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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 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

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "**Get behind me, Satan.**"

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

11:00am Adoration & Confessions

12:00pm Mass

†Maria Mata

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

11:00am Mass

†Al Schexnaider

RESPECT LIFE YOUTH ART CONTEST

Students in PreK–8th grade are invited to take part in the Diocese of Little Rock's annual Respect Life Youth Art Contest. This year's theme is "Mary, Mother of Life – Pray for us!" Entries may be submitted **Sept. 1–21**, 2026. All artwork will be displayed during Respect Life Month at Morris Hall, with awards presented on Respect Life Sunday, **Oct. 4** at 2:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church Hall. More information can be found in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES - MARY MOTHER OF GOD HARRISON

Sept. 2: The Holy Trinity: God Is Love in Relationship

Sept. 9: If God Is Good, Why This Mess?

Sept. 16: Salvation History: God's Promise to Free Us

Sept. 23: Jesus Christ: God Becomes Man

Sept. 30: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus Delivers Us from Evil

All sessions are open to everyone. Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal will be provided starting at 6:00pm, with classes beginning at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend!

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD PAINTING PARTY - YOUTH NIGHT!

Join us for the 2nd Annual Youth Christmas Card Painting Party during Youth Night on Friday, September 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Christmas cards painted at this special event will accompany the gifts that you, along with the ladies of the CCW, will provide for the residents of The Springs of Creekside and our homebound parishioners. We need to know that you and your child are coming, so please sign up today. What an amazing way to spend a Friday evening as a family, joining others in doing something that will bring joy to so many!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Strengthen your marriage and deepen your faith at our upcoming Marriage Encounter event! "God Chose You for Me" is designed to help you and your spouse grow closer to each other and to God. You will experience: A New Way to Pray, A New Way to Connect, A New Way to Encounter God's Love!

To be held **Sept. 26**, 2026.

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM St. John's Catholic Center,

2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

\$100 per couple; Email: Michael.Anne.Mancino@wwme.org.

Phone: 501-831-0931 or 501-831-0932 or use QR Code.



2 CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

We need your help! The children of St. Andrew's are counting on us for a strong foundation in the Catholic faith this school year. Our parish needs caring adults willing to serve as catechists and share the love of Christ with our young people. You do not need to be a professional teacher or theologian, just someone with a love for God, a willingness to learn and a desire to help children grow in faith. Lessons and support are provided, and you will not serve alone. Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to this ministry. For more information or to volunteer, contact the parish office at (870) 741-5234 or Director of Religious Education Janice Triner at 870-421-2594.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FUN FACT #3.

Where will my shoebox go? Operation Christmas Child sends shoeboxes to over 100 countries around the world. You can follow your shoebox by registering the label at

OperationChristmasChild.com Follow the instructions and pay the \$10 shipping fee. You will be notified when your shoebox is processed in late November or December and when it is shipped to its destination country. If you write an email address inside the box, you may also receive an email from the child or his/her parent.

BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE

You can help bless a child through Operation Christmas Child without leaving home! Use the online shoebox link to build a shoebox gift, and Samaritan's Purse will pack and send it on your behalf to a child in need around the world.

St. Andrew's goal is to build 15 online shoeboxes. Please consider building a shoebox online today and helping us reach our goal! Build your shoebox online: sampur.se/4bhsIXN

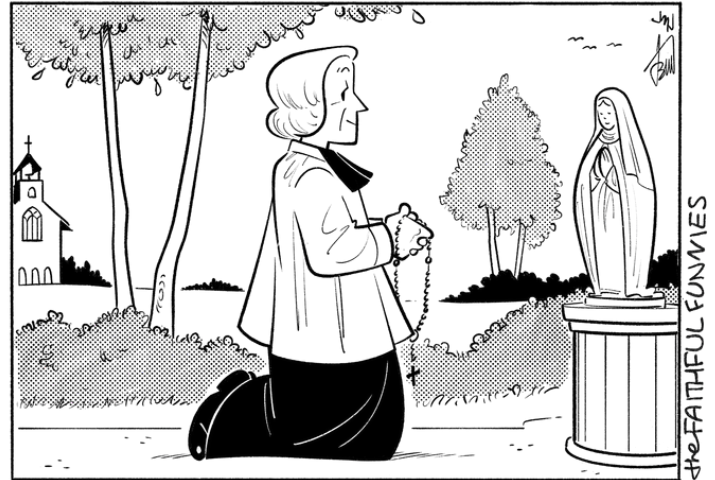
OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (below)
- Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"What is the Curé d'Ars favorite position for prayer?"



"On his St. John Vian-KNEES."

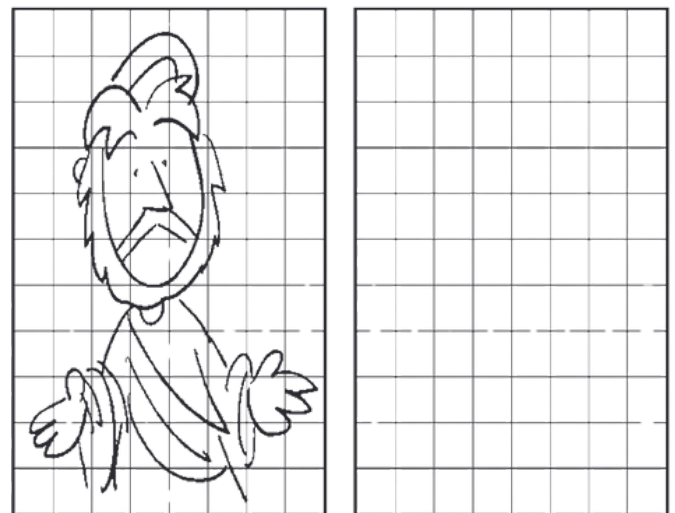


FUN FACT! St. John Vianney, known as the Curé d'Ars, was a French priest in Ars, France, who was known for transforming his community through prayer and devotion... and his dedication to hearing confessions (sometimes for up to 18 hours a day!)

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MISSION

Every day firemen, policemen and soldiers give up their lives to protect yours. Thank God for them.

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Annulment Advocate	Dc. George Gussy	404-0546
CCW	Beth Gipson	816-726-9099
Finance Council	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
Food Bank	Marv Topf	453-6443
Head Sacristan	Stephen Triner	321-2773
Knights of Columbus	Vaughn Johnson	337-842-0387
Legion of Mary	Floyd Crawford	321-8826
Library/Archivist	Joanne Mustion	321-0479
Music Ministry	Scott Vasconcellos	209-417-4239
Parish Manager	Melissa Garrison	870-741-5234
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Spiritual Direction	Janice Triner	421-2594
Youth Ministry	Karen Carter	404-2065



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.

PRAYER LIST



Lorna Aberer, Mikayla Anderson, Adien Briggs, Nathan Bruno, John & Elena Canter, James Canter, Maureen Carder, Cindy, Aaron Cigara, Darlene Coffman, Robert Connelly, Mike Dorner, Krystyna Gala, Dennis Hassman, Lisa Jansen, Jessika Jennings, Jeremiah, Jones Family, Denise Jorgensen, Haven Jorgensen, Joshua, Tricia Kesinger, Jennette Knasiak, Amber Knowles, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Joanne Mustion, Catherine Myers, Jim Neff, Joe Palmere, Christine Perovich, Mary Ann Regalado, Robert, Tamara Steagall, Marie Steagall, Wade Strong, Nancy Sutterfield, Mary Thoen, Janice Triner, Stephen Triner, Susan Turner, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood.

Those in our nursing home and prison ministries.

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

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.