

Saint Andrew

Anchored in Faith  Catholic Church and School

Faith Formation Newsletter — January 2019

Investing in Faith Formation and Youth Ministry in 2019!

Dear Saint Andrew Parents,

We are starting the New Year with a bang at Saint Andrew: long-time Faith Formation secretary and Safe Environment coordinator Lori Iannuzzelli is moving into a full-time dedicated support role for our religious education and youth programs!

As our new Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Lori will have a more hands-on and visible role. She will be the first point of contact for Faith Formation questions, registrations and record-keeping; will provide set-up, materials and logistical support for Faith Formation teachers, small-group leaders, and other volunteers; and will help to staff and lead Faith Formation classes and events as needed.

In addition, she will provide similar support to Youth Ministry at Saint Andrew—another big area of focus in 2019. Currently parishioner Kent Yoder is working part-time as our youth group leader, with support from parishioner Jim Lang and a small group of teens and adults who feel called to work with middle- and high-school students in our parish and draw them closer to Christ. In the next few weeks, however, we will be posting for a full-time Youth Minister at Saint Andrew, who will be dedicated to growing our middle-school and high-school youth groups through fun, faith-building events and activities.



Lori Iannuzzelli
Faith Formation and Youth
Ministry Coordinator

The Youth Minister will also play a leadership role in middle-school and high-school Faith Formation to help improve the programs for youth and teens, deepen their relationship with Jesus and His Church, and engage them in the life of the parish and the community.

If you or someone you know is a confirmed and practicing Catholic with a love of sharing the faith with young people and a desire to work in ministry, please have them contact me or Melissa Anderson at the Parish Office, 763-441-1483, for more information.

Over the past two months, more than 15 newly confirmed 11th-graders have met at Saint Andrew to continue their relationship with each other and with God as members of teen discipleship groups. This is a small number compared to the total number of teens who were confirmed—but it is also 15 more than ever before. It is our hope that, as we grow the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry team and reach out to teens in new and inspiring ways, the number of dedicated young disciples at Saint Andrew will grow. I also look forward to providing more opportunities for adults to grow in faith, more family service opportunities, and more events like our upcoming Family Fun Day (see note to the left) in which Saint Andrew families get together simply to enjoy each others' company and support each other in prayer.

It's an exciting time to be a part of this parish. God bless you all in the New Year!

Blessings to you all —
Jim Thorp
jjmt@saint-andrew.net

Important Dates

- Wed 1/16** Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Wed 1/23** Grades 9-10, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Wed 1/30** Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Wed 2/6** Grades 9-10, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Wed 2/13** Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Sat 2/16** Family Fun Day 2:00-5:00 PM
- Wed 2/20** Grades 9-10, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Wed 2/27** Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:45 PM
- Wed 3/6** Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

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Save the Date: Family Fun Day!

On Saturday, February 14, 3:00-5:00 PM, all families are invited to the church and school for games, snacks and more before the 5:00 PM Mass. Let us know if you plan to attend—or if you would like to help! - Jim Thorp

Great Speakers Coming Soon!



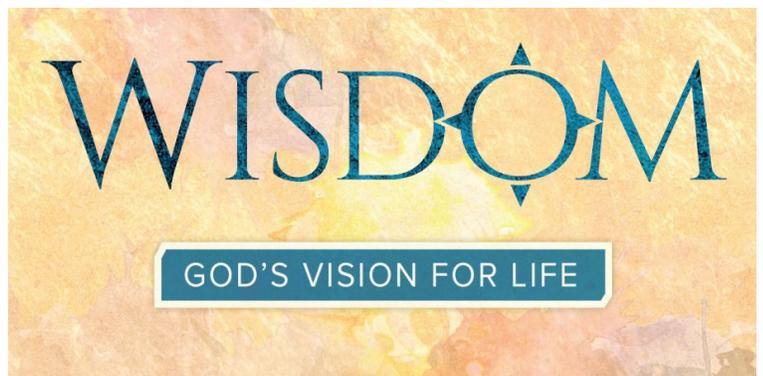
Matt Fradd at the Church of St. Henry, Monticello
The Man Talk (co-sponsored by the Catholic Watchmen)
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Parenting the Internet Generation
Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
The Love that Satisfies
Wednesday, February 13, 7:15 - 8:30 PM

Deacon Ralph Poyo at Sacred Heart Parish, Sauk Rapids
Catholic Men's Conference 2019
Men of Integrity: Mentoring Disciples
Saturday, February 23, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM



Join Us for Our Next Bible Study!

Fr. Newton will present WISDOM: God's Vision for Life, an eight-session study featuring Jeff Cavins, beginning Tuesday, February 19, at 3:00 PM or Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria. The cost for this study is \$20; if you would like to join, please contact Lori Iannuzzelli at 763-441-1483 or lorij@saint-andrew.net.



REBOOT

a life-changing event

Saint Andrew is proud to co-sponsor REBOOT Live with Chris Stefanick on Wednesday, April 17, 7:00-9:30 PM, at St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael. Tickets are \$22 each and are on sale now—registered Saint Andrew families with teens in grades 6-12 can get two tickets (one for a teen, one for a parent) for free! Contact Jim Thorp: jimt@saint-andrew.net or (763) 441-1483 for more information or to purchase!

Get Your Copy of *Celebrating Sundays!*

If you haven't yet received your family copy of *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families*, please pick one up in the Gathering Area. *Celebrating Sundays* is an easy-to-use booklet featuring an excerpt from the Sunday gospel reading; a short, one-paragraph reflection; a question for your kids for on the way to Mass; a question for on the way home; and an idea for applying the reflection to your family life. We have copies enough to go around—get yours today!

