

## St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**      **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary at 10:00am  
*Mass Intention – Bob Timmons*
- ENCHILADA ORDERS – PAYMENT AND PICK UP IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS
- **Monday Dec 01<sup>st</sup>**      **BLOOD DRIVE 2:00pm – 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday Dec 03<sup>rd</sup>** **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES @ 5:30pm**
- **Sunday Dec 07<sup>th</sup>**      **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary at 10:00am  
*Mass Intention – Donald Schmidt*
- Children will pick their charities to donate to during Mass
- **Sunday Dec 07<sup>th</sup>**      **MOVIE AFTERNOON in the Parish Hall at noon**
- Join us for THE STAR movie with popcorn, nachos and other goodies*
- **Monday Dec 08<sup>th</sup>**      **MASS at 5:30pm – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Mass Intention – Joan Timmons*

### WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SACRISTAN:	BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK
ALTAR SERVERS:	CAIDEN GOSSE, KASYN KURTZ, PHYLLIS AVESING
LECTORS:	JIM FRIES AND LYNN RUBLEY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT AND TINA GIPPLE
GREETERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND LISA SMITH
USHERS:	CALDWELL FAMILY
GIFT BEARERS:	KLAREN FAMILY
CANTOR:	KAMRIN VARELA
MONEY COUNTERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND WENDY SCHNACK
<b>SUNDAY DEC 07</b>	
SACRISTAN:	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
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:	CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS
USHERS:	CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS
GIFT BEARERS:	CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS
CANTOR:	RAY HARRE
MONEY COUNTERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND TINA GIPPLE

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## Live to Give the Gospel

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## First Sunday of Advent Sunday Nov 30, 2025

“This Week on Formed”

### Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent



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**Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer**

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

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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.



**Mary's Angels Meeting will be MONDAY DECEMBER 01, 2025 at 6:00pm**



**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



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

**The Corner Grill  
Blue Grass Iowa**

**on Monday, December 8th.**

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

**Please let me know by Sunday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup> whether you plan to attend.**



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



**St Andrew Giving Tree**

Unwrapped gifts, along with the \$20 money donation with GIFT TAG need to be returned to Mary Nelson, Wendy Schnack, Phyllis Avesing or Jill Halligan by December 7th. The gifts and cards will then be taken to Humility Homes and Services for distribution to the families.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**12:00PM NOON**

**MOVIE DAY WITH POPCORN AND NACHOS**



**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.**

**We encourage all of God's children to join us at Mass on Sunday December 7 to distribute their collected monies to their favorite charities. They can pick from our Blue Grass Policemen, our Blue Grass Firemen, our Blue Grass Park Board, or the Scott County Humane Society for care of animals.**



**From the Desk of Deacon Matt**

The Chosen People must have wondered how "chosen" they really were, considering how much they had suffered in the generations since God promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Centuries of enslavement in Egypt, a perilous trek through the desert, multiple wars and battles defending their promised land, the fall to Babylon, and then fifty years in exile must have broken the faith of many. Not Isaiah's. He proclaims that "in days to come," God will reclaim the highest mountain in Judah, all peoples will lay down their arms and follow God's commands, and the Chosen People will once more "walk in the light of the LORD". This jubilee year we are reminded that we are pilgrims of hope. May we imitate Isaiah, whose hope in God's eventual triumph over evil and strife never dimmed.

God could hardly be blamed for feeling similarly. These "chosen" people had turned away from God every time they faced difficulties, choosing sin instead. Again and again, Moses and the prophets had to remind the people of God's faithfulness and wrath. It was up to God to reconcile with this disobedient people repeatedly. But all this changes when God chooses to send the Son to us. Jesus sacrifices himself to atone for our sinfulness for all time and offer the path to salvation. As Paul writes, "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed".

Jesus, who is our salvation, warns his disciples to be prepared always. Advent is our annual reminder to prepare for the day when he comes again, not just at the end of time, but at any time into our hearts and lives. As we will sing at Christmas: "let every heart prepare him room." May our hearts grow over the next four weeks in order to allow more and more of Jesus' love to enter in so that it may then overflow to all those we meet.

Live to give the Gospel, Glorify the Lord and Become the Good News by Being the Good News.

**Shalom Shalom**



WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 11/23/2025					
	WE HAVE 150 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS	ACTUAL MONTH OF NOV	BUDGET MONTH OF NOV	TOTAL TO DATE	2025-2026 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026
25 OF 125 ENVELOPES	\$ 2,412.00	\$ 9,728.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 61,655.00	\$ 205,000.00
9 OF 25 ELECTRONIC	\$ 522.00				
CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 60.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 1,747.00	\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 13.00	\$ 64.00		\$ 433.00	\$ -