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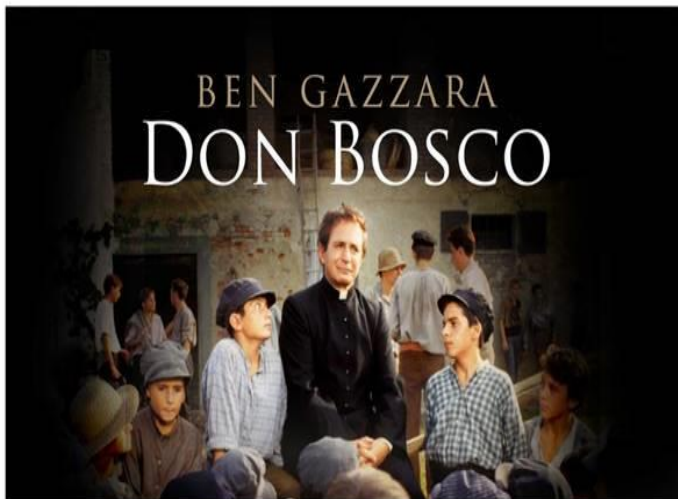
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## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday January 26, 2025



“This Week on Formed”

### Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth



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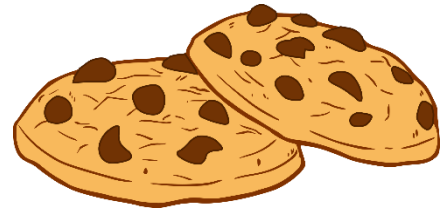
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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press

**MARY'S ANGELS BAKE SALE!!!  
FUND RAISER FOR THE ROSARY GARDEN.**

**FEBRUARY 9th      8 AM -- 2 PM  
In the Parish Hall**



Sign up sheets for donated items are on the Gathering Table

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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2024  
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA  
CONTACT JILL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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The Knights of Columbus's next meeting will be on **Monday, February 10, 2025, @ 7 pm** in the Parish conference center. For more information, please get in touch with Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554- 0787.

## From the Desk of Deacon Matt

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This Monday commemorates the day when the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Soviet army in 1945, 80 years ago. The day remembers the killing of six million Jews, two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population, and millions of others by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. The Holocaust was the result of step-by-step decisions by individuals that led to the largest genocide in the history of mankind in a wave of antisemitism, intolerance, and hatred. The holocaust was real, it happened. I know, because half of my family were lost. The Holocaust matters to us because it is one of the most, if not the most, extensively documented instance of atrocity, hatred, dehumanization, and apathy in world history. The Holocaust also matters because as it was happening, the world stood by and watched—not just Germans, not just Europeans—the world. Sadly, it seems like the world forgets it's past. I think it's time for us, as a world, to do a reset. Our value of human life and dignity appears to be taking the same path it did in the early 1940's. We need hope for a better future. This year the Catholic Church welcomes and embraces the Jubilee Year of Hope for just that reason. The concept of a jubilee year had its origin in the ancient Near East whereby every fifty years debts would be forgiven, servants would be released, property would be restored to its original owner, and fields would lie fallow. According to Leviticus, the "Jubilee" was a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope". I was once taught that hope means confident expectation. We are a people who confidently expect the peace that comes from our Risen Lord, our Messiah, the one who saves. Our Gospel today shares with us when Jesus is invited to read in his hometown's synagogue, in the little town of Nazareth, he finds the passage in Isaiah that speaks of the jubilee year, then announces that this passage is fulfilled then and there in him. Since Jesus is with us when we gather in his name, here in the little town of Blue Grass, it is fulfilled here and now as well. As we are now celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find in Jesus the hope, that confident expectation, that this jubilee year may be fulfilled in our hearing.

Shalom Shalom

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**Congratulations Anakin on obtaining your  
3rd Degree with the Knights of Columbus on  
January 19th.  
Thanks for all you do here at St. Andrew!!!**

## St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**      **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
  - **RE CLASSES**
  - *Mass Intention – Donald Nyert*
  
- **Sunday Feb 02<sup>nd</sup>**      **MASS – Blessing of Throats at 10:30am.**
  - Rosary @ 10:00am
  - **RE CLASSES**
  - **Class Mass 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**
  - *Mass Intention – Sandy Remley*
  
- **Monday Feb 03<sup>rd</sup>**      **BLOOD DRIVE IN PARISH HALL**
  - **2:00PM – 6:30PM**
  
- **Sunday Feb 09<sup>th</sup>**      **MASS – Rite of Sending at 10:30am.**
  - Rosary @ 10:00am
  - **9:15AM -- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES BREAKFAST following Adoration**
  - **RE STUDENTS -- VALENTINE CARDS**
  - **BAKE SALE IN PARISH HALL 8am–2pm**  
Sign up sheets for donated items on Gathering Table
  - *Mass Intention – Shay Elliott*
  
- **Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00PM**
  - **Adoration @ 5:30PM**
  
- **Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**      **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
  - **RE CLASSES**
  - *Mass Intention – Tom Pociecha*

	<b>JAN 26th</b>	<b>FEB 02nd</b>
<b><i>Cross Bearer</i></b>	<b>Anakin Lance</b>	<b>Anakin Lance</b>
<b><i>Eucharistic Ministers</i></b>	<b>Deb Ehrecke, Bonnie Strong</b>	<b>Phyllis Avesing, Mary Nelson</b>
<b><i>Gift Bearers</i></b>	<b>Sampson Family</b>	<b>5th Grade RE Class</b>
<b><i>Hospitality</i></b>	<b>Melissa Durst, Joan Martz, Bonnie Strong (cookies), Tina Gipple (cookies)</b>	<b>5th Grade RE Class</b>
<b><i>Lectors</i></b>	<b>Megan Kocal, Mary Nelson</b>	<b>5th Grade RE Class</b>
<b><i>Altar Servers</i></b>	<b>Koy Kurtz, Ella Herbers, Phyllis Avesing</b>	<b>Kasyn Kurtz, Koy Kurtz, Matt Carlson</b>
<b><i>Cantor/Song Leader</i></b>	<b>Ray Harre</b>	<b>Larry Ewers</b>
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	<b>Gosse Family</b>	<b>5th Grade RE Class</b>
<b><i>Greeters</i></b>	<b>Herbers Family</b>	<b>5th Grade RE Class</b>
<b><i>Sacristans</i></b>	<b>Phyllis Avesing</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Lynn Rubley</b>
<b><i>10:00AM Monday Money Counters</i></b>	<b>Deb Ehrecke, Tina Gipple</b>	<b>Deb Ehrecke, Deb Herbers</b>
<b><i>Homebound</i></b>	<b>01-30 Deb Ehrecke</b>	<b>02-06 Deb Herbers</b>

***The Catholic Messenger*** annual subscription drive is due on **January 26th**. The cost of the Messenger this year is **\$30**. Every household is to subscribe to the Messenger. Subscription envelopes are in your January packet of envelopes. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew and returned in the Sunday Offertory baskets. ***Thank you!***

- ❖ **Sacraments-to schedule participation in any of these please contact Deacon Matt:**
  - **Confession** - If you are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please send an email to Father Bud. He can make time for appointments either prior to Mass or just afterwards.
  - **Baptism** – A preparation class is required for a family’s first child. Please contact Deacon Matt at least 1 month prior to the proposed event.
  - **Marriage** – contact at least 7 months prior to the proposed event.
  - **Anointing** – Anyone having surgery or experiencing illness may ask for the Rite of Anointing of the Sick. Father Bud will anoint immediately after Mass. Contact Deacon Matt.
  - **Funeral Preparation** – if you would like help in preparing the Mass and Worship service for you or a loved one’s funeral, please contact Deacon Matt. A great booklet is available to help.
  
- ❖ **Helping those Becoming Catholic or Joining the Catholic Church.** Now is the time to ask those who regularly visit us, or anyone interested in learning more about our faith, to join our OCIA process. OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. It’s a process through which non baptized or baptized non-Catholic men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by Study, Prayer, and Rites at Mass. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith please contact Deacon Matt.
  
- ❖ **Questions / Concerns – If you have ANY concerns or questions, please contact Deacon Matt Levy, Trustees – Chris Rubley or Mike Moellenbeck, Parish at Large Council Member – Kristal Schaefer and Bob Brus, or Parish Council Chairperson - Deb Ehrecke.**
  
- ❖ **New Parishioners:** Anyone interested in joining our Parish are welcome to complete a yellow card located on the Bulletin board in our Gathering Area. The completed card may be left on the table or returned to the Church Office located in the Parish Hall. A member of our Welcoming Committee will then contact you directly for more information. Deacon Matt is, also, available after Mass on Sundays or in the office on Wednesdays.
  
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- ❖ **Mass Intentions for the deceased** are \$5.00 each. Please indicate who the Mass is to be said for and how many Masses are requested. We will try to honor requested Mass dates.
  
- ❖ **Blessings & Prayers Offered.** Blessings or Special Prayers for your family or any family event or gathering such as an engagement, birthday, etc., or for your home, pets, livestock, crops, new buildings or for any other reason are offered to celebrate God’s goodness or ask for His grace. Blessings and Prayers with our family and friends help all of us recognize that God is always among us and wants to be active in our lives. Please contact Deacon Matt for more information.