

St. Andrew Parish

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March 26th, 2023
 Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)



	Sunday, March 26th	April 2nd Palm Sunday
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Yvonne Friedrichsen Mary Nelson	Shirley Schmidt Barb Reiland
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	2nd Graders	Adam Sampson Family
<i>Hospitality/Greeters</i>	2nd Graders	Debi & Steve Herbers
<i>Lector</i>	2nd Graders	Lynn Rubley Bill Talkin
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Ivy Klaren Ethan Kitlarz	Phyllis A, Matt Carlson Ethan Kitlarz
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Larry Ewers	Ray Harre
<i>Ushers</i>	2nd Graders	Art & Linda Daufeldt



A warm welcome to **Ellie Kay Verhasselt** who was baptized here on Sunday, March 19th. Welcome to our St. Andrew family Ellie!

GROW IN YOUR FAITH!

Grow your faith! Please listen to this 4-minute video on connecting with God, perfect for Lent!

[The One Thing You Need - YouTube](#)

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



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.

Vegetable Soup

We have 23 quarts of vegetable soup for sale!
\$7 per quart. Get yours at the “cookie” window after Mass or
Contact Jennie Stohl at 309-714-9950
or Deb Ehrecke at 563-340-3902.



New Parishioners!

Please give a warm welcome to **Karl McIntosh** and **Brianna and Reid Herrig** who have joined our St. Andrew family. Welcome Karl, Brianna and Reid!

Music Ministry Update



Abby Box is stepping down as Music Director. Abby will continue her position as an accompanist and part-time bookkeeper.
Rosie Barton will assume the responsibilities for planning the music for all liturgies and providing direction to the choir as an unpaid volunteer.



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.

FAQ:

How does funding for seminarians work, and why is more money needed?

A fund managed by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport has in recent years covered the costs of seminary education and formation. That fund was bolstered by an effort in 2015-16 that generated about \$500,000 from donors. That money, as well as several large additional gifts in recent years, has allowed the foundation to continue to cover the quickly rising education costs of seminarians; the total runs about \$55,000 per year per seminarian. However, about \$100,000 per year is being pulled out of the fund to cover the costs that go beyond investment income and the amount raised during the Annual Diocesan Appeal. That means that at that rate and without additional money, the fund for seminarians will be exhausted as soon as 2024.

I thought the Annual Diocesan Appeal paid for seminarians' costs. It doesn't? The ADA does pay a small portion of seminarians' costs, but the amounts raised through the ADA, other donations and investments haven't kept up with the dramatic increases in education costs.

Why don't the families of seminarians pay the costs of their education? Seminarians are discerning whether to give their life to the priesthood, whether the Holy Spirit is calling them to give a lifetime in service to the Lord and to the faithful. The diocese wants to allow this discernment to occur without money being a determining factor for the seminarian or his family. Moreover, given the modest salary of priests, it would be a significant burden to have to repay the large loans that most seminarians would have to take out in order to pay for their seminary education.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday Mar 26: Religious Ed 9am (PC), Rosary 10:00 am (CH), 2 nd Grade Mass 10:30 am (CH), Lyon Baptism 11:30am (CH) 2 nd Grade First Holy Communion Retreat 12 pm (PC) <i>Mass Intension: Lionel Hermiston & Michael Hermiston</i>
Monday, Mar 27: no events scheduled
Tuesday, Mar 28: RCIA Meeting 7pm (PC)
Wednesday Mar 29: Stations of the Cross 6pm (CH), Soup Supper 6:30pm (PC), Faith Formation Meeting 7 pm (PC)
Thursday Mar 30: Communion Service 9am (Courtyard Estates)
Friday Mar 31: no events scheduled
Saturday Apr 1: no events scheduled
Sunday Apr 2: Palm Sunday: Religious Ed 9am (PC),10:00am Rosary (CH), Mass 10:30 pm (CH) <i>Mass Intentions: Charles Rubley and Patricia Rubley</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)
- **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



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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

Mary's Angels

Mary's Angels next **meeting** is **Monday, April 3rd** at 7 pm in parish center. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!



PLC Corner

RCIA Elect

The last couple of weeks, I've asked for prayers for our Catechumens and Elect going through the RCIA conversion process in preparation to become Catholics. In your prayers, you could pray for them by name:

The Buhman Family: Bryn and Brody

The Cesar Family: Corey, Nicole, Cayden, Landen and Maxen

The Kitlarz Family: Kelley and Isaac

The Strohbahn Family: Ron, Christina, Mason and Madysen

Holy Thursday – Eucharistic Adoration

We'll have another opportunity to adore the Holy Eucharist on **Holy Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm**. At the end of that Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be moved in procession from the altar to a temporary "tabernacle of repose". This will be located in the Day Chapel, where the space will be setup for an extended period of adoration. We won't have Benediction and Closing like other times of adoration because this liturgy leads into Good Friday the next day.

Everyone is welcome to join us for adoration there immediately after Mass. You can stay for an hour or less or more. We'll continue adoration until 10:00pm. If you are not able to attend the Mass, but want to come to adoration later during this time, please call the office and let us know what time you will be there.

Building on the Synod

Following up my note last week on the continuing world-wide Synod "Journeying Together", the diocese will kick off a focus on three themes in June, one each year, over the next three years. This first year 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. The Bishop has asked 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 **Monday, March 27**.

Have a blessed Lent,
Deacon Steve

The Catholic Service Board (CSB) is looking for new members to join their organization for fellowship, fun, and assistance in their endeavor to support the 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.



Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat
2664 145th Ave, Wheatland, IA 52777

Saturday, April 1 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Exploring God's Creation: Generating Hope and Energy
Fr. Bud Grant and Connie Mutel
Come explore how nature shapes and supports all life and the ways humanity has reshaped the natural world. Learn to connect environmental concerns with your faith! Fee: \$35 includes lunch 563-374-1092



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.
Thank you for your cooperation!