## St. Andrew Calendar:

➤ Sunday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

**MASS at 10:30am.** Rosary at 10:00am *Mass Intention – Nyle Wegener* 

ENCHILADA ORDERS – PAYMENT AND PICK UP IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS

#### GIVING TREE WITH GIFT & GIFT CARD TAGS IN GATHERING AREA

Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> MASS at 10:30am. Rosary at 10:00am

Mass Intention – Bob Timmons

► Monday Dec 01<sup>st</sup> BLOOD DRIVE 2:00pm - 6:30pm

➤ Wednesday Dec 03<sup>rd</sup> FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES @ 5:30pm

Sunday Dec 07<sup>th</sup> MASS at 10:30am. Rosary at 10:00am

Mass Intention – Donald Schmidt

➤ Monday Dec 08<sup>th</sup> MASS at 5:30pm – The Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Intention – Joan Timmons

#### **WEEKLY MINISTRIES:**

**SUNDAY NOV 23** 

SACRISTAN: PHYLLIS AVESING

SAFETY AND SECURITY: DREW SMITH AND BRIAN PITTNER

ALTAR SERVERS: PRESTON ZUBECK, KENNA KURTZ, MATT CARLSON

LECTORS: STEPHANIE MIGAWA AND KANNAN KURTZ
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: PHYLLIS AVESING AND MARY NELSON
GREETERS: JESSI ZUBECK AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT

USHERS: GOSSE FAMILY

GIFT BEARERS: CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY

CANTOR: LARRY EWERS

MONEY COUNTERS: BOB BRUS AND PAT SHEEHEY

**SUNDAY NOV 30** 

SACRISTAN: BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK SAFETY AND SECURITY: BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK

ALTAR SERVERS: CAIDEN GOSSE, KASYN KURTZ, PHYLLIS AVESING

LECTORS: JIM FRIES AND LYNN RUBLEY

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: SHIRLEY SCHMIDT AND TINA GIPPLE GREETERS: BONNIE STRONG AND LISA SMITH

USHERS: CALDWELL FAMILY
GIFT BEARERS: KLAREN FAMILY
CANTOR: KAMRIN VARELA

MONEY COUNTERS: BONNIE STRONG AND WENDY SCHNACK

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## Live to Give the Gospel

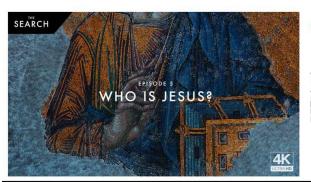
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday Nov 23, 2025

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#### WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus will host a winter clothing drive on **November 2nd, 9th & 16th**. Many people (adults and children) in this area need essential warm clothing for the winter. A collection box will be

in the church gathering space to place your new and clean used coats, gloves, sweatshirts, and hats donations.

Please consider donating to this cause. Thank You!



## 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.



## CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY QUAD CITIES

We will be collecting Board Books this year during Advent. See the table in the Gathering Area for more information. Please return your donations by Sunday December 14



### **ENCHILADAS FOR SALE!!!**

WORSHIP AND PRAYER COMMITTEE FUND RAISER
FOR THE ROSARY GARDEN. Place your ORDERS at the table in the
Gathering Area on Nov 2nd, Nov 09th, and Nov 16th.
Pick-up orders on Sunday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> after Mass.



## **St Andrew Giving Tree**

Please pick a **GIFT TAG** from the tree, record your selection # on the list along with your name. Some tags list a child's need and/or want items. If 2 items are listed, please purchase both gifts for \$30 or under total. Or other tags are for a \$20 cash donation towards the purchase of a gift card. The gifts **cannot** be wrapped, but the GIFT TAG must be taped to the outside. Unwrapped gifts, along with the \$20 money donation with GIFT TAG need to be returned to Mary Nelson, Wendy Schnack, Phyllis Avesing or Jill Halligan by **December 7th.** The gifts and cards will then be taken to Humility Homes and Services for distribution to the families.

## From the Desk of Deacon Matt

Nearly everyone Jesus encounters in his final hours misunderstands him. The rulers, the soldiers, even one of the criminals crucified alongside him cannot understand why he saved others but has not chosen to save himself. They cannot imagine why someone sent by God as Messiah and King would allow himself to die on a cross. They do not realize that he came to save others, not save himself. They do not realize that he came to bring forgiveness and mercy to enable us to cope with human suffering, not to rid the world of the suffering that is part of being human. They do not realize that he did not come to save us from death in the way that he saved Lazarus—who would go on to die once more—but to lead us past death to new life in the kingdom of God. Surrounding Jesus on the cross, only one man understands.

Luke writes that this condemned man rebukes the other one, asking if he has no fear of God. To have a fear of God is to realize the power of God, to be in awe of all that God is capable of relative to how powerless we are as humans. That awe may be of God's justice or power to punish, or it may be of God's mercy or power to forgive. In his last moments, this condemned criminal realizes that he will die as someone who has sinned grievously. He has enough faith in Jesus to respect the power that he has and so with his final words he asks Jesus to have mercy on him. For nearly two thousand years now, he has provided an example of how to approach God as a sinner, which we all are: Lord, remember me and have mercy.

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are reminded that we anchor our hope in the death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus died to save us from our sins, which separate us from the love of God, so that we may live eternally with God in the kingdom where he is King.

Live to give the Gospel, Glorify the Lord and Become the Good News by Being the Good News.

## **Shalom Shalom**



THANK YOU!!!! Brian and Trey Pociecha, Koy and Kannon Kurtz, Ian Caldwell, Ed & Megan Kocal, Kamrin Varela, Bob Brus, Bonnie Strong, Andrea Caldwell, Maury Pranger, Chris Burns, Chris Rubley and Wendy Schnack for the terrific job cleaning up the Church yard...We got everything done...it looks fantastic!!! That was 35 hours of donated labor!!!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 11/16/2025 **ACTUAL BUDGET** TOTAL 2025-2026 GOALS ΤO WE HAVE 150 FAMILIES **MONTH** MONTH YEAR ENDING **REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS** OF NOV OF NOV DATE 06/30/2026 33 OF 125 **ENVELOPES** \$ 2,412.00 \$ 9,728.00 \$ 17,083.33 205,000.00 9 OF 25 **ELECTRONIC** \$ 522.00 CASH (LOOSE) 7,000.00 CHILDREN'S \$ 13.00 64.00 433.00