



JANUARY 2, 2022
**THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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St. Andrew Church

Pastor

Rev. Richard M. Russo

Parish Staff

Irene Clinker, Secretary Ext. 310

Janine Thurwanger, *Bookkeeper* Ext. 312

Sr. Marcianne Bzdon, *Director of Religious Education*

Religious Education: Classes for public grammar school students are held on Wednesday evenings. Contact Parish Office or Director of Religious Education for registration.

Parish Operating Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—3:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Parish Office (815) 625-4508

Email: standrews.church@comcast.net

Website: www.standrewrockfalls.org

All Bulletin submissions due by 12:00p.m. Monday afternoon

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: Mon. thru Fri. at 8:00 am

Wednesday at 8:15 am during school year.

Weekend: Sat. 8:00 am, 5:00 pm; Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00—4:45 pm or by appointment.

Holy Hour of Adoration: 1st Monday of every month at 6:00 pm

Weddings: Please contact parish office at least 6 months in advance of wedding date

Baptisms: Parents need to be registered with the parish. Preparation session required for parents of first child. Baptisms are normally celebrated on Saturday.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Contact parish office

St. Andrew Catholic School

701 Eleventh Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois 61071

School Office (815) 625-1456

Email: standrewsgrad@comcast.net

Website: <https://standrewsgradeschool.org/>

Principal: Kathryn Blakeslee

Secretary: Kim Hegner



Newman Central Catholic High School

1101 West 23rd Street, Sterling, Illinois 61081

School Office (815) 625-0500



Collection Report for 12/19/2021

My Fair Share	\$ 8,612.00
Utilities	\$ 245.00
Loose Collection	\$ 267.00
Votive Candles	\$ 38.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 1,020.00
Holy Day	\$ 149.00
Christmas	\$ 1,050.00
Online Giving	\$ 933.00
Total Collection	\$ 12,314.00
Amount needed each week to meet expenses \$9300.	

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 3rd for the New Year Holiday.

The staff prays our parishioners will have a VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction
Monday January 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM in
the Main Church



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate to our Altar Flowers, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of the Church. The flowers are \$60.00 a week. Please call the Church Office if you have any questions 815-625-4058.

Need A Prayer?
St Andrew's Prayer chain
wants to help.
Please contact Marianne Hardt at
815-622-0279



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who participated in the **2021 St. Andrew Giving Tree!** Collectively, we provided gifts to **100 children** this year which were delivered to East Coloma/Nelson, Dillon, Merrill, Riverdale, Rock Falls Middle School, TCOC and Gianna's House. The administrators, counselors and nurses expressed their sincere appreciation. Additionally, a \$300 cash donation was made to the Garrett Ramon Family Fund. A big thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Sterling Coats for Kids Committee for providing 11 vouchers for those children whose lists included winter coats. Thank you to Bob, Drew and Tyson Rosengren for delivering the gifts again this year.

Patti Sword

Religious Education Classes will resume on January 5th, 2022, from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. If your child has not attended this first semester, please know they are welcome to enroll for the second half of the year. Our program would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Marcia Mintun** for her years of service to our Program. Due to work schedules, Mrs. Mintun has had to "retire" from our program, and she will be greatly missed. We are looking for a replacement so if the Holy Spirit is calling you to this ministry, please give me a call at 815-716-8134.

Have a very Blessed New Year!

Sister Marcianne, SSND
 Religious Education Coordinator



ALL NEXUS CALENDAR MONEY MUST BE
 TURNED IN BY JANUARY 5, 2022.

Thank you to all who have supported this fundraising project.



Jan. 3, 2022 -Jan. 9, 2022

Monday	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	+Gene Apple
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Vince Kiselewski Jr.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	+William Groleau
Friday	8:00 a.m.	+Father Jack Hearity
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	+Emily Camaioni
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Marilyn Feltes
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	+Philip Bruketta



The Memorial
Candle for this
week is lit for:

Andy & Tina Ortiz



Emmy Lana Margaret Sodaro
Baptized December 18, 2021
Congratulations and Welcome!

St. Andrew School is on its Christmas break until Jan. 5, 2022. Scrip is available in the Church Office until then. Please call 815-625-4508 to make arrangements to order and pick up Scrip.

ATTENTION 8th Graders!

8th Graders you are invited to: Discover Newman Central Catholic High School. Please go to: www.newmancchs.org to set up an appointment for January 22. These are 30 minute tours and you must register 2 days in advance. Please call 815-625-0500 for further questions.



PS5 RAFFLE WINNERS

Play Station 5 was won by Michelle Vandernick
 Quilt was won by Jim Craft
 \$100 was won by Janine Thurwanger
 Thank you all for supporting our Raffle.



January 15-16, 2022

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 15 and 16 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.

Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

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January 3 — January 8

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

**50% OFF ALL Purses, Luggage, Jewelry and Furniture
 \$5.00 Exercise Equipment**

**January 3 - Thank God it's Monday
 50% Off All Religious Items**

Are you good at organizing A Man Cave or how about a Music Dept.?

**Consider volunteering at the Thrift Shop to help support St. Andrew School
 We need many hands to assist with all the donations and some heavier work also.**

Please stop in at the Thrift Store and talk with Wanda. See you soon.



ST. ANNE JOB OPENINGS!

St. Anne Parish in Dixon is looking for a part-time parish bookkeeper - call 815-288-3131. St. Anne School is looking for a part-time 5 days a week school bookkeeper/office assistant - call 815-288-5619.

GIVING AT YEAR END

Donating IRA Assets to Charity

Turn your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) into charitable donations. If you are age 72 (71 1/2 or older before January 1, 2020), you can donate up to \$100,000 tax free from your IRA each year. Your distribution will not be included in your income if it is sent directly to your parish. If you are between the ages of 59 1/2 and 70 1/2 and are not dependent on existing retirement funds, you can take a cash distribution from your IRA, and contribute the cash to charity. This may completely offset your tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the tax year. Please consult your tax advisor.

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