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May 14th, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

	May 14th	May 21st
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Megan Kocal, Deb Ehrecke	Phyllis Avesing, Bonnie Strong
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Matt Carlson, Yvonne Friedrichsen	Adam Sampson Family
<i>Hospitality/Greeters</i>	Jenny Stohl	Pat Becker, Shirley Schmidt
<i>Lector</i>	Lynn Rubley, Shirley Schmidt	Bill Talken, Mary Nelson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Kasyn Kurtz, Phyllis Avesing	Scott Kitlarz, Ethan Kitlarz
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Rosie Barton	Larry Ewers
<i>Ushers</i>	Al & Deb Ehrecke	Tina Gipple, Ed Kocal

GROW IN YOUR FAITH!

Grow your faith! Please listen to this 8-minute video on miracles you can see now, that will strike awe in you for our God, still working in our world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-Dr8YhotyA&authuser=0>

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.



New Parishioners!

Please give a warm welcome to all of our new members who have joined our St. Andrew family. Welcome everyone!

UPON THIS ROCK VIDEO PRESENTATION



Those of you who attended Mass last Sunday got to see the Capital Campaign video that explains the purpose of this campaign. Unfortunately, the sound wasn't great in spite of thoroughly testing sound and volume levels the day before.

Anyone who would like to view, or re-view, the video in the comfort of your home may do so by clicking this link: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/campaign>

Although not mentioned on Sunday, members of St. Andrew parish should have received packets of information by now that explains campaign details. If you have not, please contact one of the Campaign Chairs: Barb Reiland at 563-370-4674 or Deb Ehrecke at 563-340-3902. We will ensure a packet is mailed to you.



**UPON *this*
ROCK**



Supporting Our Priests • Strengthening Our Church

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.

First gifts coming in for 'Upon This Rock' Campaign

As gifts begin to arrive for the *Upon This Rock* Campaign, we'll keep you updated through the bulletin, at Mass and our website. Many thanks to our early givers!

- **Our latest tally:** As of the end of April, we have six gifts and pledges totaling \$49,959. That's already 15.6 percent toward our goal of \$321,142!
- **Did you know?** Every dollar of campaign gifts and pledges is going toward the three campaign projects. All campaign expenses are being paid by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport. Wonderful!
- **I want to know more!** To find out more, go to davenportdiocese.org/campaign to view the campaign video, explore the Frequently Asked Questions and learn much more. You also can contact our campaign leaders, **Barb Reiland at 563-370-4674 or Deb Ehrecke at 563-340-3902.**

Vacation Bible School



It's that time of year, we are looking for volunteers for VBS. We will need volunteers for doing the bible story of the day, two volunteers for the Imagination Station, which is a craft and a little bit of science all rolled into one, and a couple of volunteers for the kitchen. We are always looking for young people to help be crew leaders. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 26th – 30th from 9:00am -12:00pm**. I will be putting a list of items to donate to help keep cost down. This will be posted in the gathering area next to the kitchen.

Phyllis Avesing DRE

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 14:	Rosary 10:00 am (CH) Mass 10:30 (CH) <i>Mass Intention: Allan Nelson</i>
Monday, May 15:	Music Ministries 6:00pm (CH)
Tuesday, May 16:	Last RCIA Meeting 7:00pm (PC)
Wednesday, May 17:	Worship and Prayer Meeting 6:00pm
Thursday, May 18:	Communion Service 9am (Courtyard Estates)
Friday, May 19:	No events scheduled
Saturday, May 20:	No events scheduled
Sunday, May 21:	Rosary 10:00 am (CH) Mass 10:30 (CH) <i>Mass Intention: Richard Strong</i>
(LOCATION KEY) PC - Parish Center; CH – Church; PCR – Parish Conf Room	



Congratulations to all the Confirmation students and their families. I would like to acknowledge the teachers that took the time and effort to instruct these young students, Brian Hickey and Dean Ehrecke. They gave of their time very generously. They made a great team and did an awesome job. Also, a heartfelt thanks to Becca Escalante for making the cupcakes for each student and their families. Thanks again!!!

Phyllis Avesing DRE

PLC Corner



The 50 days of the Easter Season are winding down as we approach the celebration of Pentecost on May 28 at the end of this season - in just a couple of weeks! We hear about the Holy Spirit in the readings for Mass this Sunday and next Sunday preparing us to celebrate Pentecost.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will give them another Advocate – the Spirit of truth – to be with them always after he ascends to the Father. In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles we hear that the apostles Peter and John laid hands to confer the Holy Spirit on those in Samaria who had been baptized.

This is the pattern of sacraments that the Church still follows today – Confirmation by a Bishop (or his delegate) as a successor to the apostles. Which Bishop Zinkula did here at St Andrew just last Saturday for 10 young Catholics (see the photo in this bulletin).

They prepared well for the Sacrament of Confirmation – studying the Sacred Scriptures and the precepts of the Roman Catholic Church, learning how to live their lives for the greater glory of God in the world. They witnessed this in their lives through their service to the Church and the community in preparing for this sacrament.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, they received the grace that will strengthen them to live their lives of faith – along with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will aid and guide them. They are now full members of the Catholic Church – but this is not the end. This is a new beginning to continually become better disciples of Jesus Christ through the ongoing practice of their faith. Please keep them in your prayers.

Enjoy this blessed Easter Season!

Deacon Steve

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

- **Making Sense and Deepening Faith with A Course in Miracles: Sunday, May 21** | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Gain a better understanding of what the Course and its goodness actually is. Become more confident in sharing and knowing that it is truly helpful. Jay Williams. Fee: \$35 includes lunch.
- **Pause and Refresh – You deserve time just for yourself! Tuesday, May 23** | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Listen to the whispers of your spirit. Fee: \$35 includes lunch.
- **God Does Extraordinary Things Through Ordinary People: Thursday, May 25** | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Hear the amazing stories of people who have overcome great circumstances in their lives to show that God is with us! Miriam Prichard. Fee: Free!



We have a watch that was found in church on Sunday the 7th. If it's yours please call the office and claim it!!!
Thanks!



Another successful year of Religious Ed has come to a close for the 2022-2023 school year! Thanks to all of the teachers and helpers who made the success. Happy Summer everyone!!