

St. Andrew Calendar:

- ❖ **Sunday May 03rd** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - **Outdoor Rosary at 10:00am**
(weather permitting)
 - *Mass Intention – Pat Hanson*
- ❖ **Monday May 04th** **SISTERS IN CHRIST COMMITTEE @ 6:00pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday May 6th** **FAMILY FAITH RE NIGHT @ 5:30pm**
- ❖ **Sunday May 10th** **MASS at 10:30am**
 - **Rosary at 10:00am**
 - *Mass Intention – Otto Geering*
- ❖ **Monday May 11th** **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING @ 6:00pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday May 13th** **SAFETY/SECURITY MEETING @ 5:30pm**
- ❖ **Saturday May 16th** **CLEAN UP DAY @ 9:00am – 11:30am**

WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY MAY 03

SACRISTAN:

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

ALTAR SERVERS:

LECTORS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

GREETERS:

USHERS:

GIFT BEARERS:

CANTOR:

MONEY COUNTERS:

SUNDAY MAY 10

SACRISTAN:

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

ALTAR SERVERS:

LECTORS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

GREETERS:

USHERS:

GIFT BEARERS:

CANTOR:

MONEY COUNTERS:

CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY

CHRIS RUBLEY AND BRIAN PITTNER

KENNA KURTZ, ELLA HERBERS, AND PHYLLIS AVESING

JAY MATLOCK AND KANNAN KURTZ

SHIRLEY SCHMIDT AND PHYLLIS AVESING

BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK

JAY AND JUDY MATLOCK

DURST FAMILY

RAY HARRE

BOB BRUS AND TINA GIPPLE

BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK

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IVY KLAREN, LIBBY KLAREN, AND MATT CARLSON

PAT BECKER AND BONNIE STRONG

TINA GIPPLE AND MARY NELSON

JILL HALLIGAN AND JESSI ZUBECK

ART AND LINDA DAUFELDT

CALDWELL FAMILY

LARRY EWERS

BONNIE STRONG AND WENDY SCHNACK

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday May 03, 2026

This Week on Formed:



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The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis
| Based on a True Saint

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving “gamer saint” of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo’s life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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ST ANDREW SISTERS IN CHRIST
Committee Meeting on Monday May 4th at 6:00pm



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
More information is available on flyers in the Gathering Area!!!



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!!



GROUND'S CLEAN UP, Saturday, May 16, 9am-11:30am, with PIZZA and DRINKS provided afterwards. All are welcome to help! Bring gloves. Thanks. Ed



Calling all GRADUATES!!!
Please complete your information on a form provided in the Gathering Area. Return the completed form to Jill, Phyllis or Deacon Matt as soon as possible.
We will be recognizing everyone during MASS on Sunday May 17, 2026

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

“Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?” Jesus asks Philip in today’s Gospel (John 14:9). The same could be asked of us today. Jesus has been with us since we were baptized. He had only been with his disciples for three years; he’s accompanied us for much longer. Do we still not know him? We have written eyewitness testimony about him. We have two thousand years of writings about him, from Saint Paul’s letters to books and essays from contemporary theologians and spiritual writers. We have our own personal experiences through prayer. Jesus assures us that to know the Son is to know the Father. Twenty centuries later, we still have every opportunity to know God.

As the early church grew and grew, especially when Saint Paul or one of the Twelve came to preach, with hundreds of people being baptized every day, more ministers were needed to serve the church’s many members. In the first reading today, it is the needy among the Hellenists—who most likely were Palestinian Jews and other Jews from the diaspora who spoke Greek, the more common language at the time, and not Hebrew or Aramaic—who are being overlooked. Clearly, the Twelve did not want this to continue. But there were only so many of them and they needed to remain dedicated to preaching and teaching the word of God. So they appointed seven disciples (seven symbolizing universality) to take on the task of serving those with material needs. These seven—all with Greek names—are considered the Church’s first deacons (from the Greek diakonos meaning servant). The building we enter to celebrate the Eucharist may be made in part with physical stones, but Peter points out in our second reading today that the Church is made of a different kind of stone: living stones. Along with all other baptized Christians, we make a living spiritual home in which God may dwell. Just as we would prepare our own physical home for guests, we pray that God help us prepare our spiritual home so that we may be “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own” so that our lives may be lived in praise of God (1 Peter 2:9)

Today’s message from Sacred Scripture is simple: If we know Jesus, we will want to serve Jesus, and in serving Jesus we become THE living stones as we Live to Give the Gospel, Glorifying the Lord, and Becoming the Good News by Being the Good News to each other.

Shalom Shalom

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 04/26/2026					
	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
31 OF 125 ENVELOPES	\$ 5,091.00	\$24,330.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 151,298.00	\$ 205,000.00
6 OF 26 ELECTRONIC	\$ 154.00				
CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 69.00	\$ 494.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 4,951.00	\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 30.00	\$ 117.00		\$ 809.00	\$ -