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The Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 12, 2025



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**ENCHILADAS FOR SALE AGAIN!!!
WORSHIP AND PRAYER COMMITTEE FUND RAISER
FOR THE ROSARY GARDEN.**

Place your **ORDERS** at the table in the Gathering Area on
DEC 22nd, DEC 29th, JAN 05th and JAN 12th
Pick-up orders on Sunday JANUARY 19th.



**The next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at
THE MACHINE SHED**

7250 NORTHWEST BLVD DAVENPORT IA

on Monday, January 13th.

**We will meet at 11:30. All ladies of the parish are invited and
encouraged to attend. We hope you will be able to join us.**



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus's next meeting will be on **Monday,
January 13th, 2025**, at 7 p.m. in the Parish conference center.
There will not be a December Meeting. For more information,
please contact Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante
at 563-554- 0787.



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.

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

While many of you might not remember your baptism because you were still a baby, I remember mine because I was 28 years old. I had just completed my Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA, now OCIA) training for the second time. I had to go through it twice, not so much because I was a slow learner, but because I wanted to learn so much and embrace my mission that God had called me too. I came into the Church on Easter Vigil, and as I was coming into the Church, I was holding our oldest daughter Sarah in my arms, as she was being baptized. Baptism has been very special to me. Years later, on yet another Easter Vigil I would be holding the hand of my 75-year-old Jewish Dad as he entered into the Church. When we were baptized, the Holy Spirit was poured out on us, much as we hear in the second reading, hearkening back to Jesus' own baptism. Through our baptism we "become heirs in hope of eternal life" How appropriate as we begin this jubilee year as pilgrims of hope. I often define hope as the confident expectation of good. Our baptism confers upon us a share in the salvation brought by Jesus, who was the first to receive the Holy Spirit in baptism, enabling us to hope for more than this world could ever give: for life eternal with the Lord. We have been baptized in Christ. We are God's beloved children, baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In us, God is well pleased. God continues to shower us with grace, as was poured down on us in a special way in baptism, as we live out our baptismal calling. Significantly, before the Father spoke to him at his baptism, Jesus prayed to God, initiating a dialogue with the Father. May we initiate that dialogue as well, again and again, praying that God's grace, poured down on us from the heavens, helps us grow into the beloved sons and daughters God calls us to be. If we are beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, we are then sisters and brothers of the same Father here in His kingdom on earth. So, this becomes our mission here in our beloved parish at St. Andrew. Let us be hope, that confident expectation of good, to each other.

Shalom Shalom

St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday Jan 12th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **RE CLASSES**
 - *Mass Intention – Miriam Andrews*

- **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*

Dear parishioners of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's parishes, on Christmas Eve I received a most extraordinary gift from anonymous parishioners of both parishes. Though I had been clued in that something was afoot, I was really not prepared for the magnitude of your generosity. I was facing a very expensive repair project at my house that I was not prepared to cover. Because of your incredible generosity the cost of the repair is much, much, more manageable. I don't have the words to express my deep gratitude, so please accept my prayers and admiration. You are already a blessing to me, being sure signs of the goodness of God, and now I am deeply indebted to you. I am even more committed to serving you as your sacramental minister, not that you were gonna get rid of me any time soon in any case! God's Blessings to you all. I offer you my prayers from Italy and I look forward to being back home with you soon, probably with stories, unfortunately for you.

Fr. Bud

	JAN 12th	JAN 19th
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Shirley Schmidt, Tina Gipple	Yvonne Friedrichsen, Becky Escalante
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Bob Brus & Wendy Schnack	Chris & Lynn Rubley
<i>Hospitality</i>	Becky Escalante, Mary Nelson, Connie Ewers (cookies)	Deb & Steve Herbers, Mary Lucas (cookies) Andrea Pociecha (cookies)
<i>Lectors</i>	Bonnie Strong, Lynn Rubley	Pat Becker, Jay Matlock
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Carter Lucas, Ella Herbers, Phyllis Avesing	Kenna Kurtz, Caiden Gosse, Phyllis Avesing
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Larry Ewers	Kamrin Varela
<i>Ushers</i>	Caldwell Family	Stephanie Migawa, Tina Gipple
<i>Greeters</i>	Kathy Elliott, Andrea Boland	Caldwell Family
<i>Sacristans</i>	Bob Brus & Wendy Schnack	Shirley Schmidt
<i>10:00AM Monday Money Counters</i>	Steve Geering, Steve Herbers	Bonnie Strong, Pat Sheehy
<i>Homebound</i>	01-16 Brenda Todd	01-23 Lynn Rubley



If you made a donation for the poinsettia memorials, please pick up your poinsettia after Mass today.

❖ **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.