Offertory (Cash)</u>	1,138.40
<u>Electronic Giving from 16 Families</u>	2,712.00
<u>_____ Total Collected for the month is</u>	<b>\$27,861.40</b>
<b><u>Our monthly budget requirement for 2018/19 is</u></b>	<b>\$15,866.00</b>

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

**As you plan your vacations this summer we hope you have a safe and fun time and trouble free travels! Please keep in mind that the parish never goes on vacation and your weekly tithes is essential in keeping the church and property operating all year round!**



Called to *Serve*

**We need Mass Servers! If your son or daughter would like to serve at Mass, please contact Deacon Terry or Deacon Dan!**

**Graduates!** If you have a son or daughter who are graduating from High School/College/Tech School, etc., we want to recognize them at Mass on the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please contact Deacon Terry so that he can schedule it.



**Happy Mother's Day!**  
Fr. Bud will have a special blessing for all women at the Masses this weekend!

**Riddle**

We dwell in cottages of straw,  
And labor much for little gains;  
Sweet food from us our masters draw,  
And then with death reward our pains.



Ans.: A Bee Hive

## From Your PLC's Corner

Today is officially the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter but also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel tell of Jesus saying; "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me..."

There is an old story that I really like that I am quoting below:

**"I know the Psalm but he knows the Shepherd:"** Years ago the great actor Richard Burton was given a grand reception in his childhood parish. While replying to the complimentary speeches in the parish auditorium he asked if there was anything they specially wanted to hear from him. After a minute's pause his old pastor asked him if he could recite the Good Shepherd Psalm, psalm 23 which he taught Burton in his Sunday school. A strange look came over the actor's face. He paused for a moment, and then said, 'I will, on one condition – that after I have recited it, you, my pastor and teacher will do the same.' "I," said the old and retired pastor "I am not an actor, but, if you wish it, I shall do so." Impressively the actor began the Psalm. His voice and intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound, and, as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the audience. As it died away, the old pastor rose from his wheel chair and began to recite the same Psalm. His voice was feeble and shivering and his tone was not faultless. But, when he finished, there was not a dry eye in the room. The actor rose and his voice quivered as he said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I reached your eyes and ears, but my old pastor has reached your hearts. The difference is just this: I know the Psalm but he knows the Shepherd.'

This Good Shepherd Sunday Jesus wants us to know him by experiencing him and become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care.

Easter Blessings,  
Deacon Terry

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### Welcome New Parishioners!



If you have been attending and want to join our parish or want more information about us, please fill out a small white form available from the bulletin board in the gathering space. You may drop it in the collection basket or give it to Deacon Terry or any clergy. We want you to be a part of our family!

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**Fr. Bud's Holy Week homilies are all on the parish web site!** If you would like to hear the Triduum messages in entirety go to: [www.StAndrewBlueGrass.org](http://www.StAndrewBlueGrass.org)

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Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!



## Religious Education Corner

**We need different types of volunteers to help with Religious Ed in the fall.**

Please contact me right away as we need to discuss ways to make the new school year better than before. We are always looking at new ways to engage our students and get them active in their faith.

The time it takes to plan and help teachers with lesson plans all can be done over the summer months and then we'll be ready for class without scrambling around at the last minute to decide what we are going to do. I'd like to not have to combine classes because it's harder on all involved. A lot of our previous teachers taught while their children attended classes and this worked well because they have to bring their children here for class and pick-up anyway. What a great opportunity to help and share your faith! If you have any questions please feel free to come and talk with me.

**HELP!!!!** We need empty paper towel rolls and toilet tissue rolls for VBS. Also, we will need volunteers to help in the kitchen, crafts, etc.



Please contact Phyllis Avesing for more information: phone 381-1363, e-mail: [bluegrassstandrewdre@diodav.org](mailto:bluegrassstandrewdre@diodav.org)



### 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](mailto: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 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, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**



On Mother's Day Weekend, Birthright honors all mothers. You can do something amazing today. Volunteer at Birthright and make a difference in our community by empowering women to choose life. Call Birthright at (563) 324-5261 and get involved.



## Benet House Retreat Center

309-283-2108 | [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org)

[www.smmsisters.org/retreats](http://www.smmsisters.org/retreats)

2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL 61201

Honoring Grief, Intending to Heal: Grief Support Companion Training, May 14 & 15, 8am - 4pm

Grieving through the Seasons: Day Long Spiritual Retreat for the Bereaved, May 17 or 18, 2019

**Calling all Catholic Men!** You are invited to attend Called to Virtue: A Catholic Men's Conference. We live in a world that feeds on emotion. If it feels good, it must be right. We're taught to value tolerance above all else, and to measure our value in the number of "likes" we receive. So how does a Catholic man stand tall in a world that says that masculinity is toxic? Join us Saturday, May 18, from 8:00am-12:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Bettendorf, for a morning of challenging and inspiring talks, featuring Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Deacon Chris Kabat, and Dr. Michael Havercamp. The day will also include adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for Confession. There is no charge for this event, but pre-registration is required.

Visit [www.lourdescatholic.com](http://www.lourdescatholic.com) to sign up.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



**Roar into the fun at VBS!**

WE are looking for volunteers for this years VBS. Please contact Phyllis Avesing at 563-381-1363 for more information.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
June 24 - 28  
9:00 am to Noon

**ROAR!**  
Life is wild - God is good

The Newman Catholic Student Center at The University of Iowa is sponsoring a **10-day tour of the Holy Land - March 17-26, 2020**. Tour hosts will be Fr. Jeff Belger and Newman Center rep, April Rouser. The full tour itinerary can be viewed at [www.iowacatholic.org](http://www.iowacatholic.org). Cost is \$4059 per person from Chicago (other departure cities available). A charter bus will take travelers to/from O'Hare from Iowa City. Price includes RT air, first class accommodations, most meals, professional tour director, sightseeing entrance fees, optional daily Mass and more. Contact April Rouser at [april@newman-ic.org](mailto:april@newman-ic.org) or 319-337-3106 Ext. 119 for more information or a registration brochure.

