

St. Andrew Parish

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March 8, 2020

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

We celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent this weekend.

This month's **June Urmie Church Ladies Lunch** will be held on **Monday, March 9, at 11:30 AM.**

We will meet at Cracker Barrel Restaurant, 300 Jason Way Ct, Davenport

All ladies of the parish are welcome. We hope you will be able to join us!



Weekend Ministries for March 14/15, 2020		
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
<i>Mass Intention</i>	Evelyn Krebs	People of St. Andrew Parish
<i>Greeters</i>	Andrew & Maria Green	Teresa Manning Family
<i>Announcer</i>	Jan Hill	Ray Harre
<i>Lectors</i>	Nancy Engler / Andrea Caldwell	Danielle Blake / Kenneth Berg
<i>Ushers</i>	Bill Talken / Lynn Rubley	Doug Haiston Family
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Smith Family	Pat & Tessa Dierckx
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Megan Kocal / Bonnie Strong	Yvonne Friedrichsen / Rebecca Escalante
<i>Hospitality</i>	Dennis Heiar & Helen Crafts	Mary & Larry Lucas
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Matt Carlson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Ashley Smith	Zane and Zara Fellman

The fact that there's a Highway to Hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers!

March 8 – International Women’s Day

We are those valiant women, giving leadership in our homes,
contributing to our community, working for change at all levels of society,
crying for justice and mercy, living the Gospel,
understanding theology, practicing our faith, remaining true to the Word.

Let us go forth then, O Living and Loving God,
Let us go forth in the power of Your Presence deep in our hearts,
and the power of your presence overflowing in our communities,
Let us go forth confirmed and strengthened in our vision
Let us go forth named in Hope and Love, and sustained in these challenging times.
Let us go forth as valiant women of justice and peace.
Amen



Lord Jesus, we bow before you, before you to whom all power is given. We will love you, O Lord. We will treasure you. Your thoughts shall be our thoughts, that we may learn how you are named in heaven, on earth, and below the earth. Watch over us and be with us until you can come, until the time is fulfilled when you will appear among us and establish God’s kingdom. Then the whole world will rejoice and all people will bend their knees before you, the one Lord and Savior. Amen.

Thank you to all those in the parish who helped with the James Weintraut funeral. "We were very grateful for having St. Andrew Parish’s support during our grieving family’s time of need." A very special thanks to those who helped with the liturgy, to Mary’s Angels for the luncheon, and all who helped with flowers and set-up and clean-up. The extra care put into meeting special dietary needs for the family at the luncheon was greatly appreciated.

Valerie Marin and the Weintraut Family

Collections for the Month of January, 2019	
We have 273 families registered as active members.	
Envelopes	\$20,875.00
Offertory (Cash)	752.06
Electronic Giving from 18 Families	2,262.00
Total Collected for the month is	\$23,889.06
<i>Our monthly budget requirement for 2019/20 is</i>	\$20,107.00

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

WE WILL BE SERVING THE CHURCHES UNITED MEAL
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH.
SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR FOOD AND WORKERS ARE IN THE GATHERING AREA.
PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.



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, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

The Knights of Columbus is holding a food drive during Lent. The Knights will be accepting Non-perishable food items and/or cash donations.

Your donations will help benefit the Buffalo Food Pantry.

The collection box for food and monetary donations is located at the back of Church. Our goal for this year is to collect 1320 pounds of food. **PLEASE! No Outdated Food!**

You can track our progress on our GOAL Thermometer located near the donation box.



God's Simple Path: A Women's Retreat

Join women from across the diocese for a retreat on Saturday, April 18th from 9AM - 3PM at Holy Trinity, Richmond. Come explore how the stones of St. Mother Teresa's "Simple Path" help us to love, serve and respect our Lord and our fellow human beings. This will be a day filled with Scripture, story, song, prayer and action. Cost is \$30/person until March 29th and \$40/person until April 13th. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/adult-retreat> or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244 or hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org).

From Wild Men to Wise Men: A Men's Retreat

Join men from across the diocese for a retreat on Saturday, April 25th from 9AM - 3PM at St. Mary, Solon. Based on the principle that freedom is found, not in being wild, but in being wise, this is a day for discovering what is needed to truly be wise men and experience real freedom – in life, in faith and in relationships. Cost is \$30/person until April 5th and \$40/person until April 20th. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/adult-retreat> or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244 or hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org).

From Your PLC's Corner

As we know, Lent is a time of growth and transformation in the Church. Actually, the word "Lent" means spring. It is a time for us to weed and water the garden of our soul. While the weather outside lately has been giving us some promises of spring, inwardly, we can put our souls totally into a mode of springtime. This is the time before Easter that we all need to begin to grow in holiness. In order for Lent to lead us to new growth in holiness, we need to detach ourselves from sin and be attached to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The great spiritual writer, Anthony De Mellow tells the story of the transfiguration of the prayer life of an old man. 'I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: "Lord, give me the grace to change the world." As I approached middle age and realized that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: "Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied." Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: "Lord, give me the grace to change myself." If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life.'

Blessings, Deacon Terry

The St. Andrew Parish Faith Formation Committee is offering a Presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This will prove to be a great Lenten opportunity!

March 22, 2020 at 2:30 pm in the Parish Center

Co-instructed by: **Dr. Ella Johnson and
Fr. Thom Hennen**



Mary's Angels and the Knights of Columbus decided it was time to get together for a social! We'll meet at the Corner Grill at 5:30 pm for dinner and drinks on Saturday March 28th.

Be sure to sign up on the back table in the Gathering Space.



**Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper:
Wednesday's 6:00 pm**

March 11th : Mary's Angels will bring dinner.

**The Christian Service Committee will meet following the
soup supper.**

Don't Forget: Communal Penance: Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm

One of the two **Parish-At-Large Representative** positions will be open again in May. If you feel called to help our Church in a leadership position, please consider picking up a signature sheet off the back table in the gathering space. All persons gathering 20 signatures or more will have their name placed in a hat and the winning parish council position will be drawn at the Parish Council meeting in May. Please see Jan Hill, Parish Council Chairperson or Deacon Terry if you have any questions or want to learn more about this important position.



The **St. Andrew Peace and Justice Committee** was established in 2005 to coordinate parish outreach and financial support to relief agencies that help the hungry, poor, and needy. Each quarter, the parish allocates approximately 5% of funds received from weekly collections to be distributed as financial grants. To be eligible for a financial grant from our parish, and agency must: 1) be a non-profit, 2) provide direct support to the poor and needy, 3) be nominated for support by a member of our parish and 4) submit an application for support from our parish. Examples of relief agencies that parish outreach funds have supported in the past include orphanages, mission parishes in poverty areas, and groups that serve the homeless, children, elderly, handicapped, sick, battered women, unwed mothers, etc. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL AGENCIES OR GROUPS THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM OUR SUPPORT.** If you know of a non-profit group that supports the poor and needy, please contact a member of our committee (Jerry Schadel, Tim Munger, Yvonne Friedrichsen, Shirley Schmidt, Dan Freeman, Judy Matlock) or Deacon Terry. Applications are available are also available in the orange Peace and Justice folder on the back table.

BUNCO – March 17th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm – Since that is St. Paddy's Day, we'll start celebrating at 6:30 pm! Be sure to sign up on the back table in the Gathering Space. Last Bunco night for this season will be Tuesday, April 21st.



From the RCIA Corner

This past weekend the RCIA Catechumens celebrated the Rite of Sending Forth to Election at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday. Sunday, they traveled to St. Patrick Church in Iowa City to celebrate the Rite of Elect with Bishop Zinkula.

Please keep our Elect, Tabitha Bowman, Hayden Bowman, Gauge Bowman and Hunter Bowman, in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Holy Saturday evening.

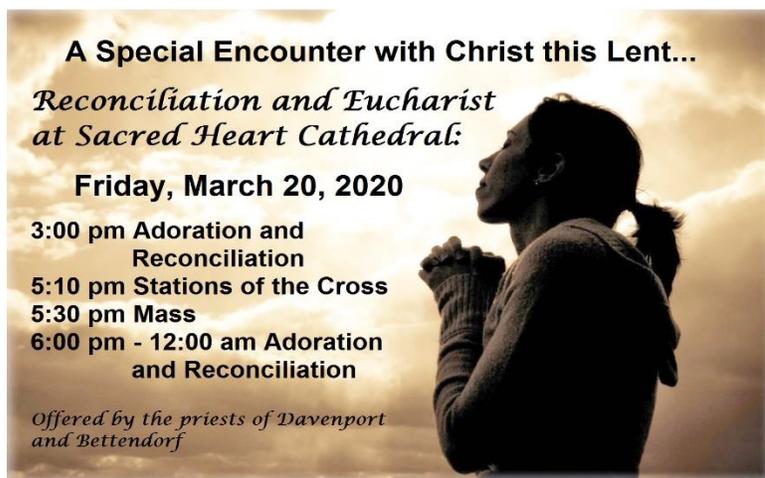
Please keep our RCIA team, the children's leader Becky Starns, and their godparents, Chris and Lynn Rubley, India Cavazos and Tracy Lansing, in your prayers as they journey with them on their path to Holy Saturday and beyond.



Mount Calvary & Holy Family Cemeteries
serving the Catholic community for 150 years

Spring clean-up is scheduled for March 15th through April 1st. Items not removed by March 15th will be removed and disposed of. For more information, please call (563) 391-3550

Mount Calvary and Holy Family Cemeteries provide tranquil places of burial that reflect the Church's reverence for the faithfully departed. New additions are now open.



A Special Encounter with Christ this Lent...
Reconciliation and Eucharist at Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Friday, March 20, 2020

3:00 pm Adoration and Reconciliation
5:10 pm Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm - 12:00 am Adoration and Reconciliation

Offered by the priests of Davenport and Bettendorf

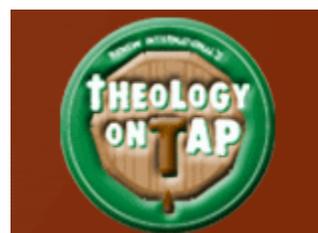
Theology on Tap is excited to announce our Spring schedule for the upcoming months. All the dates will be at 7:00 pm at Jersey Grille in the upper room.

Come early to order food and drinks!

March 19th- Fr. Nicholas Akindele on Lent and Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

April 16th- Bishop Zinkula on the importance of being a part of a parish.

May 21st- Fr. Thom Hennen on something that'll be awesome but we haven't decided on a topic yet.



Missalette cover or page torn? Please do not return it to the bins, place on back table so we can repair it.