St. Andrew Calendar:

Sunday Dec 07th

MASS at 10:30am. Rosary at 10:00am Mass Intention - Donald Schmidt

Children will pick their charities to donate to during Mass

➤ Sunday Dec 07th **MOVIE AFTERNOON in the Parish Hall at noon**

Join us for THE STAR movie with popcorn and nachos

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

➤ Monday Dec 08th MASS at 5:30pm – The Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Intention – Joan Timmons

➤ Wednesday Dec 10th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 6:00pm

Adoration at 5:30pm

➤ Sunday Dec 14th MASS at 10:30am. Rosary at 10:00am

Mass Intention – Mike Hanson

WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY DEC 07

SACRISTAN: SHIRLEY SCHMIDT

SAFETY AND SECURITY: BRIAN CALDWELL AND CHRIS RUBLEY

ALTAR SERVERS: KASYN KURTZ, ELLA HERBERS, PHYLLIS AVESING

LECTORS: JAY MATLOCK AND SARA EHRECKE

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: TINA GIPPLE AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT

CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS **GREETERS: USHERS:** CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS **GIFT BEARERS:** CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS

CANTOR: RAY HARRE

MONEY COUNTERS: BONNIE STRONG AND TINA GIPPLE

SUNDAY DEC 14

SACRISTAN: **BOB BRUS AND WENDY SCHNACK SAFETY AND SECURITY:** BRIAN PITTNER AND JILL HALLIGAN

ALTAR SERVERS: PRESTON ZUBECK, KENNA KURTZ, MATT CARLSON

JIM FRIES AND KANNAN KURTZ LECTORS:

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: TINA GIPPLE AND MARY NELSON **GREETERS:** JIM AND TERESA MANNING

USHERS: CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY **GIFT BEARERS:** GOSSE FAMILY **CANTOR:**

MONEY COUNTERS: STEVE GEERING AND WENDY SCHNACK

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Second Sunday of Advent Sunday Dec 07, 2025

"This Week on Formed"

Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent





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Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus

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<u>TODAY!!!</u> Dec 7 during Mass we encourage all of God's children to join us to distribute their collected monies to their favorite charities. They can pick from our Blue Grass Policemen, our Blue Grass Firemen, our Blue Grass Park Board, or the Scott County Humane Society for care of animals.



TODAY!!! SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH
12:00PM NOON
MOVIE DAY WITH POPCORN AND NACHOS



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.

Dear 1st-Degree Brother Knights, this is the time to earn your 2nd and 3rd degrees. On December 14th, after Mass, we are inducting new members into the Knights of Columbus. This ceremony will last approximately 1 hour and encompass the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. There won't be any cost, just your participation. I need to know ahead of time so I can set up. If you are interested, please get in touch with me in person or by phone by Friday, December 12th, text 563-594-9851

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU! from the Knights of Columbus to everyone who participated in our St. Andrew coat drive! This year, we received over **52** coats, **20** sweaters, **60** hats and gloves, four pairs of shoes and boots, and one monetary gift of \$50. The collection was dropped off at a grateful Blessing Boutique in Blue Grass and will be distributed in our community and surrounding areas.



Our next St. Andrew Church Ladies' Lunch will be at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhp.2007

We will meet at 11:30. We hope you will be able to join us.

Please let me know by Sunday evening, December 7th whether you plan to attend.



CHOIR PRACTICE after MASS: 11/30, 12/07, 12/14, and 12/21 New Members are especially welcome!!

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

Each Sunday of Advent this year, the first reading is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah and the Gospel is from Matthew. Matthew's Gospel consistently portrays Jesus and his mission as a fulfillment of the promise God made to the Chosen People. Therefore, Matthew strives to connect the dots between Isaiah, the paramount prophet of the Hebrew scriptures, and Jesus Christ. Today we hear Isaiah and John the Baptist describe for us the coming of God's chosen one. One who is to bring harmony, One who IS and to BE Harmony.

The harmony among the animals portrayed by Isaiah is recalled when Paul speaks to the Romans, asking that God may "grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5). Normally, it's a great challenge to think in harmony with others, even with just other members of our family. But if all are truly thinking in harmony with the Lord, agreement can be found. If we are to Live to Give the Gospel, it requires honesty, humility, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. May we take the time and make the effort to increase the harmony of the world.

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



OUR REMEMBRANCE TREE IS ON THE ALTAR AGAIN THIS YEAR IN MEMORY OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM GUN VIOLENCE



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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

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