



## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

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Moving St. Andrew Catholic Community closer to  
Jesus Christ through growing in  
Faith, Service and Welcoming.  
*Parish Mission Statement*

### On The Advent Journey

+Adventus in Latin means to await the arrival of someone or something of great importance. For Christians, this season is very much identified with preparations for the birth of Christ, so much so that the second meaning of Advent is often diminished, that of preparing for the Second Coming of Christ in glory. The readings that begin the Advent season capture that second meaning more than the first. Isaiah was prophesying at a particularly dark time for Israel and Judah. It was nearly eight centuries before the coming of the Messiah. The chosen people were under attack from the Assyrians marching from their capital city Nineveh in the north. What was to follow would be a long period of war, exile and bloodshed. To shine a light into this darkness, Isaiah was given a message of hopefulness to help God's people keep the faith during their time of affliction

Wars will end, the suffering will give way once more to glory, when swords would become plowshares and spears would be pruning hooks. Jerusalem will be restored, the Temple rebuilt and *all nations shall stream toward it*. Isaiah was given a double prophecy – the people would return to their land in the near future, but in the distance, God promised to bring them to the new and heavenly Jerusalem where it will be *established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills*. It is quite simply the hope of heaven, and in the Savior who will bring it about. Armed with that powerful hope, Isaiah tells his countrymen: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord!*

When Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, for them it was also a time of darkness and uncertain futures. The Church was being persecuted in its infancy, something Paul knew well as he himself was once the cause of the Christians' pain. Like Isaiah, Paul points to a brighter future for those who endure the cross – they will one day wear the crown of righteousness.

He encourages the Christians at Rome to *throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light* because *our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed*. The same can be said for us today. Our suffering is earthly, but our hope is eternal. Advent calls us to *put on the Lord Jesus Christ* and let Him guide us to himself and to the kingdom.

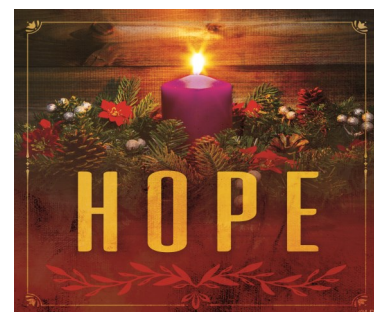
In our Gospel from Matthew, Jesus is also facing a time of testing and challenge. It is Wednesday of Holy Week. He will soon experience betrayal and abandonment and will be put on trial, sentence to die and led out to the cross. He knew the hour of his passing, the means by which it would occur, and by whose hand the deed would be committed. We, however, do not receive that same knowledge: *for you*

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### OUR NEW LOOK

In partnership with the New Evangelization, we are pleased to share with you our new logo to help identify who we are as a Catholic Parish.

- The color Gold symbolizes the Kingship of Jesus.
- The color Red signifies the blood poured out by Jesus for our salvation, and the Holy Spirit which draws us into the Cross to become more like Christ.
- The curved lines that draw us into the Cross image correspond with the curved architecture of the Bell Tower and tie in with the Church roof beams. The lines also flow out symbolically into the community as we minister to others to "Unleash the Gospel."
- The small "X" represents the Cross of Saint Andrew, our Patron Saint.



## 2 St. Andrew Staff Directory, Councils & Commissions

Weekend	Weekday
<b>Masses:</b> Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm  <b>Reconciliation:</b> 3:30 p.m. Saturday	<b>Masses:</b> 8:15 am <b>Rosary:</b> 7:45 am <b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy:</b> Recited after Mass  <b>Anointing of the Sick</b> <i>please contact the Parish Office 248.651.7486</i>

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## On The Advent Journey (continued from page 1)

*do not know on which day your Lord will come.* Therefore, Jesus admonishes all to be awake and alert, preparing for the end of our lives, the end of the world and his second coming in glory. We must learn from those in Scripture and throughout history who did nothing to prepare themselves.

Jesus wants us to use the Advent season wisely, not only to prepare for the coming of Christmas, but with prayer, penance, and longing for God, to prepare for the coming of Christ - as a baby and as a king. *What WILL we – you and I - do with this time of anticipation....?*

+While it might seem a bit early, I do wish all of you a “happy new year” as we enter into another liturgical year for our journey as Church! This year, we move into the “A” cycle of readings for our Sunday celebrations (in which we will hear more from the Gospel of Matthew), and into “cycle II” for our weekday readings at Mass. As we start this Advent season, may the hope that comes to us shine brightly throughout not just the coming year, but always!

+This is one of those “early deadline” articles due to the Thanksgiving holiday, which will be passed as you read today’s bulletin.... So, by now, I hope you have received our St. Andrew Parish Christmas card, which includes all the key celebrations and related events for this holiday season. Please keep it posted for ready reference, and save you from having to call the offices for dates and times, etc. But keep it, too, as a reminder to pray for our parish family in a special way at this time of year!

+We pray to honor our patron saint, Andrew, whose feast day we celebrate this weekend on Saturday, November 30. Andrew was one of the original 12 apostles, bringing his brother Peter to an encounter with the Lord that forever changed his life. Let us pray that our Patron St. Andrew reach out and help us in encountering Jesus and spreading his Good News among the various people we meet in our daily lives.

+I am grateful for our CSA support that so many of you have committed to this year! As of now, we have pledges/donations of \$689,058 against our target of \$352,457, which could end up generating a refund of \$336,601 back for our use here at St. Andrew. Some of this money has already been returned and been used for special upgrades to our sound system (linking all the spaces, including the new additions) and the new phone systems for the church facilities. . Your generosity will be blessed by the Lord in many, many ways I am sure!

The building efforts continue, with various inspections taking place and minor issues being worked on and or corrected if necessary. We have done an extensive “punch list” of corrections, touch-ups, and fixing up any “oops” that might have occurred during construction. We anxiously await our final certificate of occupancy so we can move full throttle into the new space – so keep the project in your prayers.

+As we begin this new year, and as we move (soon) into our new spaces, and as we prepare to move more boldly into “Unleashing the Gospel” here at the parish, you might have taken notice of the new logo and banner head that comes with our bulletin this week. It incorporates the winning design suggestion from the parish regarding a renewed and new effort of moving on our journey of faith! You will start to see the new logo on our parish stationery and envelopes and the like. I thank our Marketing Committee and the Stewardship Commission for their leadership (and patience!) with this work!

+It is good to be back from a quick, short trip to Florida, to get some much needed rest before the busy season that awaits us all. I look forward to being with you on our journey through this beautiful season of Advent. May the Holy Spirit enkindle in us the fire of God’s call to love and serve one another! See you in church!

-Msgr. Mike (with thoughts from  
FAITH Catholic Publishing)

### Christian Stewardship

Earlier this month, the Department of Development and Stewardship distributed weekly reflections for the readings in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word in Cycle A, which parishes can begin including in their bulletins this weekend.

These Stewardship Thoughts are designed to encourage reflection on the grace God gives to each of us through His gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and how we are called to “steward” those gifts to serve Him in advancing His Kingdom on earth.

Your CSA gifts allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to provide materials and guidance on Christian stewardship education, including the Department of Development and Stewardship’s award- winning stewardship education manual, *Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit*. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org)

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, the Philippines, Spain, Uruguay, and the United States, is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast honors Mary, the Mother of God, and celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. The Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of Saint Anne.

The Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. An important date in salvation history, this holiday is never abrogated even when December 8 falls on a Saturday or a Monday. However, if December 8 falls on a Sunday, as it does this year, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. This is because Sundays in Advent take precedence over any other feast. When the celebration is transferred, rather than naturally falling on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer with it.



### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Beginning with the second week of Advent, families will light the Advent wreath. If you or your family would like to participate in the lighting of the candles, please call Nikki at 248-651-7486 or email at [nikkiz@standrewchurch.org](mailto:nikkiz@standrewchurch.org). Thank you.

### Advent Little Books



The Advent prayer books are now available in the chapel hallway. A suggested donation of \$1.00 is requested.



### Candlelight Prayer Service

**Thursday, December 5 7:30-9:00pm**

**St. Andrew Chapel**

Enter into the season of Lent with a time of prayer and refreshment. Step away from the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and spend time reflecting on the Word. Join in simple song and be renewed in spirit. This evening is sponsored by the ecumenical awareness committee. All are welcome.

### *Save the Date*

St. Andrew Parish will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at the 5:00PM Liturgy. We will honor and recognize those who are celebrating an anniversary of 5, 10, 15, 20 years and up in 5 year increments through 50 years and then every year from 50 and up. The Mass will include a blessing and a renewal of vows. A simple reception will follow in the Activities Building. Kindly **RSVP by January 27th**.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2019 5:00 p.m.**  
**Please return to Parish Office**



#### Please Print:

First Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Married \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary being Celebrated \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending Mass \_\_\_\_\_

We will also attend the reception Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Unable to attend, however, please include our names with the other anniversary couples in the bulletin.





All are invited  
to pray the rosary  
before the Masses



The Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception  
is not a Holy Day of Obligation  
this year.

Masses will be celebrated on  
Monday, December 9

8:15 AM

7:00 PM



First Sunday in Advent

### Advent Reconciliation Schedule

#### Individual Reconciliation\*

Saturday, December 7

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 12

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 17

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 21

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

\*There will only be 1 or 2 priests  
available

#### Communal Reconciliation

Saturday, December 14

1:00 pm



RECONCILIATION



### ST ANDREW - NOVEMBER 30

Andrew, like his brother Simon Peter, was a fisherman. He became a disciple of St. John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. At once he left John to follow the Divine Master. Jesus knew that Andrew was walking behind him, and turning back, he asked, "what do you seek?" When Andrew answered that he would like to know where Jesus lived, Our Lord replied, "Come and see." Andrew had been with Jesus only a little time when he realized that this was truly the Messiah.

From then on, he chose to follow Jesus. Andrew was thus the first disciple of Christ. Next, Andrew brought his brother Simon (St. Peter) to Jesus and Jesus received him, too, as His disciple. At first the two brothers continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs, but later, the Lord called them to stay with Him all the time. He promised to make them fishers of men, and this time, they left their nets for good. It is believed that after Our Lord ascended into Heaven, St. Andrew went to Greece to preach the gospel. He is said to have been put to death on a cross, to which he was tied, not nailed. He lived two days in that state of suffering, still preaching to the people who gathered around their beloved Apostle.



# **55<sup>th</sup> annual Rochester Community Christmas Concert**

**Dec. 8, 2019 @ 7:30 pm  
Pre-Concert Music at 7:00 pm  
Ressurrection Brass Ensemble**

**St. Andrew Catholic Church  
1400 Inglewood Ave.  
Rochester, MI 48307**

## **Featuring:**

St. Andrew Catholic Church Adult Choir  
St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church Choir  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church Choir  
Choirs of University Presbyterian Church  
The Choral Union of Rochester University  
Rochester Guardians of Harmony  
Rochester Community Chorus  
Flute Specialists Flute Choir  
The Gentlemen Songsters

**\*No admission charge**

**\*Free will donation taken to support  
this annual tradition**

**\*For more info call: 248-651-7486**



**Strangers No Longer - Circle of Support**

Education  
Advocacy  
Accompaniment



A joint ministry of St. Andrew & St. Mary of the Hills

December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
St. Andrew Activities Building

St. Andrew is establishing a new committee, in collaboration with St. Mary of the Hills, to provide support to any parishioners or neighbors who may be at risk of forced deportation from the United States by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). This committee will also educate parishioners about immigration issues, the treatment of new immigrants living in our area, and the Church's doctrine on immigration, as well as advocate for changes to our immigration laws. **If you are interested in this program, or would like to**

**find out more, please come to our first meeting which will be held in the Activity Building on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. or contact Sam Jennings at [samj@standrewchurch.org](mailto:samj@standrewchurch.org)**

**Help Others Have a Joy-filled Christmas**

**From St. Andrew Parish**

**GIVING TREE OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**Dec. 1** Return Giving Tree gifts to  
Activities Building (stage)

**Parish Volunteers Needed for:**

- **Dec. 2 7 PM**, **Sorting** Requested Gifts in Activities Building
- **Dec. 5 9 AM** Adult Volunteers depart Activities Building to **Shop** for "missing gifts" at Meijer return & **Wrap**.

Please contact Diane Lucey for further details at  
248-652-6517

**Support the St. Andrew Giving Tree Program!**

Buy your fresh tree or  
wreath at **Addison-  
Oaks Christmas Tree  
Farm** where \$5 of your

**purchase will be donated to the Giving Tree  
Program.** Visit Frank & Cathy Rimi and sons at  
Addison-Oaks Christmas Tree Farm on **355 Lake  
George Rd, November 23rd – December 23rd.**

**Make sure to mention that you are from St.  
Andrew Catholic Church!**

You can reserve your tree or pre-order a fresh  
wreath/grave blanket now by calling

Cathy Rimi at (248) 814-0583.

**HELP Needed for Operation Sunshine Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 7, 2019**

The annual Operation Sunshine Christmas Party for adult developmentally disabled in Pontiac will be held in the Activities Building on **Saturday, Dec. 7th 12:00 – 3:00 pm**. This year we **need 6 turkeys and 15 pies (cherry and apple)**. The turkeys should be at least 15 pounds, cooked, and sliced, with juice saved in a separate container. Turkey breasts are also welcome.

**Please contact Laurie Chundrlik at 248-656-1263 if you are able to contribute any of the above items or wish to volunteer at the party.** Donated food items need to be delivered to the Activities Building no later than **9:30 am on Saturday December 7th (day of the party).**



# Mark Your Calendars

December 15th, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m

# ADVENT EVENT

*For the Entire Family...Bring the Grandparents Too!*

IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING

*Crafts, Cookies, & Prayer*

## Participants Needed for the Signs of Christmas Pageant

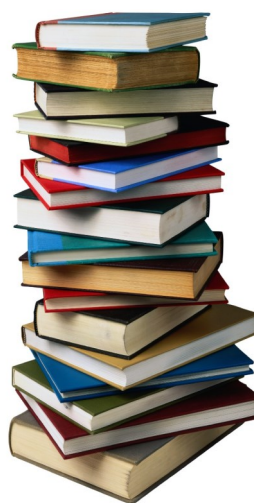


The children of the parish are invited to participate in the Signs of Christmas Pageant prior to the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The pageant will remind us of all the beautiful signs of Christmas which we can celebrate each day. There are roles available for Readers, Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, Stable presenter, Jesus Presenter, Angels, Shepherds, Sheep Carriers, Star Carriers, and Animal Carriers.

If your child is interested, please contact Linda Martens at 248-651-6571 or [lmartens@standrewchurch.org](mailto:lmartens@standrewchurch.org) and provide your child's name and grade, your name, email, phone number and a first and second choice of the role your child would like to play. All children 4 years and up are welcome; some roles have an age requirement. Please plan on a practice on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 6:00-7:30pm in the church.

## Religious Education Schedule

Dec. 2,3; Dec. 8,9,10; Dec. 15  
Jan. 5, 6, 7; Jan. 12, 13, 14; Jan. 19, 27, 28  
Sunday evening Middle School Sessions  
Dec. 8; Jan. 5, 12, 26



## Got books?

This Advent season we are collecting gently used books which will be given to an organization that provides books to those who cannot afford to buy them. They also have a goal to have no book ever go into the garbage or landfill. So bring in books you no longer use to the Religious Ed office. We will be giving to the poor and helping our planet!

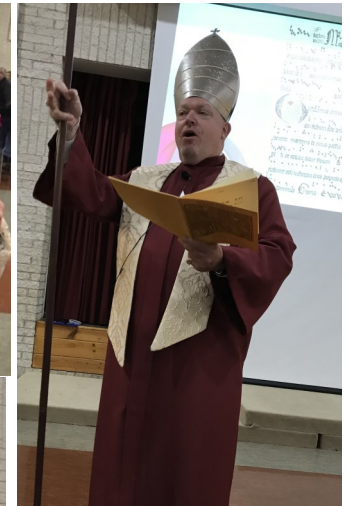




### MEET THE SAINTS

was lots of fun! A great big  
THANK YOU

goes out to Candace Becker for  
her scripts, power point, staging  
and saintly direction. Enjoy the  
photos. Thanks, Msgr. Mike and  
Fr. Tom, for attending!

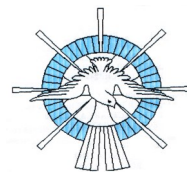


**INTERCHURCH WOMEN OF THE ROCHESTER AREA**

St Paul United Methodist Church  
Monday - December 2, 2019

620 Romeo Rd

Rochester, MI 248-651-9361



Program: Christmas Musical Program by Lynda Liles

Today's schedule:

9:00AM: Coffee, sign in and fellowship

9:30AM: Business meeting

10:30AM: Christmas Musical

We are a group of women from ten Christian churches in the Rochester Area, meeting on the first Monday of the month, 7 times a year.

Our mission: to support the "Rochester Area Neighborhood House; the "Clothes Closet" and the "FOOD PANTRY." Your presence and support is needed and appreciated. We pray for the guidance of our Lord and do not take doctrinal positions.

The food pantry needs this month: Hygiene Products

For additional information, please contact a St. Andrew Representative:

Lil McCrudden, 248-651-7260 or

Barbara Plante, 248-651-5275

**Snowbirds**

We know many of our parishioner like to vacation in warmer climates during the winter and we rejoice with you, but we still count on your faithful commitment to St. Andrew in remembering us in your prayers and financial support. So while you are away please keep connected to your home parish:

- \* By updating us with your mailing address
- \* Information on when you are leaving and returning
- \* Please consider setting up an EFT account before you go (call the Parish office for more information 248.651.7486).
- \* Read the Parish Bulletins online [www.standrewchurch.org](http://www.standrewchurch.org).
- \* If you or a family member needs prayers...let us know so we can pray for them.

**Snowbird**

Enjoy your time away and we look forward to your return...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Leaving: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date Returning: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



**Support the  
Retirement Fund for Religious**

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. The Collection is next weekend, December 7 & 8. Envelopes are in the packets.



## Make this the Next Step on your Faith Journey



St. Andrew Catholic Church invites you to:

### WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

by Dr. Edward Sri

*Responding to Relativism with Love and Logic*

*Each evening will include dinner, a video presentation, and small group discussion.*

*Sessions do not build upon each other, so if you miss one you can still attend the next scheduled session.*

*(Free will offerings are welcome.)*

#### Scheduled Gatherings:

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

6:30-8:30pm

Multi Purpose Room



† St. Andrew Catholic Church  
www.standrewchurch.org

Contact Ann Sliney at 248-703-8402 or [amcsly@aol.com](mailto:amcsly@aol.com) to register.



An opportunity is before Michigan citizens. By working together, we can ban the inhumane abortion procedure known as the D&E or dilation and evacuation method. This method of abortion uses surgical instruments to forcibly remove arms and legs from a living human being in the womb.

As of the end of September, over 200,000 signatures have been processed, which is only half of the goal of 400,000 signatures before December 23, 2019.

If you have not yet signed this petition, please stop by the parish office (petitions for Oakland and Macomb County residents are available) or visit the Michigan Values Life website to request a petition form to sign and circulate among family and friends in your county: <https://michiganvalueslife.org/request-materials/>.

Michigan Catholic Conference and the Catholic bishops of Michigan are strongly supportive of this initiative and are thankful for the enthusiastic response of the Catholic community to end dismemberment abortion!





## Holy Family Regional School



**JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**

ACCREDITED BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[www.holyfam.org](http://www.holyfam.org)



### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to our Middle School Students of the Month: Sixth Grade: Claudina D. and Tommy B.; Seventh Grade: Luka S. and Maria S.; Eighth Grade: Owen T. and McKenzie S. We are proud of these students who have worked hard and deserve to be recognized. Students are chosen by mutual selection of teachers and meet overall school goals of academic excellence, strong character and consistent effort. Great work kids!



### **EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT**

We were fortunate to have NET Ministry Group work with our eighth graders for their Eighth Grade Retreat. These young missionaries told stories and witnessed about their own faith journey...then they led our students in an incredible prayer experience. This fun, spiritual, deep prayerful, and reflective time is so important for our students.



### **"OLD WORLD" AND "NEW WORLD"**

Our fifth graders enjoyed connecting their social studies lessons with a Thanksgiving celebration. The "Old World" and "New World" themed buffet demonstrated the Columbian Exchange, named for Christopher Columbus. This exchange was the period in history when the Americas and the Old World (Europe, Africa, and Asia) traded food and other goods-spreading different cultures across the world. This has been a fun tradition for fifth graders at HFRS for years!



### **ANNUAL FUND**

Thank you to all who have donated so far, we have raised over 75% of our goal. Please help us reach 100%. You can make your tax-deductible donation online by visiting: [www.holyfam.org](http://www.holyfam.org) and click the DONATE button. Mail Donations to: Holy Family Regional School 2633 John R. Road Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Thank you!

# Enjoy Two Hours on US Free Babysitting

(Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade only)

Sunday, December 22, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Crafts Games Movie and a Snack**

Please RSVP at 248.651.6571  
with your child's name, age and contact number  
Limited to the first 50 Children

This is a service project put on by the St. Andrew Youth  
If you would like to help please contact Margaret Kozak  
[margaretk@standrewchurch.org](mailto:margaretk@standrewchurch.org)



## Prayer Corner—Prayer 101

By Mike Carr

### **Prayer as God's Gift—continued...**

What is your approach to prayer? Here we continue to look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church to deepen our knowledge of prayer. I underlined below what stood out to me. Please continue to ponder what stands out for you, and discern how you can form a deeper relationship with God through prayer.

"If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours.

**God thirsts that we may thirst for him.** (CCC 2560)

"You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God: "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water!"

**Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation** and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God. (CCC 2561)

Next time, we will look at prayer as God's covenant with us.



**Marvin Schulte, 86**

Died on  
**November 15, 2019**  
Buried from St. Andrew on  
**November 21, 2019**

# 14 Calendar & Prayer Requests

## SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 12:00 noon*

### Giving Tree Returns

8:00 am	Mass	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church
12:00 pm	Mass	Church
1:30 pm	Baptisms	Church
5:00 pm	NOAK Mass	Church
6:00 pm	St Andrew Youth Night	Activity Building

## MONDAY, December 2, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 7:30 pm*

7:45 am	Rosary	Chapel
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
4:30 pm	Religious Education	
6:00 pm	Religious Education	
7:00 pm	Giving Tree Sorting	Activities Building
7:30 pm	Religious Education	

## TUESDAY, December 3, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 7:30 pm*

7:45 am	Rosary	Chapel
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
9:30 am	Bible Study	Multi Purpose Room
4:30 pm	Religious Education	
6:00 pm	Religious Education	

## WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 7:30 pm*

7:45 am	Rosary	Chapel
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
6:30 pm	First Eucharist Gathering	Church
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

## THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 7:30 pm*

7:45 am	Rosary	Chapel
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
9:15 am	Bible Study	Multi Purpose Room
7:30 pm	Candlelight Prayer	Chapel
7:30 pm	RCIA	Multi Purpose Room

## FRIDAY, December 6, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm*

7:45 am	Rosary	Chapel
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
8:45 am	Eucharistic Exposition	Chapel

## SATURDAY, December 7, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

8:30 am	Centering Prayer	Multi Purpose Room
10:00 am	Operation Sunshine	Activity Building
10:00 am	Needlework Ministry	Parish Center Lower Level
3:30 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church

## SUNDAY, December 8, 2019

*Parish Office Hours 9:00 am - 12:00 noon*

8:00 am	Mass	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church
12:00 pm	Mass	Church
5:00 pm	NOAK Mass	Church
6:00 pm	MS Religious Education	
7:00 pm	Rochester Community Christmas Concert	Church

## Prayer Requests

All men & women in the military  
& family members

Mary Louise Kaufeld

Therese Tyll

Norine Brum

Patty Miller

Paul & Tracy Jacque

Elizabeth Jary

David Koss

Barbara Gunn

Jim Belloli

Gerrie Raymo

Jimmy Kaufeld

Cap Steyer

Louise Carlson

Mary Kralik

Carla Robinson

Mike Helms

Jack Hretz

Joe Koss

Nicholas Gauthier

Scott Holland

Matthew Payne

Victor Zanolli

Patricik Beattie

Donna Christie

Joe Bosca

David Bowen

Robert Clemens

Alyssa Courtright

Sandra Brogger

Ava Elezaj

Dan Mortier

Lynn Mele

James Brown

Karen Potts

Gary Kurmas

Kit Wojcik

Dana Mason

Tommy Schomaker

Roy Konieczny

Helen Stachetski

Gary J. Rogers

Jim Koerber

John Brunner

Walter Gieselman

Dave Felicelli

Kristen Velez

Delbert Mills



## Readings for the Week of December 2

**December 2**  
Isaiah 4:2-6  
Matthew 8:5-11

**December 3**  
*St Francis Xavier*  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

**December 4**  
*St John Damascene*  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 15:29-37

**December 5**  
Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**December 6**  
*St Nicholas*  
Isaiah 29:17-24  
Matthew 9:27-31

**December 7**  
*St Ambrose*  
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**December 8**  
*2nd Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12



## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 1

### SUNDAY

**December 1, 2019**

8:00 am

For the People of St. Andrew

10:00 am



John Tyll

Family



Lorraine Nettleton

Patrick & Amy Walsh



Anthony Milana &

Anthony Munaco

Munaco Family

12:00 pm



Edward Stys

Ray & Madeline Ormachea



Brian Bonner

Ray & Madeline Ormachea

Charles Jax

Ray & Madeline Ormachea

5:00 pm



For All Those Buried at Guardian Angel Cemtery During the Last Month

### MONDAY

**December 2, 2019**

8:15 am



Joseph Marheineke

June Marheineke

### TUESDAY

**December 3, 2019**

8:15 am



John Benczik

Bob & Sandy Krueger

### WEDNESDAY

**December 4, 2019**

8:15 am



Brenda Allison Ralston

Family

### THURSDAY

**December 5, 2019**

8:15 am



Stanley Ornowski

The Morrison Family



Muriel Fresard

Mary & Frank Murphy



Therese Ramenaden

Family

### FRIDAY

**December 6, 2019**

8:15 am

For the People of St Andrew

### SATURDAY

**December 7, 2019**

5:00 pm



Joseph & Anna Mae Mianeki

Christine Corona & Family



Dr. Alvin Gursin

Family



Walter Tomalis

Family

### SUNDAY

**December 8, 2019**

8:00 am



Robert Wachal

Wife, Bernadine Wachal



Aldo Terenzi

Wife, Tina



Luigi & Ada DiMichele

Family

10:00 am

For the People of St Andrew

12:00 pm

Cathy Prylow

Connie Shankin

Judy Bramos

Connie Shankin

Jane Freeman

Connie Shankin

5:00 pm



John Benczik

Bobbie & Bill Connors



*Pray for*

# 16 Liturgical Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM Mass December 7, 2019	Sunday 8:00 AM Mass December 8, 2019	Sunday 10:00 AM Mass December 8, 2019
<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Tom Wilisowski <b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Tom Wilisowski <b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Priest:</b> Msgr. Michael Hrydziusko <b>Deacon:</b>
<b>Lectors:</b> R. Plichta C. Brugulio <b>Reader:</b> B. Grems	<b>Lectors:</b> V. Serio M. Thallman <b>Reader:</b> D. Braun	<b>Lectors:</b> A. O'Donoghue C. Morreale <b>Reader:</b> S. Mangold
<b>Altar Servers:</b> J. Aguilar C. Grems	<b>Altar Servers:</b> M. May A. Stec J. Scollin	<b>Altar Servers:</b> L. Guest K. Seipe J. Messer B. Messer
<b>Musician:</b> Stephan Pawl <b>Cantor:</b>	<b>Musician:</b> Stephan Pawl <b>Cantor:</b> Valerie Fournier	<b>Musician:</b> Stephan Pawl <b>Cantor:</b> Adult Choir
<b>Greeters</b> to sign up, please visit: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet">www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet</a>	<b>Greeters</b> to sign up, please visit: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet">www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet</a>	<b>Greeters</b> to sign up, please visit: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet">www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet</a>
<b>Mass Coordinator:</b> B. Chundrlik L. Chundrlik	<b>Mass Coordinator:</b> D. Dear D. Groen	<b>Mass Coordinator:</b> L. Mejaly M. Wissa
<b>Ushers</b> E. Reynolds, Capt. A. Gladden K. Faragher B. Zandi N. Rosinski K. Dyar	<b>Ushers</b> K. Snook, Co-Capt. T. Olechowski C. Slusser, Co-Capt. J. Birg B. Riehl D. Gac L. Olechowski K. Mansell	<b>Ushers</b> E. Grace, Co-Capt. M. Juriga V. Gustafson M. Mullen F. Doyle G. Putz, Co-Capt J. Juriga P. Mullen
Sunday 12:00 PM Mass December 8, 2019		Sunday 5:00 PM Mass December 8, 2019
<b>Priest:</b> Msgr. Michael Hrydziusko <b>Deacon:</b>		<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Stan Ulman
<b>Lectors:</b> K. Weier T. Atkinson <b>Reader:</b> M. Coppola		<b>Lectors:</b> B. Andre C. MacLean <b>Reader:</b> P. Ruzinsky
<b>Altar Servers:</b> A. McNuralem C. McNuren K. Morfin M. Morfin		<b>Altar Servers:</b> S. Sangalang T. Sangalang
<b>Musician:</b> Jim Balistreri <b>Cantor:</b> Reflections of Grace		<b>Musician:</b> Stephan Pawl
<b>Greeters</b> to sign up, please visit: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet">www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet</a>		<b>Greeters</b> to sign up, please visit: <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet">www.tinyurl.com/andrewgreet</a>
<b>Mass Coordinator:</b> C. Hornung M. Sturdavent		<b>Mass Coordinator:</b>
<b>Ushers</b> D. Dehn M. Estrellado D. Iudiciani, Capt. M. Zahm G. Stefani		