

St. Andrew Calendar:

- ❖ **Sunday Mar 22nd** **MASS at 10:30am** Rosary at 10:00am
Mass Intention – Carol Ehrecke

- ❖ **Wednesday Mar 25th** **CANCELLED: STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Carpeting is being installed in the Church

- ❖ **Sunday Mar 29th** **PALM SUNDAY: MASS at 10:30am**
 ❖ Rosary at 10:00am
Mass Intention – Marie Berger

- ❖ **Monday Mar 30th** **BLOOD DRIVE 2:00pm – 6:30pm**

- ❖ **Wednesday Apr 01st** **FAMILY FAITH RE NIGHT @ 5:30pm**

- ❖ **Sunday Apr 05th** **EASTER SUNDAY: MASS at 10:30am**
 ❖ Rosary at 10:00am
Mass Intention – Richard Zubeck

- ❖ **Wednesday Apr 08th** **Finance Council Meeting @ 6:00pm**

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5th Sunday of Lent Sunday Mar 22, 2026

WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

SUNDAY MAR 22

SACRISTAN:	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	DREW SMITH AND JILL HALLIGAN
ALTAR SERVERS:	CAIDEN GOSSE, TAYLOR GOSSE, AND MATT CARLSON
LECTORS:	PAT BECKER AND LYNN RUBLEY
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	PHYLLIS AVESING AND SHIRLEY SCHMIDT
GREETERS:	JIM AND TERESA MANNING
USHERS:	CALDWELL FAMILY
GIFT BEARERS:	GOSSE FAMILY
CANTOR:	RAY HARRE
MONEY COUNTERS:	STEVE GEERING AND TINA GIPPLE

SUNDAY MAR 29

SACRISTAN:	CHRIS AND LYNN RUBLEY
SAFETY AND SECURITY:	CHRIS RUBLEY AND MATT CALDWELL
ALTAR SERVERS:	KASYN KURTZ, KENNA KURTZ AND PHYLLIS AVESING
LECTORS:	JAY MATLOCK AND STEPHANIE MIGAWA
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	TINA GIPPLE AND MARY NELSON
GREETERS:	SHIRLEY SCHMIDT AND JILL HALLIGAN
USHERS:	ART AND LINDA DAUFELDT
GIFT BEARERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND LISA SMITH
CANTOR:	LARRY EWERS
MONEY COUNTERS:	BONNIE STRONG AND PAT SHEEHEY

This Week on Formed:



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The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus's next meeting will be on **Monday April 13th, 2026, NEW TIME** at **6 p.m.** in the Parish conference center. For more information, please contact Chris Rubley at 563-594-9851 or Clemente Escalante at 563-554- 0787.

*The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive throughout Lent, beginning on Sunday, **March 1st**, and running until Sunday, **March 22th**.*

Only cash and check donations will be accepted by the Knights.

Your contributions will support our local areas through the Buffalo Food Pantry.

A collection basket for monetary donations can be found at the back of the Church.

Please make checks payable to the Buffalo Food Pantry



EASTER FLOWER donations are \$20.00;
ENVELOPES are available in the Gathering Area.
Return the envelopes in the Offering Baskets
or to Jill in the office by March 29th

EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

KIDS - join us for a scavenger hunt in the circular driveway following Mass on Easter Sunday April 5. Grab a bag with a list of items for you to find. If it rains, it will be in the Parish Hall.



ST ANDREW SISTERS IN CHRIST Meeting will be MONDAY APRIL 06, 2026 at 6:00pm

From the Desk of Deacon Matt

This week, from the first reading to the Gospel, new life is promised for those who believe. Through Ezekiel, God promises the Israelites that one day they will rise from their graves and have God’s spirit put in them. Saint Paul proclaims that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb, giving new life to his friend after he had been dead for four days.

Often Jesus requires that those he heals participate in some way in their recovery. Last week, we heard Jesus heal the blind man by applying clay to his eyes. But then he instructed the man, still sightless, to make it to the Pool of Siloam to wash his eyes. Perhaps onlookers were able to guide him there. Today, Lazarus, tied hand and foot with burial bands after being dead for four days, is ordered to walk out of the tomb. He then orders onlookers to untie Lazarus. These miracles are not passive operations. My Sisters and Brother, today, when we encounter those who are blind out of ignorance or self-centeredness, or when we recognize those who are entombed by addiction or hardship, Jesus orders us to help free them from the bands that bind them.

This week, the 5th Sunday of Lent, is meant to encourage us and give us hope for the new life that Jesus offers all of us. Our Gospel today ends on the triumphant line that many people began to believe in the Lord after seeing this miracle. But the very next line reveals a different reaction: “But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done”

(John 11:46). Most people see a miracle and react with awe and wonder. But for some, a miracle simply upsets the status quo. They want the blind to stay blind and the dead to stay dead. Our challenge for us here in Blue Grass is simple. There are miracles occurring here all around us, if we only open our eyes to see them. And these miracles require our participation. Let us open our eyes to the hope and joy that our Lord offers us with new life, and then actively share that hope and joy to those around us. By doing this we Live to Give the Gospel, we Glorify the Lord, and we Become the Good News by Being the Good News.

Shalom Shalom

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AS OF 03/15/2026					
WE HAVE 151 FAMILIES REGISTERED AS ACTIVE MEMBERS	ACTUAL MONTH OF MAR	BUDGET MONTH OF MAR	TOTAL TO DATE	2025-2026 GOALS YEAR ENDING 06/30/2026	
27 OF 125 ENVELOPES	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 9,142.00	\$ 17,083.33	\$ 117,318.00	\$ 205,000.00
7 OF 26 ELECTRONIC	\$ 372.00				
CASH (LOOSE)	\$ 121.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 583.33	\$ 4,270.00	\$ 7,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$ 18.00	\$ 85.00		\$ 596.00	\$ -