

# St. Andrew Parish

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## September 8, 2019

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

We celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time this weekend.



Knights of Columbus-Monday., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Service-Wed., Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Churches United Dinner-Fri., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>-Prep beginning at 5:00 p.m.

<b>Weekend Ministries for September 14/15, 2019</b>		
	<i>4:30 PM</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>Mass Intention</i>	Patrick McGough/Jimmy Minton	People of St. Andrew Parish
<i>Greeters</i>	Bob Brus / Wendy Schnack	Teresa Manning Family
<i>Announcer</i>	Mary Nelson	Ray Harre
<i>Lectors</i>	Megan Kocal / Bonnie Strong	Angie Morrison / Judy Freeman
<i>Ushers</i>	Bill Talken / Brenda Todd	Deb & Al Ehrecke
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Caldwell Family	Danielle Blake Family
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Shirley Schmidt / Andrea Caldwell	Yvonne Friedrichsen / Morey Pranger
<i>Hospitality</i>	Shay & Kathy Elliott	Mark & Dawn Thomson
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Matt Carlson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Phyllis Avesing / Volunteer	Brady Blake / Caden Schaeffer

**We don't change God's message – His message changes us.**

## Prayer Corner

Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion? Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." *Psalm 77:9-12*



Lord God, our Father in heaven, we turn to you in these times when we are under so much stress and temptation. Let your light glow in our hearts to give us firmness, patience, and perseverance throughout the time of testing, no matter how long it lasts. Your hand can change everything. Your hand can shorten the time we must wait until your light shines out of the darkness of death and evil, until your light reveals your life to your children and to the whole world. You are our God and Father as you have promised, and remaining at your side, we look to you in faith and trust. You will bring about goodness, justice, and mercy as you have promised, and so fulfill your will. Amen.



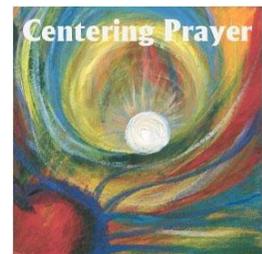
### A Prayer for Employment

You govern your creation, O God,  
and bring it to perfection by the work of our hands.  
Hear the prayers of your people who ask for work  
that will enhance their human dignity  
and promote the upbuilding of your kingdom.  
Enable them to provide for those confided to their care  
either by family ties or by charity we owe to one another  
for the betterment of human life.  
We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus  
who laboured with his own hands while he lived on earth.  
Amen.



### 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 July, 2019

We have 281 families registered as active members.

<u>Envelopes</u>	\$11,902.00
<u>Offertory (Cash)</u>	1061.00
<u>Electronic Giving from 17 Families</u>	2,777.00
<u>Total Collected for the month is</u>	<b>\$15,740.00</b>
<b><u>Our monthly budget requirement for 2018/19 is</u></b>	<b>\$15,866.00</b>

## 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.

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Upcoming Dates: November 1-3 @ Coralville. For information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305).



## Called and Gifted

Discover God's call for your life! This ten-week course is the game-changer you have been looking for: learn about your charisms (special gifts); discover your purpose; and gain personal clarity on how you can use your gifts to transform your personal life and support your community.

The next session will be held at St. John Vianney on Monday nights from 6:30-9:00pm, September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7. After these first five classes, participants will have a personal interview and then meet again October 21, November 4, 18, December 2, and conclude on December 9. Cost is \$45.

## From Your PLC's Corner

The readings today encourage us to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship. And, we are encouraged to do it with courage, commitment and to also practice it.

How can we accept the challenge of Christian discipleship?

Several ways:

1. By daily recharging our spiritual batteries through prayer and by listening to Him through the meditative reading & study of the Bible.
2. By sharing in God's life through the frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic by attending Mass.
3. By practicing the spirit of detachment and renunciation from evil habits (lead us NOT into temptation!)
4. By giving our time, talents, and resources generously for the Lord's work in our parish community relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
5. By loving all God's children, especially the less fortunate ones through humble and selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness and service.
6. By showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, like fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice in profession.

Using the two parables in today's gospel from Luke of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says: think long and hard about Christian discipleship before a decision is made.

Deacon Terry



We will be serving the Churches United Meal on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving chicken this month, so no ground beef is needed. We will need desserts, cooks, servers, someone to transport the food and someone to clean up.

Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area.

Thanks for all your help.



### **Religious Education Corner**

I would like to ask for families to sign up for the donations of the "Blessings Bags". This is a service project for the middle school children grades 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for hours for Confirmation. I realize that this is a down year for Confirmation, but we still have service hours to get in for them. We will be collecting a lot of things for the "Blessing Bags". I will have a number of sign-up sheets and you can pick up what your family would like to donate. For example: adult tube socks, toothbrushes, soap, etc. I will have the children sort the items and we will pack and deliver them before the weather gets too cold. These "Blessing Bags" will be delivered to as many homeless shelters as we have material for them.

**Welcome back to Religious Education. Class will go until 11:30 a.m. this year. Anyone who wants to still register their children, you can! Contact Phyliss Avesing at 563-381-1363 or at [bluegrasstandrewdre@diodav.org](mailto:bluegrasstandrewdre@diodav.org) at the church's website.**



### **From the RCIA Corner**

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to our RCIA Inquiry sessions, which will begin when you are ready. Are you searching for answers to questions about the Roman Catholic Religion? Are you ready to look into the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church? Do you want to have your

questions answered? Please join us and ask your questions. We will make every attempt to answer them to the best of our ability.

If you know somebody that has questions about the Catholic faith, let us know and we will contact them and invite them to attend the Inquiry sessions. Please speak to Fr. Bud, Deacon Terry, Deacon Dan or Shirley Schmidt and they will be happy to talk to the person or persons that you think might be interested in the Catholic faith. Watch the bulletin for more information.

## Our Lady of the Prairie

2664 145- Avenue - Wheatland, Iowa 52777

- To register contact: **563-336-8414** or [olpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com)
- To learn more about Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat visit [www.chmiowa.org](http://www.chmiowa.org)
- All programs include a delicious homemade meal prepared with local and organic ingredients.

**Check the Parish Bulletin Board and also Handouts on the back table for list of retreats available.**

## Retreat



**The St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Council #13108 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.**

**All Men of the Parish are welcome to attend our meetings.**

**The next meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Parish Center. We will resume meeting on the second Monday in September.**



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 or back table in the gathering space. You may drop it in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Bud or a Deacon.



## Movie and Review – Adult Sessions

Join us on Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 pm to approx. 5:30 pm in the Parish Center for a movie, followed by a discussion. The movie chosen for this first *Movie and Review* is “**Unplanned**” and is based on a true story. Refreshments will be served.

‘As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abby Johnson was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.’

Contact Deacon Terry for any questions. (Rated: R for some disturbing/bloody images)

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**This month's June Urmie Church Ladies' Lunch will be on Monday, Sept. 9 at Jersey Grille (5255 Jersey Ridge Road) at 11:30. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join!**