

# St. Andrew Parish

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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday April 20, 2025



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**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**  
The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be on Monday,  
May 12th, 2024, @ 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.

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**Mary's Angels Meeting will be  
MONDAY MAY 05, 2025 at 6:00pm**

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**The next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at  
HAPPY JOE'S PIZZAGRILLE  
1616 W LOCUST ST DAVENPORT IA  
on Monday, April 14th.  
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.**

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### **EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT**

Kids - join us for a scavenger hunt in the circular driveway following Mass on Easter Sunday April 20. Grab a bag with a list of items for you to find.

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**MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!!**  
**BICYCLE RODEO**  
**SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025**  
**12:00PM (NOON) - 1:30PM**  
**ST ANDREW CHURCH PARKING LOT**  
**BRING YOUR BICYCLES FOR A FUN RIDE AROUND TOWN ALONG**  
**WITH AN OBSTACLE COURSE, REFRESHMENTS AND SAFETY STATIONS**  
**FOR TIRES, BRAKES, CHAINS, ETC.**



**CASH DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BLUE GRASS FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

## **From the Desk of Deacon Matt**

Throughout Holy Week and in this Sunday's Gospel we may get the impression that the disciples were fearful of fellow Jews, and naturally we might presume that even within the Jewish culture there was a division of Jewish believers. If we were to take these words literally, we would almost imagine that was anti-Semitism between Jewish brethren. This, my sisters and brothers is terribly unfortunate. Israel, during the time of Jesus, was comprised of several regions that although they had identified as being Jewish, their cultural norms were very different. There were Jews from Judea, which were mainly located in Northern Israel including Jerusalem, and Galilee, where Jesus and His disciples were from. There are other regions including Samaria as well. Each had their own dialect, and their cultural norms. Much like in the United States, there is the North and the South with varying dialects and cultural norms. I come from New York and sound like a New Yorker. Lisa comes from Chicago and sounds Chicagoian. But we are both Americans from the United States. When the disciples are in the Upper room, and are fearful, it isn't because they are Jews, it is because they came from Galilee, considered by Judeans as a back water region. Imagine how it was for us in the 1960's to witness the racism and fearfulness of those in our own country. So, the term Jew is meant to describe those from a particular region, Judea, and not a particular religion. Jesus's followers, Galileans, were indeed frightened of the Judeans. And that is why the Holy Spirit fortifies them in their time of fear. Nearly two thousand years later we are perhaps feeling isolated and fearful for many of the same reasons that the disciples did, but we are all fortified with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to combat our isolation and fear. Our readings challenge us to recognize the risen Lord's presence. In Acts, people from all around Jerusalem recognize the Lord's healing powers working through Peter, the disciple he left as head of the early church. John, the author of Revelation, recognizes the Lord in his visions. Thomas only recognizes the risen Lord when he sees him in the flesh, but then believes at once. Let us marvel at the strong faith of these early Christians. Perhaps we may all be like Thomas, but that's okay, we have each other to see the Risen Lord. We have no reason to fear, I have no reason to fear, I see Jesus in all of you. Let us have the strong faith of the early Christians.

Shalom Shalom

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Phyllis will be distributing GLUTEN FREE communion at Sunday Mass. Please step to her side of the Altar if you wish to receive the gluten free consecrated host.

## **St. Andrew Calendar:**

- **Sunday Apr 20th**    **EASTER SUNDAY MASS at 10:30am.**  
Rosary @ 10:00am    OCIA RECEPTION FOLLOWING MASS in Gathering Area
- **NO RE CLASSES**
- *Mass Intention – Vince Motto*

### **❖ EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT following MASS**

- **Sunday Apr 27th**    **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am  
RECEPTION for **2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** FOLLOWING MASS in Gathering Area
- **RE CLASSES -- Last Class**
  - **No Class for 2nd Graders**
- *Mass Intention – Carol Nyert*

- **Sunday May 04th**    **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
- **NO RE CLASSES**
- *Mass Intention – Tom Lowder*

- **Sunday May 11th**    **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
- **NO RE CLASSES**
- *Mass Intention – Judy Arnold*

- **Sunday May 18th**    **MASS at 10:30am with Bishop Walsh.**  
Rosary @ 10:00am  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – Potluck following Mass**
- **NO RE CLASSES**
- *Mass Intention – Sandy Remley*

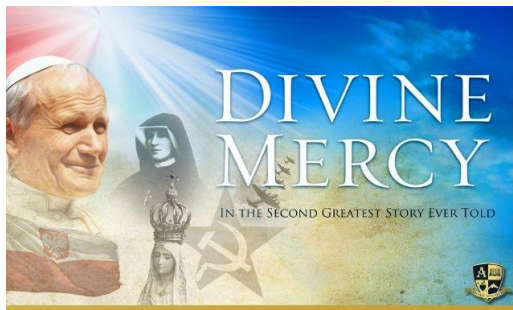
	<b>APR 20th</b>	<b>APR 27th</b>
<b><i>Cross Bearer</i></b>	<b>Anakin Lance</b>	<b>Anakin Lance</b>
<b><i>Eucharistic Ministers</i></b>	<b>Deb Ehrecke, Megan Kocal</b>	<b>Tina Gipple, Debi Herbers</b>
<b><i>Gift Bearers</i></b>	<b>Boldt Family</b>	<b>Jill Halligan, Shirley Schmidt</b>
<b><i>Hospitality</i></b>	<b>Wendy Schnack, Shirley Schmidt, Gina Harper</b>	<b>Mark &amp; Dawn Thompson, Mary Nelson, Jill Halligan</b>
<b><i>Lectors</i></b>	<b>Sara Ehrecke, Kannan Kurtz</b>	<b>Lynn Rubley, Jay Matlock</b>
<b><i>Altar Servers</i></b>	<b>Kenna Kurtz, Koy Kurtz, Matt Carlson</b>	<b>Ella Herbers, Caiden Gosse, Phyllis Avesing</b>
<b><i>Cantor/Song Leader</i></b>	<b>Ray Harre</b>	<b>Larry Ewers</b>
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	<b>Chris &amp; Lynn Rubley</b>	<b>Jay &amp; Judy Matlock</b>
<b><i>Greeters</i></b>	<b>Bob Brus, Wendy Schnack</b>	<b>Kathy Schaefer, Shirley Schmidt</b>
<b><i>Sacristans</i></b>	<b>Chris &amp; Lynn Rubley</b>	<b>Deb Ehrecke</b>
<b><i>10:00AM Monday Money Counters</i></b>	<b>Steve Herbers, Pat Sheehey</b>	<b>Deb Ehrecke, Tina Gipple</b>
<b><i>Homebound</i></b>	<b>04-24 Shirley Schmidt</b>	<b>05-01 Brenda Todd</b>

**THANK YOU** to the Volunteers for working hospitality and donating cookies. A wonderful gathering of friends to visit after each Mass. If you want to donate your time, please let me know.

563-343-3022

Kathy Schaefer

Thank you again!!



## Small Group Series: Divine Mercy

### *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

Come experience the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

**Join us after Mass for a Small Group Study on Divine Mercy this Lent!**

Starting on **Sunday, March 9th** after **Mass**, we will meet every Sunday of Lent in the Parish Center to watch the *Divine Mercy Series* and discuss its meaning and how we might live it out in our own lives.

**Lunch, Water & Coffee provided! No homework required.** Just a comfy and casual way to build community, learn something new and grow in your faith! Come snack and learn with us!

Please shoot a quick text, email or call to Kelly Wernke at (563) 340-4838 or [kflenker@gmail.com](mailto:kflenker@gmail.com) if you plan on joining us! (We want to make sure there's plenty of food.) Hope to see you there!

*Join us this Lent!*

**When:** Sundays after Mass

**Where:** Parish Hall

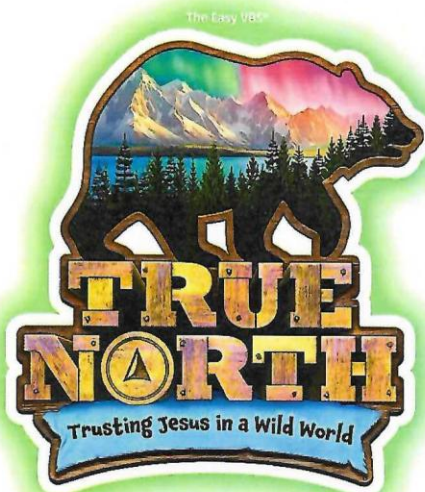
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