



# ST ANDREW'S

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 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

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an "indignant despair." Haven't we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel: "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body." (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow's fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, "Do not be afraid," hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father's care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

11:00am Adoration & Confessions

12:00pm Mass

†Art Van Houten

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

11:00am Mass

†Louis Carrillo

*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

Lorna Aberer, Adien Briggs, John Brieske, Nathan Bruno, Judy Brieske, John & Elena Canter, James Canter, Maureen Carder, Cindy, Aaron Cigara, Darlene Coffman, Mike Dorner, Krystyna Gala, Dennis Hassman, Lisa Jansen, Jessika Jennings, Jeremiah, Haven Jorgensen, Joshua, Tricia Kesinger, Pat Kohl, Amber Knowles, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Joanne Mustion, Catherine Myers, Jim Neff, Christine Perovich, Robert, Helen Schexnaider, Tamara Steagall, Marie Steagall, Wade Strong, Nancy Sutterfield, Mary Thoen, 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!

## MAY INCOME & EXPENSE

General	\$10,056.00
Building Fund	\$5,975.00
Other	\$122.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+\$16,153.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$9,839.00</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>+\$6,314.00</b>



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 Gottspomer at (501) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

## COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to Church programs and ministries because of rising secularism, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity helps our brothers and sisters share more fully in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in this special collection. To learn more, visit [usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america).

## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Beginning June 21, St. Andrew's invites parishioners to consider nominating themselves or another parishioner to serve on the Pastoral Council.

Nominees must:

- Be registered at St. Andrew's
- Be in good standing with the Catholic Church
- Be at least 18 years of age

Nomination forms are available at the ends of the pews and in the Parish Hall. Nominations will be accepted from **June 21** through **July 5**.

Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket during this time. Please prayerfully consider who may best serve our parish. Thank you for helping shape the future of St. Andrew's.

### Current Pastoral Council Members:

Sue Bruns, Jeff Swanson, Suzie Parnell, Chris Carter, Paul Hartz, Gail Russell, and Scott Vasconcellos.

### Members Whose Terms Are Ending:

Chris Carter and Gail Russell.

### Current Finance Council Members:

Cindy Nixon, Floyd Crawford, Vaughn Johnson, and Steve Triner.

## TASTE OF FAITH DINNER

Please join us for a special St. Andrew's Taste of Faith Dinner as we celebrate Parker and Graham before they return to the Diocese of Little Rock. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, hear about their vocational journeys, and support the formation of future priests.

Did you know that educating and forming one seminarian costs approximately \$40,000-\$50,000 per year? These expenses include tuition, room and board, books, spiritual formation, and pastoral training. Your generosity helps ensure that these young men can continue answering God's call to serve the Church.

The dinner is free, and all are welcome. We do ask that you sign up if you plan to attend. While there is no cost, donations will be gratefully accepted and forwarded to the Diocese of Little Rock to support seminarian education and formation. Please come enjoy food, fellowship, and faith while supporting vocations in our diocese.

Date: **Sunday, June 28**

Time: After the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Sign-Up Sheet: Located in the Parish Hall

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye**

You are Invited  
to the  
**250<sup>th</sup>**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Celebration**

**MUSIC | EVENTS | FIREWORKS**

**Yellville City Park**  
**Saturday, July 4th**  
**Beginning at 6 PM**

**Fireworks**  
**Begin at Dark**

For anyone interested in helping or sponsoring, please PM  
@Yellville Music on the Square or @Yellville 4th of July

## YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT: THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

All youth are invited to a fun and meaningful Movie Night featuring The Prince of Egypt on **July 10** from 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, and a powerful story of faith, courage, and God's deliverance. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up in the Parish Hall so we know you're coming!

## RETREAT WITH ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*"Return to Simplicity. Live in Peace. Love All Creatures."*

Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and renewal in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi with retreat speakers Fr. John Marconi and Debbie Eckert. Deepen your faith through prayer and Holy Mass, find peace in the beauty of God's creation, and encounter Jesus in prayer, community, and the sacraments. The retreat will be held **Sept. 25-27**, at Coury House Retreat Center in Subiaco. Open to adults 18 and older seeking spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with God. Cost:

Single Room: \$255; Double Room: \$215; Commuter: \$125

Scholarships are available. For questions, call Debbie Eckert at 501-339-7626

## LAUDATO SI'

*"When we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity." (Pope Francis Laudato Si para 238)*



## Happy Father's Day!



Let's thank God for the fathers and father figures who care for their families and help build loving homes. St. Joseph, pray for us, and especially for our fathers!

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## WHAT YOUR CHILDREN NEED SCOTT VASCONCELLOS

Growing up, my parents used to tell us they had little cameras hidden around the house and could see everything we were doing. Obviously, that was a lie, but we shaped up!

Years later, as a tired dad trying to survive a particularly chaotic afternoon, I caught myself telling my own kids that same lie. For about five glorious minutes, the destruction stopped. Then I immediately felt guilty about it.

Parenthood has a way of humbling us. There are days when I miss my workout, skip the homeschool lessons, or miss my chapel visit and end up praying in a chair amid all the noise of home. Some days, the goal is simply to keep everyone alive and fed. On those days, it's easy to feel like a failure.

But fatherhood was never meant to be about perfection. St. Joseph wasn't chosen because he was perfect; he was chosen because he was faithful. He showed up, listened to God, protected his family, and loved them day after day. (*Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15, 19-23*)

This Father's Day, we thank God for all fathers and father figures who keep showing up, even when they're tired, overwhelmed, and wondering if they're getting it right. The good news is that our children do not need perfect fathers. *They need loving ones.* And God's grace is more than enough to make up the difference.

**Happy Father's Day.**

## OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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