

ST ANDREW'S

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2024

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of St. Andrew's Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

We welcome all visitors to St. Andrew's Catholic Church this weekend. We hope you enjoy your stay in the Ozarks, and may God protect you on your trip home.

WED, DEC. 25

10:00am Christmas Day Mass
+Stanley Kucala

SUN, DEC. 29

11:00am Mass
+Phillip Zook

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges:

- 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you.
- 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— Father John Muir ©LPi



PRAYER LIST

Baby Hazel, Ben, Nancy Blaze, Jim Bell, Pat Dagenais, Maureen Francher, Krystyna Gala, John Hartz, Vicky Hartz, Tootie Hassman, Frances Jaroez, Lisa Jansen, Tricia Kesinger, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Fr. Nazarus Maduba, Maddalyne Norris, Joe Palmere, Christine & Val Perovich, Tamara Steagall, Phyllis Stubenfall, Wade Strong, Jeff Sutterfield, Steven Triner, Finn Topf, Diane Vandersteen, Thomas Waldrup Sr., Pam Whyte.

To add or delete names from the prayer list, please send an email to saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Holiday flowers that adorn the altar honor the following. Please keep them in your prayers:

- MORRIS BUTTNER
- FATHER JIM FANRAK
- RAYMOND GARRISON
- BERNIE KOHL
- KEN KRZYZANIAK & DAUGHTER KAREN
- DOROTHY & EUGENE LAROCHELLE
- TED LESTER
- JOHN & ADELIN MAJESTIC
- FRANK NIXON
- ARDIS & GLENN RASTETTER
- JUNE RUSSUM
- BERNIE & BJ STARK
- DOROTHY TENDALL
- ELINORE & STEPHEN TRINER
- THE GARRISON FAMILY
- THE HOLLAND FAMILY
- THE KRUEP FAMILY
- THE POLLMANN FAMILY
- THE TURNER FAMILY



CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Andrew's! For questions, call the office at 870-449-4850.

You can now register online at www.osvhub/harrisoncatholicsta/directory/register.

FLOCKNOTE SIGN-UP

Stay connected with parish updates! Need help setting up your Flocknote? Contact Melissa Garrison at 870-449-4850.

Visit: flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch
Or text "flocking" to 84576.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Consider sharing your time and talents, such as lector, Eucharistic minister, or cantor, or explore parish ministries. Contact the parish office or use the provided contact information to share your gifts. Together, let's enrich the parish community!

ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your tax-deductible contributions online! Visit: www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/giving/funds.

NOVEMBER EXPENSES

General Collections	\$6,744.00
Loose Gen Collection	\$1,009.00
Bldg Fund Collection	\$1,403.00
Other	\$ 186.00

COLLECTIONS	+ \$9,342.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	- \$11,929.89

DIFFERENCE **-\$2,587.89**

ST. NICHOLAS PARTNER

This Christmas, share the joy of giving by becoming a St. Nicholas Partner and supporting Catholic Charities of Arkansas. Your gift will help those in need through vital ministries like prison outreach, refugee resettlement, and family assistance. Donations can be made in honor of a loved one by visiting bit.ly/ccs-st-nicholas, or by mailing a check to 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

For more information, call (501) 664-0340, ext. 379.

CLERGY WELFARE FUND COLLECTION

The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will support the Clergy Welfare Fund, which provides retirement and healthcare benefits to retired and infirm priests. These men have devoted their lives to God's work and continue to serve as they can. Your contributions help make their retirement possible. Please consider donating in gratitude for all they have done for us.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door on **Dec. 24**, 2024, marking the start of the Jubilee Year, concluding Jan. 6, 2026. Pilgrims can visit Jubilee Churches in our diocese to receive the Jubilee Indulgence:

- Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock
- St. Edward Church, Little Rock
- Immaculate Conception Church, Fort Smith
- St. Joseph Church, Pine Bluff
- St. Mary Church, Helena

Plan your pilgrimage and encounter God's mercy!

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

We'll have Christmas Dinner after Mass on **Dec. 25**. This is a potluck; the Church will provide ham and corn. Please sign up in the church foyer.

MASS FOR LIFE & MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us for the annual Mass for Life on **Jan. 19**, 2025, at Noon, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock, with Bishop Anthony B. Taylor presiding. Come early for the Rosary for Life and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:20a. After Mass, enjoy a free lunch and join the 47th Annual March for Life at 2 PM, starting on Capitol Ave. and concluding at the Arkansas State Capitol.

For more information, contact the Respect Life Office at (501) 664-0340, ext. 393.

CCW CHRISTMAS AT CREEKSIDE

Thank you to all who participated in the CCW Christmas at Creekside party. A good time was had by all! From caroling to passing out gifts, the smiles will never be forgotten. The CCW ladies have once again organized and delivered a special Christmas to many.



FREE VIDEO SERIES “MISSION OF THE FAMILY”

Strengthen your faith and family with the Knights of Columbus' “Mission of the Family” video series—five short, free videos (under 14 minutes each) at kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html.

Find the original “Into The Breach” series under CATEGORIES on the same page for more inspiration.

FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Formed.org is a Catholic streaming service with movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections.

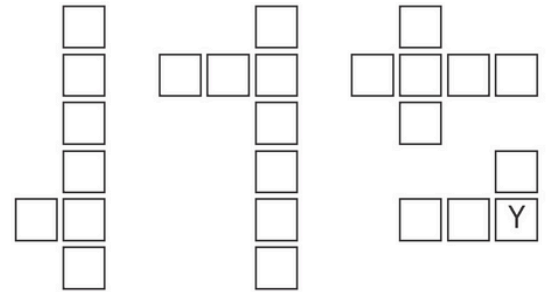
Visit harrisoncatholic.formed.org, enter "Mary Mother God" in the search, select the “Harrison” location, and proceed with account creation. Enjoy!



Fit the following words from today's Gospel into the empty squares below.



The infant in my womb leaped for joy.



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Pure Desire groups offer men and women a safe, confidential space to heal and understand how past experiences shape relationships. Learn more at www.puredesire.org.



MISSION

You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them “Merry Christmas!”



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Blessed are you who believed,” Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary’s example, and believe.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?

Answer: The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation/ Confession.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

