



ST ANDREW'S

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 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.

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall.

That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed,

Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

11:00am Adoration & Confessions

12:00pm Mass

SI: All St. Andrew's Parishioners

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

11:00am Mass

†Jamie Miller

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These efforts assist our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

TASTE OF FAITH

Thank you for your generous support of the Taste of Faith dinner benefiting the Seminarian Fund. Together, our parish family raised \$13,990. Your generosity once again shows your commitment to forming future priests and helping build the Kingdom of God. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your prayerful support and sacrificial giving.

CHRISTMAS FLOAT VOLUNTEERS

Each year, the City of Yellville hosts Christmas on the Square, giving St. Andrew's a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with our community.

We are grateful to Jeff and Charity Strong and the many volunteers who help create our parish float each year. Thanks to their leadership and hard work, the float gets better every year.

This year, we'd love to have even more helping hands. Whether you enjoy building, painting, decorating, planning, or simply lending a hand, there is a place for everyone to serve.

Please consider volunteering to help with this year's Christmas float. A planning meeting will be held Sunday, **July 19**, after Mass in the Parish Hall. Together, we can continue this joyful tradition and help St. Andrew's shine brightly during Christmas on the Square.

PRE REGISTRATION

Registration for Parish Religious Education (PRE) for the 2026–2027 year is open now. Religious education helps our youth grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare for the sacraments.

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:30–10:30am before Mass. Early registration helps us plan effectively and ensure we have enough materials and supplies for all participants.

Registration runs from **July 1–29**. You may register online at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/religious-ed/StAndrewsYellvillepre-fall-2026-spring-2027>

Paper registration forms will also be available in the Parish Hall. For questions, please contact Melissa at 870-741-5234 or 870-449-4850.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Beginning August 1, Operation Christmas Child will kick off the shoebox collection for this year. Shoeboxes will be available in the church hall and vestibule. Shoebox gifts are a tangible way to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in over 175 countries and territories around the world. Items requested are school supplies, hygiene items, (no soap or toothpaste) please, fun toys and a personal message from you. Make your shoe boxes fun, full, and personalized!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY GIVING DRIVE

Each December, St. Andrew's and the Council of Catholic Women provide gift bags and a Christmas party for residents of the Springs of Creekside in Yellville, along with gifts for our parish homebound.

This July, we are launching an early giving drive to raise \$900 (just \$10 per gift bag) to prepare ahead of the busy holiday season. Look for the donation box and goal meter in the vestibule. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love!



ONLINE GIVING

We're excited to share that giving to St. Andrew's is now easier than ever! All parish collections (including Sunday offerings and second collection) are available online. Online giving is a simple, secure way to support our parish, whether you're at home, traveling, or unable to attend Mass.

How to Give Online: visit harrisoncatholic.org, click "Give," and select St. Andrew's to make a one-time or recurring donation using a credit/debit card or bank account. QR codes are also available in the pews for quick access.

Going Green? Let Us Know! If you've started giving online and no longer need weekly collection envelopes, please email Melissa at saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com to be removed from the mailing list.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish family!

TRAVELING STATUE & SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT

The Legion of Mary invites parishioners to sign up for the Traveling Statue of Our Lady and for an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home. Choose a date and contact Floyd Crawford at 870-321-8826 to sign up.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Kateri Tekakwitha (1656–1680), “Lily of the Mohawks,” was a Mohawk–Algonquin woman who embraced Catholicism, lived virginity and intense prayer despite ridicule, and died at 24.



SAINT KATERI, HELP ME LOVE JESUS WITH PURE COURAGE.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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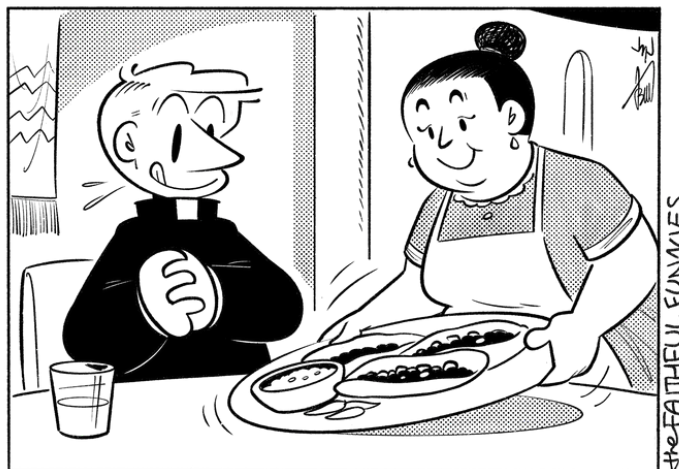
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MISSION

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

“What’s a priest’s favorite type of taco?”



“Tacos Al Pastor.”



This taco term means “shepherd style” in Spanish and was inspired by Lebanese immigrants who made lamb in Mexico. Mexicans adopted the style and made their own (yummy) version. “Pastor” means “shepherd,” something he does for his congregation.

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