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



CEW - Christian Experience Weekend

Our Lady of Lourdes will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, on Jan 31–Feb 02, 2025 for WOMEN and Feb 14-16, 2025 for MEN at Our Lady of Lourdes School, 1453 Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf, IA.

Deacon Matt will be one of the Spiritual Directors! Registration forms are available on the Gathering Table. Return completed registration forms to Matt or Jill.

Our Lady of Victory 2025 Christian Experience Weekend

“Made For These Days”

Feb 7-9th (Women)

Feb 28th-Mar 2nd (Men)



Why might you consider attending CEW? Here are a handful of reasons given by previous CEW attendees: “CEW has helped me see God in every facet of life.” “CEW taught me to let go, and let God.” “CEW opened my eyes to what it really means to live the Christian life.” CEW is held at JFK school/OLV church and includes: presentations from CEW members, private reflection time, small group discussions, prayer services, Mass, great food, plenty of fellowship and fun! OLV welcomes all Christians 18 years and older from other parishes! Visit <https://www.olvjfk.com/olv/organizations/cew-christian-experience-weekend/> to download application or call one of the Lay Directors for more information: Women: Marie Ripslinger-Atwater (563) 505-8578, Men: Karl Stratman (563) 210-2724

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

When making our many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, one of the must-see places is the Wedding Church at Cana, where today's Gospel account is from. The most common occurrence at this site is.... the renewing of wedding vows. One year while Lisa and I were leading a pilgrimage we had amongst our group several people who were not married. And my heart felt so torn, do we JUST celebrate the occasion of those who are JUST married, or do we open our hearts and our compassion for those of us that have indeed their own vocation hood...perhaps the single life, the Consecrated life or even the Priesthood. From that time on when I have had the honor to perform such a service, I have included everyone, in their own vocation, so all of us can enjoy this sacred location. It's hard to imagine anyone who visits Cana to not feel, much less see, the first sign, or miracle of Jesus. It is here at Cana that Jesus reveals his glory and a way for those who observe them to receive the gift of faith. But transforming water into wine was much more than a way to ensure that the wine would not run out at this couple's wedding banquet. It foreshadows one of his final signs, which he performs at the Last Supper when he transforms bread into his Body and wine into his Blood. By commanding the disciples to continue to do this in his memory, he ensures that it is his Blood that we receive at the Eucharistic banquet each time the Eucharist is celebrated. So, there is great meaning to celebrating Mass here in the Church of Cana if you can do so. True story: One year when our joy of celebrating the renewal of our "vocation" vows went a tad bit long, we started Mass behind schedule, and half way through Mass this tiny Filipino nun comes out and shuts the Mass down. That had never happened to us, but the nuns were on very tight schedules and had to leave the Church for the evening. Well, we HAD to finish Mass. So, we went back to the Hotel and celebrated Mass on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. Nothing was going to take the joy of our encounter with Jesus away. Just as the joy of the guests at the wedding banquet in Cana was not allowed to run out, the joy we share in the Eucharistic banquet will also last forever.

Shalom Shalom

St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday Jan 19th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **RE CLASSES**
 - *Mass Intention – John Andrews*

- **Sunday Jan 26th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **RE CLASSES**
 - *Mass Intention – Donald Nyert*

- **Sunday Feb 02nd** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **RE CLASSES**
 - **Class Mass 5th & 6th Graders**
 - *Mass Intention – Sandy Remley*

- **Sunday Feb 09th** **MASS 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**
 - *Mass Intention – Shay Elliott*

- **Wednesday Feb 12th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00PM**
 - **Adoration @ 5:30PM**

- **Sunday Feb 16th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **RE CLASSES**
 - *Mass Intention – Donald Nyert*

| | JAN 19th | JAN 26th |
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| <i>Cross Bearer</i> | Anakin Lance | Anakin Lance |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> | Yvonne Friedrichsen, Becky Escalante | Deb Ehrecke, Bonnie Strong |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i> | Chris & Lynn Rubley | Sampson Family |
| <i>Hospitality</i> | Deb & Steve Herbers, Mary Lucas (cookies) Andrea Pociecha (cookies) | Melissa Durst, Joan Martz, Bonnie Strong (cookies), Tina Gipple (cookies) |
| <i>Lectors</i> | Pat Becker, Jay Matlock | Megan Kocal, Mary Nelson |
| <i>Altar Servers</i> | Kenna Kurtz, Caiden Gosse, Phyllis Avesing | Koy Kurtz, Ella Herbers, Phyllis Avesing |
| <i>Cantor/Song Leader</i> | Kamrin Varela | Ray Harre |
| <i>Ushers</i> | Stephanie Migawa, Tina Gipple | Gosse Family |
| <i>Greeters</i> | Caldwell Family | Herbers Family |
| <i>Sacristans</i> | Shirley Schmidt | Phyllis Avesing |
| <i>10:00AM Monday Money Counters</i> | Bonnie Strong, Pat Sheehey | Deb Ehrecke, Tina Gipple |
| <i>Homebound</i> | 01-23 Lynn Rubley | 01-30 Deb Ehrecke |

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.