

## St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday Feb 01st**      **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am  
**Blessings of Throats**  
*Mass Intention – Bill Ehrecke*
- **Monday Feb 02nd**      **BLOOD DRIVE 2:00pm – 6:30pm**
- **Monday Feb 02nd** **MARY'S ANGELS COMMITTEE MEETING @ 6:00pm**
- **Wednesday Feb 04th** **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES @ 5:30pm**  
Menu: A Holy Cow Mash UP!!
- **Sunday Feb 08th**      **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am  
*Mass Intention – Carol Ehrecke*
- **Wednesday Feb 11th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00pm**  
❖ **Adoration @ 5:30pm**
- **Sunday Feb 15th**      **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am  
*Mass Intention – Judy Arnold*
- **Wednesday Feb 18th** **WORSHIP & PRAYER MEETING @ 12:00pm**

### WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

#### SUNDAY FEB 01

SACRISTAN: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
SAFETY AND SECURITY: BRIAN PITTLER AND CHRIS RUBLEY  
ALTAR SERVERS: KENNA KURTZ, ELLA HERBERS AND PHYLLIS AVESING  
LECTORS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: CHRIS RUBLEY, LYNN RUBLEY AND TINA GIPPLE  
GREETERS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
USHERS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GIFT BEARERS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CANTOR: RAY HARRE  
MONEY COUNTERS: STEVE GEERING AND TINA GIPPLE

#### SUNDAY FEB 08

SACRISTAN: SHIRLEY SCHMIDT  
SAFETY AND SECURITY: BRIAN PITTLER AND JILL HALLIGAN  
ALTAR SERVERS: IVY KLAREN, LIBBY KLAREN, AND MATT CARLSON  
LECTORS: BONNIE STRONG AND KANNAN KURTZ  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: PHYLLIS AVESING AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT  
GREETERS: BONNIE STRONG AND LISA SMITH  
USHERS: ART AND LINDA DAUFELDT  
GIFT BEARERS: BOLDT FAMILY  
CANTOR: KAMRIN VARELA  
MONEY COUNTERS: BONNIE STRONG AND PAT SHEEHEY

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## Live to Give the Gospel

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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Feb 01, 2026

### This Week on Formed:



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#### The Martyrs | Littlest Saints

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?

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### Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism



Dave Ramsey, a leading financial wellness speaker, offers an online course that has helped many. The Knights of Columbus are gauging interest in his Financial Peace University program and will plan the event if enough people respond. To participate or inquire about information, contact Jay Matlock, a Knights of Columbus member, or email [jaycmatlock@gmail.com](mailto:jaycmatlock@gmail.com).

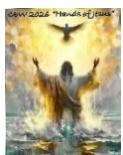
The Knights of Columbus's next meeting will be on **Monday, February 9, 2026**, **NEW TIME** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center. For more information, please contact Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554-0787.



### **CEW - Christian Experience Weekend**

Our Lady of Lourdes will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, on Jan 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.



CEW - Our Lady of Victory will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, on Feb 20–Feb 22, 2026 for WOMEN and Mar 6-8, 2026 for MEN at OLV, 4105 North Division St. Davenport, Iowa. Contact Tina Gipple for more information and/or registration form.

**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!**



**Mary's Angels Committee Meeting will be MONDAY FEBRUARY 02, 2026 at 6:00pm**



**Our next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at VILLAGE INN corner of Locust and Harrison Streets in Davenport on Monday, February 9th.**  
**We will meet at 11:30. We hope you will be able to join us.**

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

It's difficult to imagine a more countercultural way for Jesus to begin the first of his five sermons that make up Matthew's Gospel. At that time and as far back as Adam and Eve, poverty and misery were regarded as punishment for sin. These were signs that you certainly did not have God's blessing. To some extent this is still true, though our culture often puts the blame on the people themselves. In any case, no one who is poor in any way is usually considered blessed. But this is what Jesus leads with. Not only that, so are those in mourning, those too meek to get their way, victims of injustice, and so on. If God truly is blessing them, why are they still so misfortunate?

Perhaps the answer is that the world does not see how God sees. The world sees the outward signs of a difficult life; God sees someone in need of grace and mercy. The wise person puts their trust in God, not trusting the fickle finger of fate, which could upend anyone's life at any time, but leaning on God to help them overcome their obstacles. In the end, God has come to save us, in the person of Jesus Christ. And now Jesus can tell his disciples that the kingdom of heaven awaits the poor and persecuted of the world.

But it is in this world that Jesus is teaching his disciples how to live. He has just called them to leave everything behind and follow him. To the folks they left behind, it seemed a foolish thing to abandon their families, homes, and livelihoods to wander off without any concrete plans. But they have chosen to rely on God's grace instead of worldly possessions. By relying on God's Grace, we truly Live to Give the Gospel, we Glorify the Lord, and we Become the Good News by Being the Good News.

Shalom Shalom



WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 01/25/2026						2025-2026 GOALS	
WE HAVE 151 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS		ACTUAL MONTH OF JAN	BUDGET MONTH OF JAN	TOTAL TO DATE	YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026		
31	OF 125						
ENVELOPES		\$ 1,335.00	\$ 11,955.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 96,338.00		\$ 205,000.00
6	OF 26						
ELECTRONIC		\$ 154.00					
CASH (LOOSE)		\$ 77.00	\$ 478.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 3,368.00		\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S		\$ 19.00	\$ 195.00		\$ 329.00		\$ -