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5th Sunday of Easter Sunday May 18, 2025



“This Week on Formed”

Saint Rita



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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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

Spring can be a delight for my senses. I see trees starting to bud, flowers poking their heads out of the ground, and grass turning a lovely shade of green. I hear migrating birds and feel the warm sun on my face. God's words in Revelation seem especially appealing to me: "Behold, I make all things new." This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 11 of our brand-new adult parishioners!!! Much as we can behold spring making all things new, when God raised Jesus, freeing our lives from sin and death, we too were made brand new. Confirmation is like that for us, it is a new springtime for all of us. Our parish celebrates the newness of our faith through the new arrival of new believers. And we do this through the love we have for one another, young and old alike. Love is not easy. Even the love we have for a child, a spouse, a parent, or a significant other takes work. We have to overlook certain things that may annoy or anger us. The favors we do for them may be difficult and draining. Over time, we struggle with showing our love as we want to. So, Jesus' command to love one another is a challenge to begin with and when he adds, "As I have loved you" it becomes nearly impossible. Confirmation reminds us as a parish family that we love one another as Jesus loves us when we sacrifice our own wishes for those we love. In so doing, we are both obeying and imitating the Lord. As I celebrate my one-year anniversary of my blessed assignment here with all of you I wish to remind you of my continued love and support of, for, and to you. My Mission Statement remains in my heart: to cooperate with the Holy Spirit bringing peace and joy to you, St. Andrew parish. My Vision remains steadfast: to increase the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit through parishioner active participation and commitment. And my Values that I use to do so, I pray, continue to be my strength: Compassion, Kindness and Wisdom. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart in allowing me the honor and privilege to serve you. Let us give thanks to God for continually renewing our world and our lives.

Shalom Shalom

Phyllis will be distributing GLUTEN FREE communion at Sunday Mass. Please step to her side of the Altar if you wish to receive the gluten free consecrated host.

St. Andrew Calendar:

- **Sunday May 18th** **MASS at 10:30am with Bishop Walsh.**
Rosary @ 10:00am
8th Grade Confirmation and a Potluck following Mass
EVERYONE WELCOME...Please bring a dish to share!!
 - **NO RE CLASSES**➤ *Mass Intention – Sandy Remley*

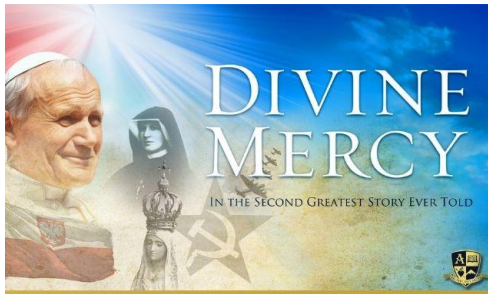
- **Wednesday May 21th** **WORSHIP & PRAYER COMMITTEE**
MEETING @ 6:00 pm
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MEETING @ 6:00pm
Adoration @ 5:30 pm

- **Sunday May 25th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **NO RE CLASSES**➤ *Mass Intention – John Krebs*

- **Wednesday May 28th** **FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE**
MEETING @ 6:00 pm
Adoration @ 5:30 pm

- **Sunday June 1st** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **NO RE CLASSES**➤ *Mass Intention – Tony Mack*

- **Sunday June 8th** **MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary @ 10:00am
 - **NO RE CLASSES**➤ *Mass Intention – Judy Arnold*



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

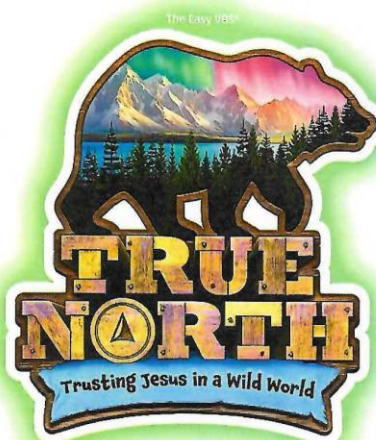
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\$20 if signed up
Before June 1

\$25 if signed up
June 1 or after



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	MAY 18th	MAY 25th
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Clergy	Deb Ehrecke, Deb Herbers
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Sampson Family	Gosse Family
<i>Hospitality</i>	POTLUCK IN PARISH HALL	Sandy Martens, Kathy Schaefer, Andrea Pociecha (cookies)
<i>Lectors</i>	Kamrin Varela, Shirley Schmidt	Kannan Kurtz, Stephanie Migawa
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Kenna Kurtz, Caiden Gosse, Matt Carlson	Kasyn Kurtz, Koy Kurtz, Phyllis Avesing
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Larry Ewers	Kamrin Varela
<i>Ushers</i>	Gosse Family	Ed & Megan Kocal
<i>Greeters</i>	Rebecca Escalante, Yvonne Friedrichsen	Sampson Family
<i>Sacristans</i>	Chris & Lynn Rubley	Deb Ehrecke
<i>10:00AM Monday Money Counters</i>	Steve Herbers, Pat Sheehey	Deb Ehrecke, Tina Gipple
<i>Homebound</i>	05-22 Deb Herbers	05-29 Shirley Schmidt

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.