

St. Andrew Parish

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May 21st, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

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<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Phyllis Avesing, Bonnie Strong	Shirley Schmidt, Yvonne Friedrichsen
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Adam Sampson Family	Janine Stevens Family
<i>Hospitality/Greeters</i>	Pat Becker, Shirley Schmidt	Bonnie Strong, Kathy Schaefer
<i>Lector</i>	Bill Talken, Mary Nelson	Bonnie Strong, Megan Kocal
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Scott Kitlarz, Ethan Kitlarz	Ashley Smith, Phyllis Avesing
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Larry Ewers	Rosie Barton
<i>Ushers</i>	Tina Gipple, Ed Kocal	Chris & Lynn Rubley

GROW IN YOUR FAITH!

Grow your faith! My Grandmother's POWERFUL Prayer. Please listen to this one-minute prayer. God is there for us every minute!!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= uNWyJoeqr8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNWyJoeqr8)

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.



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 twelve gifts and pledges totaling \$72,549. That's already 22.6 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 21:	Rosary 10:00 am (CH) Mass 10:30 (CH) <i>Mass Intention: Richard Strong</i>
Monday, May 22:	No events scheduled
Tuesday, May 23:	No events scheduled
Wednesday, May 24:	No events scheduled
Thursday, May 25:	Communion Service 9am (Courtyard Estates)
Friday, May 26:	No events scheduled
Saturday, May 27:	No events scheduled
Sunday, May 28:	Rosary 10:00 am (CH) Mass 10:30 (CH) <i>Mass Intention: Patricia Rubley</i>
(LOCATION KEY) PC - Parish Center; CH – Church; PCR – Parish Conf Room	



Our Peace and Justice Committee met on May 7th and decided to give \$700 each to Café on the Vine, Buffalo Food Pantry, and COAR Peace Mission along with \$500 to the Blessing Box and \$200 to Gilda's Club.



A HUGE thank you goes out to all the ladies of the parish that baked up a storm for our bake sale during city wide garage sales. We made \$720 which will go into the Mary's Angel's account and be used for any needed items for our parish and Religion Education. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!



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!

PLC Corner



The Ascension of the Lord

While “Ascension Thursday” was this Thursday, May 18, our diocese and many others in the U.S. observe this solemnity on this Sunday, in place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Last year at this time, Pope Francis gave a beautiful reflection on the meaning of the Ascension of the Lord in his weekly Regina Coeli address at St. Peter’s Square. Here’s an excerpt from that address.

“As he makes his ‘exodus’ to Heaven, Christ ‘makes way’ for us, he goes to prepare a place for us and, from this time forth, he intercedes for us, so that we may always be accompanied and blessed by the Father. And so, ascending to Heaven, instead of remaining beside a few people with his body, Jesus becomes close to all with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in us, beyond the barriers of time and space, to make us his witnesses in the world.”

“Brothers and sisters, let us think today of the gift of the Spirit we have received from Jesus to be witnesses of the Gospel. Let us ask ourselves if we really are; and also, if we are capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them. And then: do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives? Or do we serve others for our own interests? Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!”

Next Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the Blessed Mother – forming the Church.

Enjoy these last days of the blessed Easter Season!

Deacon Steve

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

- **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!
- **Culinary Herbs: How to grow them and use them! Thursday, June 1** | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Discover how to plant, grow, and preserve your herbs. Fee: \$35 includes lunch.



**Benet House Retreat Center
at St. Mary Monastery
2200 88th Avenue West
Rock Island, IL 61201 PH: 309-283-2108**

Summer Camp: Growing in Compassion (onsite only): It is never too early to teach our children about compassion. This camp is one week for kindergarten to 5th grade students. The morning experience will involve crafts, lessons, movement activities, and more ways to explore what it means to have compassion for others, self, and the world. Because the camp is on the beautiful grounds of St. Mary Monastery, students will also see gardens, solar panels, the lake, many birds, and other wildlife as they enjoy the outdoors and learn to have compassion for nature too! **Mon.-Fri. June 19-23, 2023, 9 am-12 pm; Camp Leaders: Sr. Stefanie MacDonald, OSB, Preschool Teacher, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, East Moline and Michelle Sierra, Second Grade Teacher, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, East Moline. Fee: \$125, includes all materials and snacks. Ask about our scholarships!**