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6th Sunday of Easter Sunday May 25, 2025



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be on Monday, June 9th, 2025, @ 7:00 pm 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.



The next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at
THE CORNER GRILL

BLUE GRASS IA

on Monday, June 9th.

We will meet at 11:30. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope you will be able to join us.

According to a study by the Ramsey Solutions research team, 40% of Americans say their financial situation has caused them to lose sleep in the past month. If that's you, it's time to make a change. Take the first step and take control of your finances by signing up for the Knights of Columbus *Financial Peace University* class. Class (and better sleep) starts soon. Ready? Let's do this. The cost is \$80 per household. We plan to start the series of 9 classes in early June, assuming we get enough interest from parishioners. The only benefit to the Knights is knowing we have helped you. This is open to friends **and family** of St. Andrew Parish. I wish this had been available when I was raising my family. Please see Jay Matlock or Chris Rubley if you have questions. Jay Matlock 563-381-1028.

Our Parish Directory is Happening!!! Cost is \$25.

INCLUDES ALL PROOFS

Time Slots (20-minute intervals) are available to have your photos taken. All photos will be taken in the Parish Hall (other photos will not be accepted)

There are Open Dates available in June, with more to come, as needed.

Please contact **Kristal Schaefer at 563-349-5385** as soon as possible, to schedule your photo session!!

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

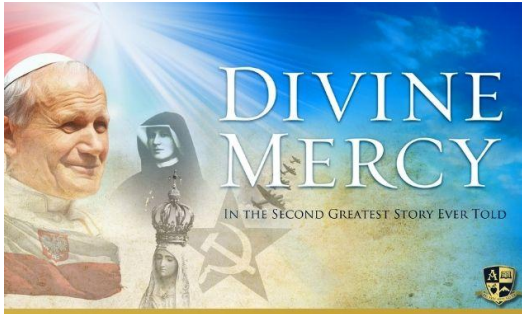
Last Sunday was a beautiful reminder of the splendor of our faith as we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Bishop Dennis. I hope we all can appreciate the measure to which our Diocese and our Bishop goes to help us celebrate these special moments and how fortunate we are to have a Bishop to do these things with. Sometimes it's hard for me to imagine what our lives would be like if we did not have Church among us. We are so Blessed, and yet we, at times, can take it all for granted. Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, dwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem, which shook the very foundation of the early Church. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) prays that all the nations on the earth, not just Israel, may recognize their God and praise Him. The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem, a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus, residing in it and in each of its members, replacing the Holy Presence of God in the Holy of Holies of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit abiding within us is our teacher and the Source of all peace. The passage offers a vision of Hope. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know. As we continue this glorious Easter season, we approach the solemnity of the Ascension, marking Jesus' ascent from this earth to be with the Father in heaven forever. In John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus, knowing that his time here was short, prepared the disciples for the future. He specifically promises to leave them with two gifts: his peace and the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit, two incomparable gifts which nearly two thousand years later we have been given as well. My Sisters and Brothers, as disciples of our Lord Jesus, we are challenged to be the new Temples of the Holy Spirit, sharing with each other the Peace that come from His Love. Mercy and Forgiveness. Let us recognize our God in each other and continue to praise Him with our actions, not just our words.

Shalom Shalom

MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.

St. Andrew Calendar:

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Small Group Series: Divine Mercy

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Come experience the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

Join us after Mass for a Small Group Study on Divine Mercy this Lent!

Starting on **Sunday, March 9th** after **Mass**, we will meet every Sunday of Lent in the Parish Center to watch the *Divine Mercy Series* and discuss it's meaning and how we might live it out in our own lives.

Lunch, Water & Coffee provided! No homework required. Just a comfy and casual way to build community, learn something new and grow in your faith! Come snack and learn with us!

Please shoot a quick text, email or call to Kelly Wernke at (563) 340-4838 or kflenker@gmail.com if you plan on joining us! (We want to make sure there's plenty of food.) Hope to see you there!

Join us this Lent!

When: Sundays after Mass

Where: Parish Hall

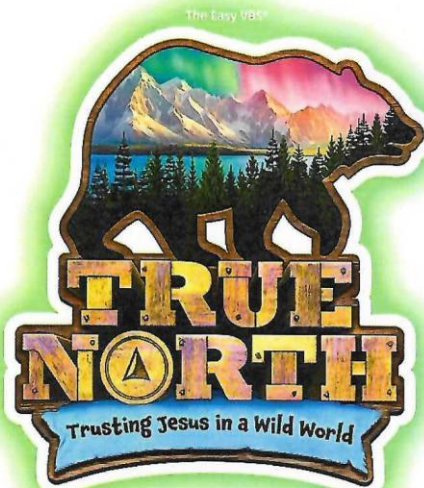
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a faithful Friend we can always TRUST!



\$20 if signed up
Before June 1

\$25 if signed up
June 1 or after



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	MAY 25th	JUN 01st
Cross Bearer	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
Eucharistic Ministers	Deb Ehrecke, Deb Herbers	Tina Gipple, Megan Kocal
Gift Bearers	Gosse Family	Herbers Family
Hospitality	Sandy Martens, Kathy Schaefer, Andrea Pociеча (cookies)	Deb Ehrecke, Diane Ritz, Kathy Schaefer (cookies)
Lectors	Kannan Kurtz, Stephanie Migawa	Bonnie Strong, Shirley Schmidt
Altar Servers	Kasyn Kurtz, Koy Kurtz, Phyllis Avesing	Ella Herbers, Carter Lucas, Phyllis Avesing
Cantor/Song Leader	Kamrin Varela	Ray Harre
Ushers	Ed & Megan Kocal	Deb & Al Ehrecke
Greeters	Sampson Family	Jill Halligan, Pat Becker
Sacristans	Deb Ehrecke	Shirley Schmidt
10:00AM Monday Money Counters	Deb Ehrecke, Tina Gipple	Deb Ehrecke, Debi Herbers
Homebound	05-29 Shirley Schmidt	06-05 Brenda Todd



	WEEKLY OFFERINGS as of 05/18/2025		TOTAL TO DATE	2024-2025 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2025
30 OF 129 ENVELOPES	\$	1,541.00	\$ 156,776.00	\$ 187,500.00
15 OF 29 EFT'S	\$	1,257.00	↑	
CASH (LOOSE)	\$	102.00	↑	
CHILDREN'S	\$	125.00	\$ 333.00	\$ -