ITEMS FOR SALE BY PARISHIONERS

Ministry Schedule

ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events—May 9 | 30th Annual Catholic Social Services Wilma Carr Charity Ball is happening at 5:30p at Hotel Captain Cook. Help us celebrate 30 years of supporting CSS at our Black and White Ball! Visit our website at https://cssvs.ejoinme.org/CharityBall2020 to donate, volunteer, or purchase tickets. Contact Molly at mcornish@cssalaska.org for further questions

RAIS—RAIS and the Grow North Farms are looking for Farm Mentors to assist refugee farmers with their burgeoning small business. Agricultural experience is preferred. Please reach out to Keenan with questions kplate@cssalaska.org

To All CSS Program Volunteers:-With daily news updates emerging of COVID 19, we would like to remind all our wonderful volunteers to please continue to be vigilant about handwashing and personal hygiene. If you have any symptoms of COVID 19 or are ill, we ask that you stay home and refrain from volunteer work with us. After 14 days of rest and recovery, you are welcome to continue your volunteer work at CSS. Thank for your dedication and commitment to our clients and the health and safety of all.



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Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form.

Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wed. @ noon.

MARCH 122 2020 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings:1 Samuel 16:1, 6–7, 10–13 Psalm 23:1–6, Ephesians 5:8–14 John 9:1–41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38–39).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70–71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.
—Scott Hahn

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm

Weekdays*: Monday-Communion Service 9 am

Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly schedule

Holy Days: 9 am and 7 pm

Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:15 pm on Thursday Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Sacraments

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick--contact the office.

Sacraments of Initiation--Adults interested in becoming Catholic --Please contact Deacon Mark or the office.

Mass Intentions week of March 23		
Mon.	Communion Service	
Tues.	Harold Casper	ROS
Wed.	Living & deceased members of the Tett/Boelter/Crowley families	
Thurs.	Frances Morrison	ROS
Fri.	Respect for Life	
Sat.	Arthur O Sullivan	ROS
Sun. 10am	People of the Parish	
7 pm	Cole Abel	ROS

Miscellaneous Items

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION— "To pray is not to escape from history and the problems that it presents. On the contrary, it is to choose to face reality not on our own, but with the strength that comes from on high, the strength of truth and love, which have their ultimate source in God.— Pope St. John Paul II These hours need more adorers soon:

Sunday 2 pm Wednesday 3 am Thursday 3 am Saturday 10 am and 12 Noon

Any hour you choose is pleasing to the Lord. Please contact Jennifer at 862-4441 for more information or to reserve a holy hour for yourself in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Welcome Committee is seeking parish families willing to host a new parishioner in their home for a simple supper and/or evening of fellowship. If you are interested in helping us cultivate and grow meaningful

relationships with our new parishioners, please contact Bonnie Melielo at <u>bonniemelielo@gmail.com</u> or Kristyne Montero at Kristyne@aksaintandrews.org.

Fr. Arthur is still saying Mass if you have a Mass intention scheduled, and is offering them for your intention.

BLANKET DRIVE for BROTHER FRANCIS SHEL-

TER: The Shelter provides warm, safe shelter each night for up to 240 men and women. During Lent, we are hosting a blanket drive for those experiencing homelessness. Our goal is 40 blankets. Please consider donating a new or gently used blanket. Twin size is ideal; larger sizes also welcome. Collection boxes are near each entrance. Thank you!

FOOD DRIVE for ST. FRANCIS HOUSE FOOD

PANTRY: The Pantry provides emergency food to about 100 families each day. During Lent, we are hosting a canned food drive for St. Francis House Food Pantry. Canned fruit, canned meat/fish and hot or cold cereal are the most needed items. Collection boxes are near each entrance. Thank you!

Please check our web site for the most current information. Please use that as your main source of information.

Also please down load myparish app for your electronic device. We will be using that also for communication.

GOD BLESS!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLAR-SHIP AND ADELINE CAMPBELL SERVICE

AWARD applications are now available online at the Knights of Columbus Council 9830 . The website can be found following the link: http://www.council9830.com

Applications are under the forms tab in PDF, Word and Pages format. There are 3 forms on the webpage. You can also reach the Knights website from the link on the St. Andrew Parish website.

All applications and letters of recommendation are due in the Church office by 4 PM, April 17th.