

ST ANDREW'S

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 19, 2025

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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, JAN. 22

12:00pm Mass
+Souls in Purgatory

SUN, JAN. 26

11:00am Mass
+John Majestic

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "**Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one**" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "**But you have kept the good wine until now.**" This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



PRAYER LIST

Angela Block, Nancy Blaze, Heidi Bernardo, Ben, Pat DeMutis, Maureen Fancher, Krystyna Gala, Pat Goulet, Keith Harris, John Hartz, Vicky Hartz, Tootie Hassman, Carson Hofstetter, Lisa Jansen, Frances Jarosz, Tricia Kesinger, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Fr. Nazarus Maduba, Maddalyne Norris, Joe Palmere, Christine & Val Perovich, Ron Thomas, Steven Triner, Diane Vandersteen, Thomas Waldrup Sr., Tamara Steagall, Wade Strong, Phyllis Stubenfall, Jeff Sutterfield, Finn Topf, Pam Whyte.

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

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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 updated on parish events! Visit

flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text "flocking" to 84576. Contact Melissa Garrison at 870-449-4850 for help.

ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your tax-deductible contributions online!

Visit: www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/giving/funds.

FREE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Formed.org, a Catholic streaming service, offers movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections. Visit

harrisoncatholic.formed.org, search for "Mary Mother God," select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

FREE VIDEO SERIES

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.

SMALL GROUP STUDY: APOSTOLIC ZEAL

Discover Pope Francis' inspiring teachings on evangelization through the new Apostolic Zeal small group study. Dive into his catechesis and learn how to share the Good News with enthusiasm and purpose.

Visit learn.dolr.org/courses/AZ for details and registration.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith and community!

NOVEMBER EXPENSES

General Collections	\$7,774.00
Loose Gen Collection	\$1,459.00
Building Collection	\$152.00
Other	\$328.30

COLLECTIONS +\$9,713.30

TOTAL EXPENSES -\$9,274.08

DIFFERENCE +\$439.22

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS

Participate in the sacred privilege of bringing bread, wine, and water to the altar, where they'll be miraculously transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Sign up as an individual or family to honor a special occasion. The Offertory Gift Bearers Book is in the vestibule; write your name on your chosen date to join this meaningful ministry!

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a powerful act of adoration, declaring Him "King of Our Family" and welcoming His reign into your home. This devotion sanctifies your household and fosters acts of charity, peace, and justice that spread the Social Reign of our King and Savior.

If you'd like to enthrone the Sacred Heart in your home, contact Floyd Crawford with St. Andrew's Legion of Mary for more information.



RESCHEDULED CCW POTLUCK LUNCHEON & WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Due to weather conditions, the CCW Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange has been rescheduled to Saturday, **Jan. 25**, at Noon.

St. Andrew's CCW is inviting all ladies of the parish to our First Annual CCW Potluck Luncheon and White Elephant Gift Exchange. (No purchase is needed in a white elephant gift exchange. Just find a little something you've been holding onto but don't need. Wrap it pretty without a label. We'll do the rest.) We will be gathering in the Parish Hall at noon. Please join us for fellowship, food, and fun.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING

Father Ben and Deacon George will be hosting a training session for St. Andrew's Eucharistic Ministers on **Jan. 26** after Mass. We ask all current and those that are interested in being Eucharistic Ministers to attend this training. If you are not able to attend but interested, please contact Melissa Garrison.

WOMEN OF HOPE: A DAY OF RETREAT

All women are invited to a sacred retreat with speaker Lisa Cotter, musician Sarah Kroger, and host Franchelle Jaeger to be renewed and filled with the hope of Christ.

Join us at Christ the King Catholic Church, Little Rock, AR. The retreat begins with a bonus evening on Friday, **Jan. 31**, 2025, 5:15–8:00pm, followed by the main event on Saturday, **Feb. 1**, 2025, 8:00am–3:00pm. Seating is limited, so register today at WomenofHopeAR.org!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts. We are thrilled to announce that we will offer this Bible study. Trust us. This may be your best YES ever. Living in the Father's Love will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all. Discover how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up in the hall. We will be having a luncheon in February for you to learn more about the program.



"At what time of day was Adam created?"



"A little before **Eve.**"



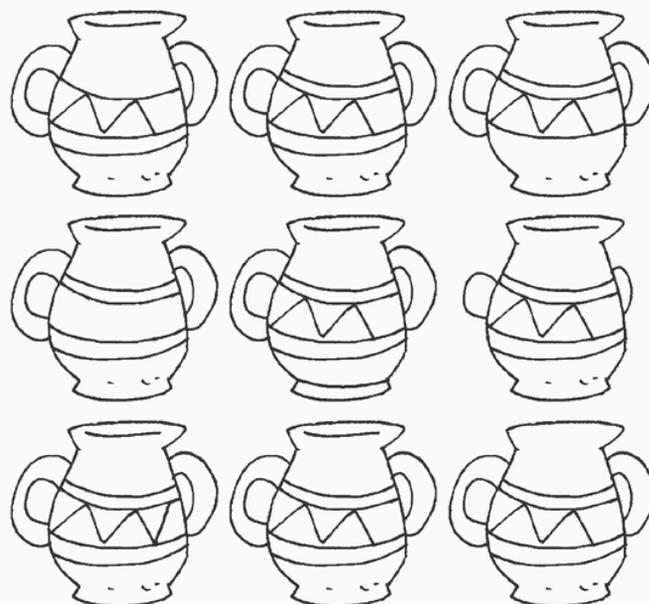
In the book of Genesis, we read that God created Adam first, then from his side, God created Eve!

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Kids' corner!

PUZZLE

Find the two identical jars.



ANSWER: NUMBERS TWO AND EIGHT

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Who was the only apostle, excluding Judas, who was not martyred?

Answer: St. John.

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MISSION

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

