



ST ANDREW'S

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 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

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

2:00pm The Springs of Creekside
†Louis Carillo

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

11:00am Mass
SI All St. Andrew's
Parishioners

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

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Those in our nursing home and prison ministries.

To add or delete names, email to saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com.



ONLINE GIVING

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

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.

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.

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



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 | General Counsel, 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) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

LAUDATO SI'

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little." Pope Francis Laudato Si' para 222

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO MY ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for the prayers, cards, kind words, and gifts you shared while Tootie was ill. Your support and compassion have meant so much during this difficult time, especially as Tootie went to be with the Lord. Thank you for being a blessing to our family.

~Stan Hassman



CCW MEETING

Attention Ladies. The next CCW meeting/luncheon is Saturday **May 16**. We will meet in the adoration chapel at 11:30am for the rosary and then have lunch (provided by the volunteers from our last meeting) before starting our meeting. The Yellville Area Food Closet item for May is Pasta/Sauce. See you there!

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION MEETING

Join us for an information meeting about foster care in Marion County on Saturday, **May 16**, at 2:00 PM at Landmark UPC Church, 481 Hwy 14 S. Whether you are interested in opening your home, volunteering, supporting a foster family, or simply learning more, this meeting is for you.



HAPPY GRADUATION

Please join us for cake on Sunday, **May 17** after Mass to celebrate Kaden Pomeroy on his graduation. Congratulations!

CATECHIST APPRECIATION

A big thank you to all the catechists who worked so diligently with our children this year: Susan Burns, Karen Carter, Ashley Chichester, Charity Strong, Jill Swanson, and our DRE, Janice Triner. You are all greatly appreciated!

Please remember that Confirmation is Sunday, **June 14**, with Bishop Taylor. Practice with the youth, sponsors, and parents will be held **May 31** after Sunday Mass. Watch for details.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

St. Andrew's Catholic Church invites you to a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, **June 7**, at 12:45 pm on the Yellville Town Square. All are welcome to join in prayer as we walk with Jesus.

From the beginning of Christianity, the Church has taught that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Catholics throughout the world honor Christ's presence in the Eucharist through adoration and Eucharistic processions.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign, which shares the Gospel message through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds collected remain in the Diocese of Little Rock to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports the communication work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other national projects. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. Learn more at usccb.org/ccc.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

The Easter season is a time to live with renewed faith, gratitude, and purpose. It is also a meaningful time to care for the responsibilities we have toward our loved ones and the gifts God has entrusted to us. Creating or updating an estate plan helps provide clearly for your loved ones, put your intentions in writing, and make thoughtful decisions rooted in your values.

To assist with this, the Diocese of Little Rock offers FreeWill, a free and secure online program that allows you to create or update your will or trust in as little as 20 minutes. It also provides an opportunity to remember a parish, Catholic school, or diocesan ministry in your plans. In this season of Easter joy, planning for the future can be a meaningful expression of faithful stewardship. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofLittleRock.

MAGAZINE & MEDITATION BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Andrew's nursing home and prison ministry is seeking donations of magazines and daily meditation booklets to share with those we serve. These materials provide comfort, encouragement, and inspiration for those without regular access to uplifting content. If you have gently used magazines (Reader's Digest type), small devotional booklets, or word search books, please place them in the designated box in the parish hall. We cannot accept hardback books. Thank you for your generosity.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Matthias, Apostle

Friday: St. Isidore

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

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Happy Mother's Day!



We ask Mary to intercede for all mothers in our community, and for those who want to be mothers, too.

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A MOTHER FOR ALL

BY SCOTT VASCONCELLOS

By the end of her life, my grandmother had forgotten most things. However, even in her worsening dementia, she never forgot Sunday. A lifetime of devotion had gone deeper than memory itself, and even when her mind would not cooperate, she always knew when it was time for Mass. One Sunday she got the time mixed up, decided no one was coming for her, and set out walking to the parish church on her own (twenty blocks away, on unsteady legs). She fell. Kind strangers stopped, helped her up, and called the police. That's how we found her... halfway to the altar.

She's in heaven now, and I have no doubt she's praying for me. And she is in good company. Long before any of our mothers or grandmothers reached the heavenly courts, Mary was already there, offering her motherly love to every soul and gathering us under her heavenly mantle as her own children.

Look at Cana. When the wine ran out, Mary turned to her son. He told her his hour had not yet come; but he changed his divine timing because she asked. She didn't command. She *suggested*. Then she turned to the servants: "**Do whatever he tells you**" (Jn 2:5). The wine he made was so good the steward was scandalized; nobody saves the best wine for last. We are the steward in that story, astonished at how generously God answers when his mother asks.

We ask Mary's intercession not because Jesus needs convincing, but because it is a reverent avenue. Jesus loves his mother; approaching him through her honors that love. Like a son who can't say no to his mom.

And here is the great mercy: His Mother is given to all of us. Some children grew up without a mother, or with one who was absent, negligent, or wounded in ways that bent God's design. Mary is the answer to motherhood when our earthly experience falls short, and the perfection of it when it doesn't. She is the Mother given to every one of us. No exceptions.

So this Mother's Day, give thanks for the women who bore you, raised you, prayed for you. And remember the one praying for you still. To the mothers reading this: thank you. Thank you for your love, your countless sacrifices, your quiet prayers. The world owes you more than any single day can pay.

May our heavenly Mother hold you close, today and always.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. Despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

WALKING WITH JESUS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

— AT 12:45 PM ON THE —
YELLVILLE TOWN SQUARE

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF CHRISTIANITY

the doctrine of Jesus' body and blood being truly present in the "Eucharist," a word meaning thanksgiving, has always been held. In keeping the teaching of the Holy Scripture and the earliest traditions of Christianity, the Catholic Church has maintained that the Eucharist, consecrated by a priest in the line of apostolic tradition, is not a symbol or image of Jesus, but is truly, actually, and substantially, His body, blood, soul, and divinity.

In acknowledgement of this reality, Catholics all around the world worship the Eucharist in adoration through various liturgical celebrations, including Eucharistic processions.

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John
6:51

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

1 Corinthians
10:16-17

"The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

Matthew
26:26

"While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, 'take and eat; this is my body.' "

Acts
2:42

"And they held steadfastly to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."