

St. Andrew Calendar:

- ❖ Sunday Aug 16th
- MASS at 10:30am
 - Rosary at 10:00am

Mass Intention – Darin Wernke
- ❖ Wednesday Aug 19th
- Worship & Prayer Meeting at 11:30am
- ❖ Sunday Aug 23rd
- MASS at 10:30am
 - Rosary at 10:00am

Mass Intention – Michael Widolff

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WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY AUG 16

SACRISTAN:	PHYLLIS AVESING
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	BRIAN PITTNER AND CHRIS RUBLEY
ALTAR SERVERS:	CAIDEN GOSSE, TAYLOR GOSSE, AND PHYLLIS AVESING
LECTORS:	BONNIE STRONG AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TINA GIPPLE AN MATT CARLSON
GREETERS:	SAMPSON FAMILY
USHERS:	TINA GIPPLE AND LISA SMITH
GIFT BEARERS:	MIGAWA FAMILY
CANTOR:	RAY HARRE
MONEY COUNTERS:	PAT SHEEHEY AND BONNIE STRONG
HOSPITALITY:	JILL HALLIGAN, ANGIE QUINN, AND PHYLLIS AVESING (COOKIES ONLY)

SUNDAY AUG 23

SACRISTAN:	CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK
ALTAR SERVERS:	PRESTON ZUBECK, KASYN KURTZ, AND MATT CARLSON
LECTORS:	JIM FRIES AND LYNN RUBLEY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TINA GIPPLE AN NINA DEMAY
GREETERS:	JESSI ZUBECK AND ANGIE QUINN
USHERS:	KIM AND BILL TALKEN
GIFT BEARERS:	GOSSE FAMILY
CANTOR:	LARRY EWERS
MONEY COUNTERS:	WENDY SCHNACK AND BONNIE STRONG
HOSPITALITY:	ANGIE QUINN, STEVE GEERING AND NINA DEMAY (COOKIES ONLY)



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday AUGUST 16, 2026

This Week on Formed:



Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus will not meet in August. The next meeting is **Monday, September 14, 2026**, at **6 p.m.** (new time) in the Church’s Day Chapel. For details, contact Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554-0787.

Next week, the Diocese of Davenport will release its first Annual Diocesan Impact Report. The report offers a look at how God is working through our parishes, schools, ministries, and faithful people across Southeast Iowa. It is more than a collection of numbers. It is a testimony to lives changed through faith, service, and generosity. Printed copies of the Diocesan Impact Report will be available at the parish beginning August 17. We encourage everyone to take time to read and reflect on the many ways Christ is working through our diocesan family. The report will also be available online at www.davenportdiocese.org.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 -- Coming to a Pew near You!!

The Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel are an active congregation of women religious founded in Nigeria in 1986. Their mission focuses on compassionate service to the poor, the sick, the abandoned, and the elderly. They provide spiritual and physical care that creates a sense of home and family. The Sisters offer shelter, food, and essential material support to those in need. They also give financial assistance to abandoned and motherless children. To address healthcare needs, they run mobile clinics and provide free or affordable medical services. Their ministry includes supporting underprivileged children through elementary and secondary education. They help young women gain vocational training that fosters confidence and self-reliance. The Sisters are active in pastoral work across more than twelve dioceses in Nigeria. They proclaim the Gospel in remote areas through catechism, catechist formation, and service as Directors of Religious Education. They also establish and nurture Basic Christian Communities to strengthen parishioners’ faith life.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 08/09/2026					
WE HAVE 151 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS		ACTUAL MONTH OF AUG	BUDGET MONTH OF AUG	TOTAL TO DATE	2026-2027 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2027
30 OF 126 ENVELOPES		\$ 3,020.00	\$ 6,519.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 17,387.00
13 OF 25 ELECTRONIC		\$ 822.00			
CASH (LOOSE)		\$ 43.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 416.67	\$ 585.00
CHILDREN'S		\$ 10.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 195.00	\$ -

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

In today’s first reading, we hear the LORD tell Isaiah, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Two and a half millennia later, this house of worship, along with hundreds of thousands of others like it around the world, continues to be a house of prayer for all peoples. In a spirit of Christian hospitality, we welcome everyone who comes here to pray in this holy place. Together we lift our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our loving and welcoming God. If we listen closely, today’s readings stress God’s desire that we reach out to others. Isaiah preaches that God welcomes foreigners who come to worship the LORD. Paul calls himself “the apostle to the Gentiles” and hopes this might draw more of his own people to Christ. Impressed by the tremendous faith of a Canaanite woman who relentlessly cries out to him, Jesus answers her desperate prayer. Today we are reminded that our faith calls us to reach out to all peoples.

Just last Sunday we heard Jesus reprove Peter for his lack of faith when he attempted to walk on the water to him. Today we hear him praise the Canaanite woman for her powerful faith. Both Peter and the woman assert their faith in the Lord initially, but Peter lapses into doubt while the woman refuses to give up. Peter loses his faith when he needs it most while the woman perseveres in her faith despite repeated denials. In this interaction with her, Jesus is teaching his disciples the importance of a faith strong enough to persist through obstacles and doubts.

I am hoping that all of us here at St. Andrew persevere in our faith despite the challenges or obstacles that come in our journey. They are not meant to cause doubt but rather to strengthen our willingness to Live to Give the Gospel, Glorify the Lord, and Become the Good News by being the Good News.

Shalom Shalom

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Davenport at 563-349-5002 or vac@diodav.org.