

St. Andrew Calendar:

- ❖ **Sunday Apr 26th** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - Rosary at 10:00am
 - Mass Intention – Bill Ehrecke

- ❖ **Sunday May 03rd** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - Outdoor Rosary at 10:00am
(weather permitting)
 - Mass Intention – Pat Hanson

- ❖ **Wednesday May 6th** **FAMILY FAITH RE NIGHT @ 5:30pm**

- ❖ **Sunday May 10th** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - Rosary at 10:00am
 - Mass Intention – Otto Geering

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WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY APR 26

SACRISTAN:	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	DREW SMITH AND BRIAN CALDWELL
ALTAR SERVERS:	PRESTON ZUBECK, CAIDEN GOSSE AND MATT CARLSON
LECTORS:	JAY MATLOCK AND STEPHANIE MIGAWA
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	TINA GIPPLE AND MARY NELSON
GREETERS:	JESSI ZUBECK AND BONNIE STRONG
USHERS:	CALDWELL FAMILY
GIFT BEARERS:	MIGAWA FAMILY
CANTOR:	KAMRIN VARELA
MONEY COUNTERS:	STEVE GEERING AND TINA GIPPLE

SUNDAY MAY 03

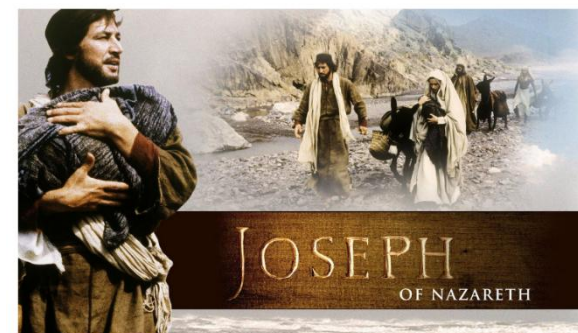
SACRISTAN:	CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	CHRIS RUBLEY AND BRIAN PITTNER
ALTAR SERVERS:	KENNA KURTZ, ELLA HERBERS, AND PHYLLIS AVESING
LECTORS:	JAY MATLOCK AND KANNAN KURTZ
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT AND PHYLLIS AVESING
GREETERS:	BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK
USHERS:	JAY AND JUDY MATLOCK
GIFT BEARERS:	DURST FAMILY
CANTOR:	RAY HARRE
MONEY COUNTERS:	BOB BRUS AND TINA GIPPLE



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Apr 26, 2026

This Week on Formed:



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Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Monday May 11th, 2026, at 6 p.m.** (new time) in the Parish conference center. For details, please contact Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554- 0787.



RAINFOREST FALLS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22nd – 26th, 2026
Exploring The Nature of God
See Phyllis for more details!!!



We will be Serving the Churches United Meal on FRIDAY, MAY 08TH. Sign up sheets for food, workers and servers are in the Gathering Area. Thank you for all of your help!!

2026 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Our beautification projects are currently underway. The new carpet has been installed in the Church, along with a few newly re-upholstered chairs. The St Joseph statue is on order from Italy and should be arriving soon to be placed beside Mary. A new concrete Mary statue is also on order and will be placed in our Rosary Garden when it arrives.

Please know and understand that ALL of this beautiful remodeling has been because of a variety of very generous donations from several parishioners who choose to remain anonymous and not from our weekly collections.

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

A sheepfold in the Ancient Israel generally consisted of a low stone wall with an opening through which sheep could leave to go out to pasture or be returned to spend the night. A shepherd would lie down across the opening, acting as a gate in order to keep the sheep inside and to keep them safe from predators during the night, whether from wolves or thieves. Jesus took this one step further in calling himself the Good Shepherd and the gate itself. He not only lays down to protect his sheep like a dedicated shepherd, he will go on to fulfill his mission as our Savior by laying down his life to save his sheep.

This weekend Lisa and I will be away from St. Andrew Parish. We are in Hawaii. Naval Air Station Barbers Point was my first duty station when I flew as Patrol Plane Tactical Coordinator and Mission Commander. I would say that I began to understand the true meaning of what a shepherd was during these times, with an aircrew of 16 people. The bonds of friendship and respect have lasted for over 40 years. One of my Flight Engineer’s wife recently had a stroke and I am hoping to get a chance to see them along with some of our other shipmates that stayed on the Islands. We all taught each other the value of laying down our lives for each other. I wouldn’t be your deacon today if it wasn’t for them!!!

I’m grateful for have been given the opportunity to serve our great country with such loyal and devoted shepherds who I believe lived to Give the Gospel, Glorified the Lord, and Became the Good News by Being the Good News to each other. Imagine that, even in the Navy!!!

Shalom Shalom

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 04/19/2026						
	WE HAVE 151 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS	ACTUAL MONTH OF APR	BUDGET MONTH OF APR	TOTAL TO DATE	2025-2026 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026	
32 OF 125	ENVELOPES	\$ 5,525.00	\$19,085.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 146,053.00	\$ 205,000.00
10 OF 26	ELECTRONIC	\$ 827.00				
	CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 25.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 4,882.00	\$ 7,000.00
	CHILDREN'S	\$ 18.00	\$ 87.00		\$ 779.00	\$ -