



# ST ANDREW'S

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19, 2026

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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.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I first read Homer's Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination:

Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife,

his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

11:00am Adoration

12:00pm Mass  
†Amy M. C. Lee

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

11:00am Mass  
†Robert Russum

*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.*

## CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

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## PRAYER LIST

Ken Aberer, Adien Briggs, Nathan Bruno, Judy Brieske, James Canter, Maureen Carder, Cindy, Aaron Cigarroa, Krystyna Gala, Dennis Hassman, Tootie Hassman, Lisa Jansen, Jeremiah, Joshua, Brandi Kammel, Tricia Kesinger, Amber Knowles, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Catherine Myers, Jim Neff, Christine Perovich, †Joe Regalado, Helen Schexnaider, Kerry Skurka, Tamara Steagall, Marie Steagall, Mary Thoen, Wade Strong, Janice Triner, Stephen Triner, Susan Turner, Cooper Webb.

Those in our nursing home and prison ministries.

*To add or delete names, email to [saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com).*



## ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your tax-deductible contributions online! Visit:

[www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/giving/funds).

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

Register online at

[www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/directory/register](http://www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/directory/register).

## FLOCKNOTE SIGN-UP

Stay updated on parish events! Visit

[flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch](http://flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch) or text "flocking" to 84576. Contact Melissa Garrison at 870-449-4850 for help.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is now available at St. Andrew's 24/7.

Call 870-449-4850 or 870-741-5234 for the door combination.

## LIVE-STREAM MASS

The Mary Mother of God Parish has updated its video system and now streams Mass on YouTube, as not everyone has a Facebook account. Here's the link to access Live Mass on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/@HarrisonCatholic/streams>

## FORMED: FREE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

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

[harrisoncatholic.formed.org](http://harrisoncatholic.formed.org), search for "Mary Mother of God", select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

## LAUDATO SI'

*"There is a mobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions."*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', para 211



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

## RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Sign up for helping in the set-up for the Rummage Sale and help during the sale are located on the table in the Parish Hall. Any time you can spare will be more than appreciated. Thank you.

## CCW RUMMAGE SALE

Do you need to spring clean but just not sure where to take your items? The CCW has the answer! Our Annual Rummage Sale will be **April 24-25**.

You will not only be helping the CCW help area charities and ministries, you will be getting rid of clutter and unneeded items (no electronics, please) at your house.

CCW Annual Rummage Sale:

- Friday, April 24: 8:00 to 5:00
- Saturday, April 25: 8:00 to Noon

Drop off times:

- Tuesday, April 21: 10am to 2pm
- Wednesday, April 22: 1pm to 5pm

Thank you for your support. Any questions, contact Beth Gipson or Donna Zaerr.

## PRAYERS FOR FIRST COMMUNION

As our parish community journeys together in faith, we ask you to keep in your prayers the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. This is a sacred and joyful milestone in their lives. Bo Burnett, Magnus Chichester, Gideon Johnson, and Noah Vasconcellos will receive their First Communion on Sunday, **May 3**. May their hearts be filled with reverence, wonder, and love, and may their families be strengthened as they guide them in faith. Let us also pray for their catechists and parents, that they may continue to nurture these young souls with patience and devotion. Please join us in asking God to bless these children, deepen their understanding of His presence, and help them grow in faith all the days of their lives.

## BIBLE READING MARATHON 2026

Come and show your appreciation for our Savior and His grace by reading His Word at the Bible Reading Marathon. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, **May 6** on the square in Harrison. A sign-up sheet is available in the Church Hall, or see Vaughn Johnson for details.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Join us Sunday, **May 10** after Mass for a Mother's Day breakfast. The St. Andrew's men will prepare pancakes and sausage for all as we celebrate the amazing women of our parish. Please make plans to attend. It is important that we know how many are coming, so a sign-up sheet is available in the hall.

## KOFC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Knights of Columbus Council #7353 offers merit-based scholarships for students of all ages pursuing education at accredited universities, community colleges, or trade schools. The 2026 application period is open now through **May 11** for members of St. Peter the Fisherman (Mountain Home) and St. Andrew's (Yellville). Applications are available at both parish offices beginning Feb. 16 and must be returned by May 11. For more information, contact Mary Jo Rudnik (St. Peter's) or Melissa Garrison (St. Andrew's).

## SUBIACO RETREAT

Please join us for a Mary Mother of God and St. Andrew's pilgrimage to Subiaco on Friday, **June 19** and Saturday, **June 20** for a retreat led by Fr. Cassian Elkins. The cost is \$100 per adult, with meals included. Please see the flyer in the Parish Hall. A limited number of shared rooms is available. To sign up, please contact Melissa in person, at 870-741-5234, or by email at [saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com](mailto:saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com).

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## OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day

Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## MAGAZINE & MEDITATION BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Andrew's nursing home and prison ministry team are seeking donations of magazines and daily meditation booklets to share with those we serve. These reading materials provide comfort, encouragement, and inspiration to individuals who may not have regular access to uplifting content. If you have gently used magazines (Reader's Digest type magazines), small daily devotional booklets, or word search books you're willing to donate, please drop them off in the designated box in the parish hall. Please note that we cannot accept hardback books. Your generosity will truly make a difference in someone's day!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sign-up sheets for cooking, serving, and cleanup for the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast are located in the Parish Hall. Gentlemen, any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).*

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

*Let us pray...*

*God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask for your wisdom to serve your Church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead.*

*Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your Church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who serve the Church in their secular lives.*

*We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



## EASTER HONORARIUM & MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Our sincere thanks go to all those who donated to beautify our altar on this important day. Thanks go also to those who picked up the decorations and worked hard to arrange them.

†John & Bill Baitton  
†Jim Bell Sr.  
†Joyce Bumpstead  
†Morris Buttner  
†Louis & Aurora Carrillo  
†Antonina Czarnik  
†Claude Drativa  
†Ela Drzazgowski  
†Fr. Jim Fanrack  
†Bronsilawa & Gabriel Gala  
†Raymond Garrison  
†The Garrison Family  
†John & Sally Hassman  
Jedlicki Family  
Dan & Jan Kujawa  
†Bernard Kohl  
†Boguslawa Kolodziej  
†The Kruep Family  
†Ken & Karen Krzyzaniak  
LaVigne Family  
†Eugene & Dorothy LaRochelle  
†John & Adeline Majestic  
†Edward & Frances Minnaert  
Neff Family  
†Frank Nixon  
Jennifer & Rico Pasqualini  
†Glenn & Ardis Rastetter  
†Ed & Kevin Schrader  
†Bernie & BJ Stark  
†Dorothy Tendal  
†Stephen & Elinore Triner  
†Barbara Zdzislaw Tokarski  
†Marcia Wadlej  
†Boguslaw Wartnik  
†Stella Wierzbicki  
†Joe Wytrwal

"HOW LONG HAS JESUS BEEN KNOCKING AT THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART, WAITING TO ENTER?" ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE