

St. Andrew Calendar:

- **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
- **Sunday Jan 04th** **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am
Mass Intention – Rod Elgin
- **Monday Jan 05th** **MARY'S ANGELS COMMITTEE @ 6:00pm**
- **Wed. Jan 07th** **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES @ 5:30pm**
- **Sunday Jan 11th** **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am
Mass Intention – Judy Arnold
- **Monday Jan 12th** **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS @ 7:00pm**

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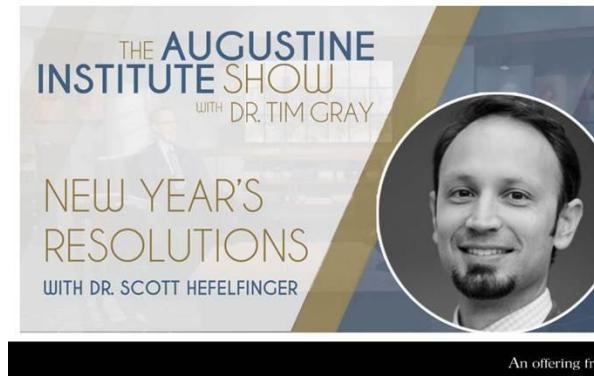
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday Dec 28, 2025

This Week on Formed:

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What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Heffelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

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WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY DEC 28

SACRISTAN: PHYLIS AVESING
SAFETY AND SECURITY: DREW SMITH AND JILL HALLIGAN
ALTAR SERVERS: IVY KLAAREN, TAYLOR GOSSE, MATT CARLSON
LECTORS: JIM FRIES AND LYNN RUBLEY
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: PHYLIS AVESING AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
GREETERS: JESSI ZUBECK AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
USHERS: ED AND MEGAN KOCAL
GIFT BEARERS: BOLDT FAMILY
CANTOR: RAY HARRE
MONEY COUNTERS: BONNIE STRONG AND BOB BRUS

SUNDAY JAN 04

SACRISTAN: PHYLIS AVESING
SAFETY AND SECURITY: BRIAN CALDWELL AND CHRIS RUBLEY
ALTAR SERVERS: KASYN KURTZ, ELLA HERBERS, PHYLIS AVESING
LECTORS: JAY MATLOCK AND SARA EHRECKE
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: TINA GIPPLE AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
GREETERS: MATT AND MELISSA DURST
USHERS: JAY AND JUDY MATLOCK
GIFT BEARERS: CALDWELL FAMILY
CANTOR: LARRY EWERS
MONEY COUNTERS: STEVE GEERING AND TINA GIPPLE



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 EVERYONE!!!



A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Applebee's Fundraiser last Monday. 25% of our orders will be given back to us...
The total to be received is **\$193**. Thanks again!!!



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



We will be Preparing and Serving the Churches United Meal
On Friday, JAN 09TH. Sign-up sheets for food and volunteers are in the
Gathering Area. Thank you for all your help!!



Mary's Angels Meeting will be
MONDAY JANUARY 05, 2026 at 6:00pm

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

On the Sunday after Christmas, we honor the Holy Family and hold them up as a model for our own families. From the start, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with hardships, uncertainty, and even danger. But together they placed their trust in God and grew ever stronger in their bond with each other. We too are called to trust in the Lord as we face the trials and difficulties of our own lives. As we continue our Christmas celebration, may our families be consecrated in the love of the Holy Family. The words that Ben Sira and Saint Paul use sound almost too good to be possible: honor, reverence, consideration, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Yes, these are ideals and sometimes we fall short. Therefore, Paul writes that we must bear with one another and forgive one another, as the Lord has forgiven us again and again. Try as we might, we can become inconsiderate, impatient, or unkind to a family member. Or they may to us. Forgiveness restores our relationships, no matter who's at fault or more to blame. Our love for each other can make forgiveness easier and more desirable, leading to reconciliation more easily. Having the peace of Christ in our hearts can give us the serenity we need to accept or request forgiveness without bitterness or resentfulness. May today's readings encourage us as we seek God's blessings upon families of every kind, especially our parish family as we Live to Give the Gospel, let us Glorify the Lord and let us Become the Good News by Being the Good News.

Shalom Shalom



WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 12/21/2025						2025-2026 GOALS
WE HAVE 150 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS	ACTUAL MONTH OF DEC	BUDGET MONTH OF DEC	TOTAL TO DATE	YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026		
34 OF 125						
ENVELOPES	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 11,884.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 75,732.00		\$ 205,000.00
8 OF 25						
ELECTRONIC	\$ 827.00					
CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 206.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 2,323.00		\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 39.00	\$ 81.00		\$ 537.00		\$ -