

## **St. Andrew Calendar:**

- **Sunday Dec 14th**      **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am  
   *Mass Intention – Mike Hanson*
- ENCHILADA ORDERS – PAYMENT AND PICK UP IN THE PARISH  
HALL AFTER MASS
- **Monday Dec 15th**      **APPLEBEE’S FUNDRAISER**
- **Sunday Dec 21st**      **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am  
   *Mass Intention – Richard Zubeck*
- **Wednesday Dec 24th**      **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at 6:00pm**  
   *Mass Intention – Charlie Ferring*
- **Wednesday Dec 25th**      **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS at 10:30am**  
   *Mass Intention – Tom Pociеча*
- **Sunday Dec 28th**      **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary at 10:00am  
   *Mass Intention – Tom Lowder*
- **Wednesday Dec 31st**      **NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS at WILTON**  
   **Mass at St Mary’s at 5:30pm**

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### **WEEKLY MINISTRIES:**

#### **SUNDAY DEC 14**

SACRISTAN:	BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	BRIAN PITTNER AND JILL HALLIGAN
ALTAR SERVERS:	PRESTON ZUBECK, KENNA KURTZ, MATT CARLSON
LECTORS:	JIM FRIES AND KANNAN KURTZ
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	TINA GIPPLE AND MARY NELSON
GREETERS:	JIM AND TERESA MANNING
USHERS:	CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY
GIFT BEARERS:	GOSSE FAMILY
CANTOR:	LARRY EWERS
MONEY COUNTERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND WENDY SCHNACK

#### **SUNDAY DEC 21**

SACRISTAN:	CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	CHRIS RUBLEY AND BRIAN PITTNER
ALTAR SERVERS:	CAIDEN GOSSE, LIBBY KLAREN, PHYLLIS AVESING
LECTORS:	STEPHANIE MIGAWA AND BONNIE STRONG
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	PHYLLIS AVESING AND MARY NELSON
GREETERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND LISA SMITH
USHERS:	ART AND LINDA DAUFELDT
GIFT BEARERS:	MIGAWA FAMILY
CANTOR:	KAMRIN VARELA
MONEY COUNTERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND BOB BRUS

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## Live to Give the Gospel

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## Third Sunday of Advent Sunday Dec 14, 2025

### Understanding the True Meaning of Advent

– Ask a Marian



This is A Divine Mercy YouTube video explaining the true meaning of Advent

Google search this title and enjoy the video



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.

Dear 1st-Degree Brother Knights, this is the time to earn your 2nd and 3rd degrees. On December 14th, after Mass, we are inducting new members into the Knights of Columbus. This ceremony will last approximately 1 hour and encompass the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. There won't be any cost, just your participation. I need to know ahead of time so I can set up. If you are interested, please get in touch with me in person or by phone by Friday, December 12th, text 563-594-9851

**THANK YOU!**



**THANK YOU!** from the Knights of Columbus to everyone who participated in our St. Andrew coat drive! This year, we received over **52 coats, 20 sweaters, 60 hats** and gloves, four pairs of shoes and boots, and one monetary gift of \$50. The collection was dropped off at a grateful Blessing Boutique in Blue Grass and will be distributed in our community and surrounding areas.



**APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> -- ALL DAY**  
**Mention St Andrew Church and we will receive 25% of order**



**CHOIR PRACTICE** after MASS: 11/30, 12/07, 12/14, and 12/21  
New Members are especially welcome!!



**OUR REMEMBRANCE TREE IS ON THE ALTAR AGAIN THIS YEAR IN MEMORY OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM GUN VIOLENCE**



**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY QUAD CITIES**  
We will be collecting Board Books this year during Advent. See the table in the Gathering Area for more information. Please return your donations by Sunday December 14



**POINSETTIA ENVELOPES FOR "IN MEMORY OF" DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TREE IN THE GATHERING AREA**  
**\$10.00 MINIMUM DONATION IS SUGGESTED TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE PLANT.**

**From the Desk of Deacon Matt**

On this Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know that the Lord is near. With eyes of faith, we can sense his presence even as we prepare for the celebration of his coming to us as a newborn infant. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews will remind us that faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Our hope is that confident expectation of things to come. This faith requires our hearts to be open to the possibility of miracles, for the unfathomable love that our Lord has for us, and the depths to which God our Father wants to go to so that our lives can be free from all that burdens us. The gift of this faith comes only with one condition, that we freely accept this gift of God's Grace which itself is given freely to us. With eyes of faith, we can see his coming as well as the prophet Isaiah or the New Testament prophet John the Baptist, who each prepared his people for God's transformative presence. Our eyes of faith allow us to transform our lives... to see where we are, and to know where we are going. With eyes of faith, let us glory in Jesus' presence right here, right now: in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in those around us. With eyes of faith let us Live to Give the Gospel, let us Glorify the Lord and let us Become the Good News by Being the Good News. Now that's worth rejoicing!!!!  
Shalom Shalom



**KIDS -- THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

You donated \$300.00 to the Scott County Humane Society  
\$300.00 for our Blue Grass Parks,  
\$200.00 each to the Blue Grass Police and Fire Departments



WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 12/07/2025					
	WE HAVE 150 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS	ACTUAL MONTH OF DEC	BUDGET MONTH OF DEC	TOTAL TO DATE	2025-2026 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026
27 OF 125 ENVELOPES	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 4,922.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 68,770.00	\$ 205,000.00
15 OF 25 ELECTRONIC	\$ 1,482.00				
CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 1,938.00	\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 456.00	\$ -