

St. Andrew Parish

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March 19th, 2023
 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)



	Sunday, March 19th	Sunday, Mar 26th
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Kathy Schaefer Shirley Schmidt	Yvonne Friedrichsen Mary Nelson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Adam Sampson Family	Stephanie Jo Grunder Tessa Dierckx
<i>Hospitality/Greeters</i>	Vicki Seddon Brenda Todd	Pat Becker Shirley Schmidt
<i>Lector</i>	Jay Matlock Lynn Rubley	Amanda Reinart Angie Morrison
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Carter Lucas Matt Carlson	Ivy Klaren Ethan Kitlarz
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Rosie Barton	Larry Ewers
<i>Ushers</i>	Art & Linda Daufeldt	Lynn & Chris Rubley



A warm welcome to **Olivia Jade Kirby** who was
 baptized here on
 Saturday, March 11th. Welcome to our St. Andrew family Olivia!

GROW IN YOUR FAITH!

Grow your faith! Please listen to this 12-minute video of the real life example, shown by a current day saint, carrying Jesus' love to the poor.

[A Friend of the Lord Jesus - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon - YouTube](#)

Mount Calvary and Holy Family Cemeteries

Spring clean- up is scheduled for March 15th through April 1st. Items not removed by March 15th will be removed and disposed of. For more info please call 563-391-3550.

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference

ICYC is a day-long event targeting those in **grades 6-8** (and their parents).

Date: Sunday, **March 26**, 2023

Time: **10:00 am- 4:00 pm**

Location: **Mount Mercy University**, Cedar Rapids

Cost: **\$39/\$49 after March 1st**

For more information contact Trevor Pullinger at 563-888-4244 / www.iowacyc.org

Vegetable Soup

We have 25 quarts of vegetable soup for sale!

\$7 per quart.

Contact Jennie Stohl at 309-714-9950

or Deb Ehrecke at 563-340-3902.



Welcome New Parishioners

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew Parish, please fill out the yellow card found on the bulletin board in the gathering area and return it to Deacon Steve. The Welcoming Committee will contact you with additional information.

Please welcome **Karl McIntosh**, a new parishioner,
to our St. Andrew family!

Welcome Karl!



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus's next **meeting** will be **Monday, April 10th**, 2023, at **7 pm** in the Parish conference center.



Diocesan campaign coming to our parish!

The *Upon This Rock* Campaign is the Diocese of Davenport's effort to raise \$28 million for three important goals:

- To increase funding for the health care and retirement needs of our priests
- To cover seminarians' education costs
- To benefit every parish in the diocese. Our parish is in Wave 3 of parishes participating in the campaign. We're in the preparation phase of our campaign, and we'll kick off the public phase this spring. In the meantime, each week we will be publishing a few Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign. A compilation of all the FAQs is available at davenportdiocese.org/campaign.

Has the retirement situation been studied?

The Priests' Aid Society had about \$15 million in its fund for the health care and retirement costs for priests as of late 2021. To gain an understanding of how much would be needed to ensure that the Priests' Aid Society could keep up with its growing costs, the Diocese of Davenport engaged the services of the firm Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Co. (GRS), a national actuarial and benefits consulting firm that specializes in such questions for U.S. dioceses. In its report, GRS forecast that the Priests' Aid Society would need an additional \$24 million to fund completely the health care and retirement needs of all diocesan priests while also eliminating the Priests' Aid annual assessment of parishes. The *Upon This Rock* Campaign's \$28 million goal includes more than \$16 million for priests' retirement and health care costs, a major step toward fortifying the fund for decades to come.

Will the Priests' Aid Society assessments of parishes go down?

The campaign plan would reduce the assessments by 25 percent for at least five years, freeing up money in parishes' budgets for other uses. (This assessment is separate from the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which funds a variety of programs and ministries.)

Doesn't the Annual Diocesan Appeal pay for retired priests' costs? A small percentage of the ADA goes to the Priests' Aid Society as the diocese's payment for priests who are assigned to diocesan duties outside of parishes. In other words, the diocese is assessed just as parishes are.

Do the health costs apply only to retired priests? No. Health insurance for priests, retired and active, is covered through the Priests' Aid Society.

Doesn't Medicare cover retired priests' costs? Yes, retired priests are eligible for Medicare. The Priests' Aid Society covers the costs for supplemental health coverage for retired priests. Because of Medicare rules, priests over 65 who are not retired must have their health care benefits paid fully by the Priests' Aid Society.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday Mar 19: Religious Ed 9am (PC), Rosary 10:00 am (CH), Mass 10:30 am (CH), Verhasselt Baptism 11:30am (CH) <i>Mass Intension: Bernice Hughes & Paul Hughes</i>
Monday, Mar 20: Music Ministry 6pm (CH)
Tuesday, Mar 21: RCIA Meeting 7pm (PC)
Wednesday Mar 22: Stations of the Cross 6pm (CH), Soup Supper 6:30pm (PC)
Thursday Mar 23: Communion Service 9am (Courtyard Estates)
Friday Mar 24: no events scheduled
Saturday Mar 25: no events scheduled
Sunday Mar 26: Religious Ed 9am (PC), 10:00am Rosary (CH), Mass 10:30 am (ministries by Religious Ed 2 nd Grade) 11:30 Lyon Baptism (CH), 2 nd Grade Communion Retreat at noon (PC) <i>Mass Intentions: Lionel Hermiston & Michael Hermiston</i>
(LOCATION KEY) PC - Parish Center; CH – Church; PCR – Parish Conf Room

Upcoming Events:

- **Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays thru March 29th - 6 pm**
(Soup supper to follow at 6:30)
- **Communal Penance Services**
 - **Sunday, March 19, 3:00 pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral**
 - **Monday, March 20, 6:30 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes**

See also the bulletin board for other confession times in Scott County.
- **Triduum (Holy Week)**
 - Holy Thursday, 4-6-23 – 7 pm** (Eucharistic Adoration following)
 - Good Friday, 4-7-23 – 7 pm**
 - Easter Vigil, 4-8-23 – 8:30 pm**
 - Easter Sunday, 4-9-23 – 10:30 am**

The ladies of the parish will be hosting a **sign painting class** on **Thursday, April 20th from 6- 8 pm** in the parish center. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area until April 1st.



Questions? Contact Deb Ehrecke at 563-340-3902.

PLC Corner

RCIA Elect and Scrutinies

Last week I gave an update on our catechumens going through the RCIA process. The “Elect” in their preparation for the sacraments, are going through the Rites of Scrutiny during Mass. I had asked everyone to join me in praying for them on this final leg of

their journey toward full initiation in the mysteries of faith through rebirth in water and the Spirit and nourishment from the Eucharist. To do that, you could pray on your own the prayer that Fr Bud will say for the Scrutiny this Sunday:

*Lord Jesus,
you are the true light that enlightens the world.
Through your Spirit of truth, free those who are enslaved.
Stir up the desire for good in these elect,
whom you have chosen for your sacraments.
Let them rejoice in your light, that they may see,
and, like the man born blind whose sight you restored,
let them prove to be staunch and fearless witnesses to the faith,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.*

Have a blessed Lent,
Deacon Steve

Building on the Synod

For the world-wide Synod “*Journeying Together*” last year, three themes rose to the top from 470 listening sessions conducted in our diocese. In June 2023 the diocese will kick off a focus on these themes, one each year, over the next three years. Year one will focus on welcoming and belonging; year two will focus on youth and family engagement; and year three will focus on Church teaching and tradition. There is a great need across our diocese to enhance our efforts to ensure that people know they are welcome to participate in our parish and school communities, and also to facilitate a greater sense of belonging in our faith communities. To help focus our efforts, the Bishop asks for each parish to identify 3-5 lay representatives to lead the discernment and implementation process over the next year. If you are interested in serving on this effort for the first year on welcoming and belonging, or would like to know more, **contact Deacon Steve by email bartons@diodav.org or call or text 563-271-4900 by March 27.**

The Catholic Service Board (CSB) is looking for new members to join their organization for fellowship, fun, and assistance in their endeavor to support Kahl Home and other nonprofit organizations. CSB supports their mission with funds raised through sales at Cinderella’s Resale Shop in Davenport. In pre-pandemic times, CSB members were able to assist Kahl Home residents with social activities. It is hoped that these activities will resume in the future. For more information on CSB or to request membership information please contact CSB President Stephanie Eckhardt (563-210-5059), stephanieeckhardt@ruhlhomes.com.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a **food drive** during Lent, starting **March 5th through Palm Sunday, April 2nd.**

The Knights will be accepting Cash and Check donations only . Your donations will help benefit our surrounding locations through the Buffalo Food Pantry. The collection basket for monetary donations is located at the back of the church. Please make your checks out the Buffalo Food Pantry. Your generosity will help many in need in the Buffalo, Blue Grass and Walcott area!
Thank you from the Knights of Columbus.



Easter Memorial Flowers

Since the cost of flowers keeps rising, just like everything else, this year we will try something a bit different for flower memorials. Any amount can be donated and flowers will be ordered accordingly. Since not everyone chooses to take a plant home, they will be distributed on a “first come-first served” basis after the Easter season. Please print the name(s) on the envelope that you would like to have listed on the memorial page that will be displayed. The flower offering envelopes are on the long table in the gathering area. Thank you for your cooperation!



ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL'S 37TH ANNUAL
APRIL KNIGHT
— Gala & Auction —
Friday, April 21, 2023



For information on attending April Knight
or our Grand Prize Raffle, scan or visit:
www.assumptionhigh.org/support-ahs/april-knight

The poster features a central illustration of a black knight's helmet with a large red plume. Below the helmet, the text reads "ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL'S 37TH ANNUAL APRIL KNIGHT" in a mix of black and red fonts. Underneath, it says "Gala & Auction" flanked by red horizontal lines, followed by the date "Friday, April 21, 2023". A QR code is positioned below the date. At the bottom, there is a line of text providing information on attending the event and a website URL: "For information on attending April Knight or our Grand Prize Raffle, scan or visit: www.assumptionhigh.org/support-ahs/april-knight".