

## St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday Jan 04th**     **MASS at 10:30am**   Rosary at 10:00am  
   *Mass Intention – Rod Elgin*
- **Monday Jan 05th**     **MARY’S ANGELS COMMITTEE @ 6:00pm**
- **Wed. Jan 07th**   **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES @ 5:30pm**
- **Sunday Jan 11th**     **MASS at 10:30am**   Rosary at 10:00am  
   *Mass Intention – Judy Arnold*
- **Monday Jan 12th**     **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS @ 7:00pm**
- **Tuesday Jan 13th**   **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00pm**
- **Wednesday Jan 14th**   **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00pm**  
   Adoration at 5:30pm

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### WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

#### SUNDAY JAN 04

SACRISTAN:	PHYLLIS AVESING
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	BRIAN CALDWELL AND CHRIS RUBLEY
ALTAR SERVERS:	KASYN KURTZ, ELLA HERBERS, PHYLLIS AVESING
LECTORS:	JAY MATLOCK AND SARA EHRECKE
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	TINA GIPPLE AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
GREETERS:	MATT AND MELISSA DURST
USHERS:	JAY AND JUDY MATLOCK
GIFT BEARERS:	CALDWELL FAMILY
CANTOR:	LARRY EWERS
MONEY COUNTERS:	STEVE GEERING AND TINA GIPPLE

#### SUNDAY JAN 11

SACRISTAN:	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	BRIAN PITTNER AND JILL HALLIGAN
ALTAR SERVERS:	PRESTON ZUBECK, KENNA KURTZ AND MATT CARLSON
LECTORS:	JIM FRIES AND KANNAN KURTZ
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	PHYLLIS AVESING AND MARY NELSON
GREETERS:	JIM AND TERESA MANNING
USHERS:	CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY
GIFT BEARERS:	DURST FAMILY
CANTOR:	KAMRIN VARELA
MONEY COUNTERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND PAT SHEEHEY

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## Live to Give the Gospel

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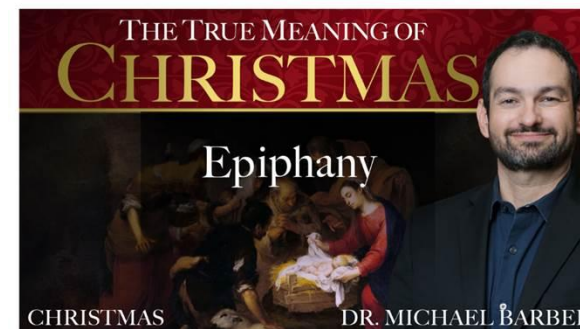
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## The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Jan 04, 2026

This Week on Formed:

### Epiphany



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#### Epiphany | The True Meaning of Christmas

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

**THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.** The Knights of Columbus's next meeting will be on **Monday, January 12, 2026**, at 7 p.m. 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.



**Our next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at  
The Machine Shed**

**Northwest Blvd, Davenport Iowa  
on Monday, January 12.**

**We will meet at 11:30. We hope you will be able to join us.**

**Please let me know by Sunday evening, January 11 whether you plan to attend.**



**We will be Preparing and Serving the Churches United Meal  
On Friday, JAN 09TH. Sign-up sheets for food and volunteers are in  
the Gathering Area. Thank you for all your help!!**



**Mary's Angels Meeting will be  
MONDAY JANUARY 05, 2026 at 6:00pm**



**CEW - Christian Experience Weekend**

Our Lady of Lourdes will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, on Jan 30–Feb 01, 2026 for WOMEN and Feb 13-15, 2026 for MEN at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, 6900 Hopewell Avenue, Bettendorf, IA.

Deacon Matt will be one of the Spiritual Directors!  
See Deacon Matt for registration forms.

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

**From the Desk of Deacon Matt**

Today we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world. When we hear Isaiah's words today, it's important to put them into context. God's chosen people had just returned to Judah after sixty years of exile in Babylon. The city of Jerusalem was in ruins, the temple had been destroyed, and many of its families had not survived or were still lost. I can only imagine the sense of despair in the hearts of those who survived to see such devastation. Perhaps the words "Rise up in splendor," can be for Jerusalem and yes, even for us here in Blue Grass. Rise Up in Splendor, St. Andrew Parish, your light has come! Isaiah was able to see God's glory amidst destruction and squalor, as the shepherds and magi could see a king and Messiah in a wooden trough, as we are challenged to see peace, justice, and hope in a world with wars, injustices, and despair. We can choose to try to see through God's eyes, as Isaiah and the magi did. May we be manifestations of Christ's presence in what we believe and in all that we do as we Live to Give the Gospel, let us Glorify the Lord and let us Become the Good News by Being the Good News.

Shalom Shalom



WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 12/28/2025					
WE HAVE 154 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS	ACTUAL MONTH OF DEC	BUDGET MONTH OF DEC	TOTAL TO DATE	2025-2026 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026	
29 OF 125 ENVELOPES	\$ 7,030.00	\$19,235.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 83,083.00	\$ 205,000.00
11 OF 25 ELECTRONIC	\$ 321.00				
CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 567.00	\$ 1,022.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 53.00	\$ 134.00		\$ 134.00	\$ -