

St. Andrew Parish

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November 13th, 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time today.



	Sunday Nov 13	Sunday Nov 20
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	Anakin Lance	Anakin Lance
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	Mary Nelson / Megan Kocal	Barb Reiland / Phyllis Avesing
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jay / Judy Matlock	Matt Carlson / Yvonne Friedrichsen
<i>Hospitality/Greeters</i>	Stephanie Migawa	Deb Ehrecke / Wendy Schnack
<i>Lector</i>	Shirley Schmidt	Mary Nelson
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Carter Lucas / Matt Carlson	Scott Kitlarz / Ethan Kitlarz
<i>Cantor/Song Leader</i>	Ray Harre	Ray Harre
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob Brus / Wendy Schnack	Doug/Caroline Haiston

UPCOMING LITURGY SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation),

Thu 12/8/22 – Mass 7:00pm

Communal Penance Service, Thu 12/15/22 – 6:30pm

GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Please listen to this family friendly 40-minute talk on Angels. Fr Blount gives Biblical references, his and real Saints experiences, and Catholic church teachings on angels. Easy to listen to and expands our education on angels and their jobs and purpose...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVAN_rroh_E

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

WELCOME OUR NEW CATECHUMENS!!!

At the Rite of Acceptance on Sunday, October 30th, seven inquirers marked a major milestone on their faith journeys - becoming Catechumens! Another six Inquirers will be crossing that threshold and becoming Catechumens at a second Rite of Acceptance on Tuesday, November 15th. Please give a warm St. Andrew welcome to The Buhman Family (Bryn & Brody), The Cesar Family (Corey, Nicole, Kayden, Landen and Maxen), The Kitlarz Family (Kelley & Isaac) and The Strohbehn Family (Ron, Christina, Mason and Madysen)! Please keep these families in your prayers as they proceed to grow in faith and learning the beliefs of the Church.

Christmas Card Contest from the Messenger

Youths in grades K-6 in the Diocese of Davenport can participate in the annual contest to create a 2022 Christmas card for The Catholic Messenger. Please submit original artwork only on white, 8 1/2- by 11-inch paper using colored pencil, crayon, marker or paints. On the back of the artwork, note the artist's first & last name, age, grade, home address, school (public, private or home) and parish (name and city).

Go to their website for more information:

<http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2022/10/entries-sought-for-christmas-card-contest-3/> All entries should be postmarked by **Nov. 16 to The Catholic Messenger, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.**

Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22 at 7PM
Blue Grass Presbyterian Church

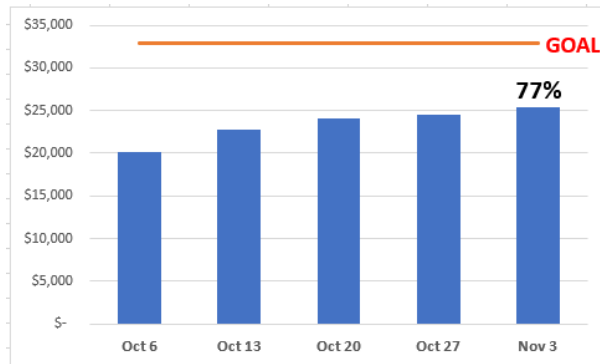
In this prayer service, a message will be delivered by Pastor Joy Mitchell of Calvary United Church in Walcott. St Andrew Church and other community churches will participate in this service.

In the past (pre-pandemic) a ministerial association of all the Christian churches in Blue Grass, Walcott and Buffalo would hold this service to give thanks to the Lord in prayer before Thanksgiving Day. This year, we are resuming this local tradition. This also gives witness of movement toward Christian unity as the Catholic Church encourages. Please attend.



Diocesan Appeal **The Annual Diocesan Appeal**
"So Faith May Flourish"

Thank you for your generous response to Bishop Zinkula for supporting our Diocese.



We are now 77% toward our parish goal of \$32,928. While we made a little more progress last week, we still have almost \$7,500 to go. We need everyone's support to make our assessed goal.

For those who have not returned their pledge envelope, I ask you to do so this week. We will meet our goal quickly when you respond soon!

Thank you, *Deacon Steve*



The Knights of Columbus and Mary's Angels will host a warm clothing drive on **November 6th, 13th & 20th**. Many people (adults and children) in this area need essential warm-weather clothing. A collection box will be located in the gathering space to place your donation of new and clean used coats, gloves, and hats. Please consider donating to this cause. Thank You!



The Knights of Columbus will be meeting in person on the second **Monday, November 14th, @ 7 pm** in the Parish Center. An email will be sent along with the November agenda and minutes from October's 2022 meeting. If you have not received emails from the council, please get in touch with Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554- 0787.



This month's **June Urmie's Church Ladies Lunch** will be on **Monday, November 14**. We will meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 330 West Kimberly Road, (Davenport) at 11:30 a.m. All women in the parish are invited and encouraged to attend! We hope you will be able to join us!



There is a **Knights/Mary's Angels Holiday Social** planned for **Thursday, December 1st at the Corner Grill in Blue Grass beginning at 6 PM**. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Hope to see you there!!

PLC CORNER

Is the “end” near?

Just when you think Halloween is over, now we hear scary readings this Sunday. Predictions of blazing destructive fire, conflicts between nations, wars, earthquakes, famine, plague, and awesome signs from the sky. Wow! That’s terrifying - sounds like a catastrophic action movie.

All this is typical of visionary apocalyptic prophecies. We hear this in the first reading from the Prophet Malachi. Other books of the Bible have similar prophecies – like the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation. Also, in the readings this Sunday, we hear from the Gospel of Luke that Jesus told the people that awful events would come – including the destruction of the sacred Temple in Jerusalem.

Does the Church give us these readings to scare us into getting “right” with God before Jesus comes again? NO! The Church focuses on the “end times” now because we are coming to the end of Liturgical Year. Next week is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time – the solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Then the following Sunday starts the new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent.

So, the Church at the end of every Liturgical Year reminds us of the “end times”. But again, NOT to scare us but to inspire us. In the Gospel, Jesus told his disciples not to be deceived by false prophets claiming to know the day and time of the end. He said they would suffer before those things happened, but to *persevere and they would secure their lives*. Jesus tells us also not to be anxious or scared about the end times, but in this meantime to persevere in our troubles and suffering with faith and care for one another.

This focus on the “end” leads nicely into Advent when we prepare for the Birth of the Savior – and at the same time we prepare for his Second Coming at the end of time.

Have a blessed week!
Deacon Steve

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday Nov 13: 9:00 Religious Ed (PC)/ 10:00 Rosary (Ch) / 10:30 Mass (Ch) <i>Mass Intentions: Timothy Robert Motto/Eunice VanLaarhoven</i>
Monday, Nov 14: 7:00 Knight of Columbus Meeting (PC)
Tuesday, Nov 15: 7:00 RCIA Meeting (PC)
Wednesday, Nov 16: 6:30 Worship & Prayer Committee Meeting (PCR)
Thursday, Nov 17: no events scheduled
Friday, Nov 18: 9:00am Communion Service (Courtyard Estates)
Saturday, Nov 12: no events scheduled
Sunday Nov 20: 9:00 Religious Ed (PC)/ 10:00 Rosary (Ch) / 10:30 Mass (Ch) <i>Mass Intentions: Joe Anderson/Chris Hausch</i>
(LOCATION KEY) PC - Parish Center; Ch – Church; PCR – Parish Conf Room

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT **WORKING ON THE MARGINS**

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is the Church's national program in the U.S. dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs. This year's collection for CCHD will be held this **Sunday, November 13**.

This time each year we appeal for the importance of supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. With the glaring gaps in healthcare, nutrition and housing highlighted through the COVID -19 pandemic, we see even more clearly the need to empower people to lift themselves out of poverty. There are 40 million people in the United States living in poverty, over 350,000 of them in Iowa. Of the funds collected, 25% remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Learn more at: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>