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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.

SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 26, 2023

Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 NO Mass at Noon First Friday, March 3, 2023 Mass at Noon +Father Jim Fanrak Sunday, March 5, 2023 Mass at 11 AM:

+John Majestic, 40th Anniversary



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.

HOPE AND HEALING BEGINS MARCH 1

Hope & Healing, a 12-week online Bible study just for women who have been wounded by abortion, will begin March 1, 2023, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 -7:15 p.m.* via Zoom. This free Project Rachel Ministry opportunity will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and help us discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences

On this journey of self-discovery and empowerment we will meet 12 amazing women who, just like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. Together, we will learn how these women faced the same struggles and challenges that we face, and through their example gain insight into what we can do to make changes in our own lives so that we can move forward from lingering grief, shame, guilt, fear, and pain, to acceptance, forgiveness, trust, peace, love, and joy.

Any woman, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of her own space, anonymously if desired, with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. Call or text our **CONFIDENTIAL direct phone line 501-663-0996** for more information. Registration is required by February 22, 2023.

*Other meeting days/times may be available. Please call if interested.

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HELP THE YELLVILLE FOOD CLOSET

The food pantry needs donations, and in March they like to receive donations of peanut butter & jelly. The box for donations is right by the front door. Please pop a couple of extra items into your cart for the pantry. Recent articles have informed us that Hamburger Helper and other kits may need perishable foods that recipients don't have or can't afford.

- Peanut butter
- Canned soup Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables Canned stew Canned fish
- - Canned beans Pasta and rice



OCIA WEDNESDAY - March 1 This Week - A love that lasts -Discovering authentic love

Instructors - Deacon George and Kim Gussy

Sign up for **Formed** at https://formed.org/ to see hundreds of videos and to learn more about our Faith.

SEND MARCH CALENDAR INFO SOON

Next weekend the March calendar will be inserted in the Please sent any events for March to standrewprayer@gmail.com before Thursday. Thank you!

Please remember in your prayers...

Vern Anderson, Baby Berkley, Beth, Maurice Cantwell, Jennifer Cates, Coty Connor, Floyd Crawford, Pat Dagenais, Phil Dagenais, Debbie, Chance Dodson, Dale & Billie Sue Doman, Dan Dorman, Eura Droher, Elizabeth, Janet Ernst, Patty Eubanks, Anna Maria Evans, Maureen Fancher, Jason Fernandez, Audrene Goulet, Pat Goulet, Lori Godfrey, Grant Grzadziel, Ruth Haley, Robin Haller, Meg Hampton, John Hartz, Vicki Hartz, Dennis Hassman, Jeff Hoffman, Erik & Kenzi Hofstetter, Paul Hunt, Lisa Jansen, Jimmy, Johnny, Denise Jorgensen, Tricia Kensinger, Jeanne Kernan, John LaRochelle, Gloria Maffei, Gene McEwen, Ashlyn Meece, Susie Mulhern, Catherine Myer, Allie Neel, Beckham Newbanks & her parents, Michael Nighbert, Terrence O'Sullivan, Reida Phelan, Josh & Robin Phillips, Astrid Rastetter, Bev Rastetter, Ted Rastetter, Tony Rastetter, Joe Regalado, Joe Lee & Debbie Regalado, Robert Skorich, Skylar, Dr. John Spore, Tamara Steagall, Mary Ann Stewart, Dan & Nicole Storms, Pam Storms, Gene Strong, Wade Strong, Dee Supergan, Jill Swanson, Stephen Triner, Diane Vandersteen, Keith Venable, Thomas Waldrup, Sr., Rea Walker, Justin Weeden, Alison Weyers, Mark Wilbanks.

Please pray for all who are suffering due to the toxic train wreck in East Palestine, Ohio, and please pray for all who will have trouble during blizzards in Southern California.

> To add or delete names, please email standrewprayer@gmail.com or contact Denise Jorgensen at 870-445-4810



Mary Mother of God's Masses are streamed on Facebook. Search for Mary Mother of God Catholic Church on Facebook

PARISH DIRECTORY PLANS UNDERWAY

We are beginning to plan a new parish directory for 2023. If you have ideas for things or info you'd like to see in the book, please send them to standrewprayer@gmail.com or kidneywoman@yahoo.com More information will come as plans are firmed up.

PARISH MANAGER APPLICATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN

The parish will be making the parish manager position a paid position. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Father Ben via email pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com Or drop off your resume in an envelope to the parish office. Resumes are due TODAY.

KINDNESS MONTH

Thank you for bringing snacks last Sunday! We will also provide lunch for School of New Hope. They will be having a training this month and requested that we bring lunch. There will only be 5 people or so at the training so that won't be difficult. Talk to Janice Triner about getting involved.



Being Catholic ...

WHAT'S FASTING AND WHY DO WE DO IT?

What Fasting Is: Fasting, broadly speaking, is the voluntary avoidance of something that is good. When Catholics talk about fasting, we normally mean restricting the food that we eat. We can fast between meals, by not eating snacks, or we can engage in a complete fast by abstaining from all food. The English word breakfast, in fact, means the meal that breaks the fast.

While fasting takes the form of refraining from eating, it is primarily a spiritual discipline designed to tame the body so that we can concentrate on higher things.

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving - The Swiss Army Knife of the Spirit: That is why fasting is usually mentioned along with prayer and almsgiving (or charity). By controlling the passions of the body, we free our souls for prayer. And by refraining from eating, we free up food or money that we can give to those less fortunate than ourselves. The three spiritual disciplines go hand in hand, and the Church calls us to practice all three together, especially during the season of Lent.

Lenten Fasting and Penance: Lent, the 40 days before Easter Sunday, is a season of the Church calendar set aside for Christians to do penance in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Refraining from food can help us to bring our bodies under the control of our souls, but it is also a way of doing penance for past excesses. That is why the Church strongly recommends that Catholics fast during Lent.

Current Church Law Regarding Fasting: The Church used to prescribe very rigorous rules for the Lenten fast (including abstaining from all meat and eating only one meal per day). The current rules, however, are much more lax. Catholics are only required to fast on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and on Good Friday, the day that Jesus Christ was crucified. Anyone over the age of 18, but under the age of 60, should eat only one full meal on those days, although they can also have small amounts of food in the morning and the evening.

Going Beyond What's Required: The Church continues to encourage individual Catholics to observe a stricter fast. Extreme fasting, however, can be physically harmful, so, as with all physical forms of penance and of spiritual discipline, you should consult with your priest before embarking on a very strict fast.

Scott P. Richert from about.com via https://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org/why-dowe-fast-during-lent

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION AT SUBIACO - MARCH 7

Coury House Retreat Center at Subiaco Abbey will host a Lenten Day of Recollection Tuesday, March 7, under the direction of Br. Roch McClellan, OSB. Registration will be at 8:30 am with conferences, an opportunity for reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, noon prayer with the monks, lunch and ending with Mass at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$25. Call Coury House at 479-934-1290 to register or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org.

Mark Your Calendars

READY FOR LENT? READY FOR FISH FRY! Knights of Columbus in Harrison announce Lenten Fish Fries



Friday Fish Fry Nights will be March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 5:30-8 PM. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Tickets will be \$5/person and the menu will be Fried Cod*, Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert & Drink. *Menu items subject to change based on item availability.

PHOTO CONTEST

Arkansas Catholic sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17. Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2024 Diocese of Little Rock directory.

Sister Maria Rose Carter, OSB, of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro won last year's contest with a photo of a sunlit mosaic depicting St. Benedict. Her photo was featured on the cover of the 2023 directory.

Complete rules and an entry form are available on the *Arkansas Catholic* website, <u>arkansas-catholic.org</u>. For more information, contact Emily Roberts by e-mail to <u>eroberts@dolr.org</u>.

MARION COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Marion County Right To Life Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Flippin Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us.

CANTOR WORKSHOP IN APRIL

A beginners cantor workshop, "What a Voice But Will It Work in Church?", is planned for April 21-23 at Coury House in Subiaco. Background to the ministry, basic music theory, training videos, and hands-on practice would be the bulk of the workshop. Call 479-934-1290 or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org to register.

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SUNDAY

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- Kids' Corner -

SHARING THE GOSPEL

After Jesus' baptism, Jesus went 40 days without eating. Imagine how weak, hungry, tired and cranky you could be if you went that long without eating. That was the moment the devil chose to try to trick Jesus into using God's power selfishly. But Jesus was still strong. Jesus had been praying those 40 days, getting ready to save you and the whole world from the devil's tricks. Jesus would never give in to his enemy.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



PRAYER

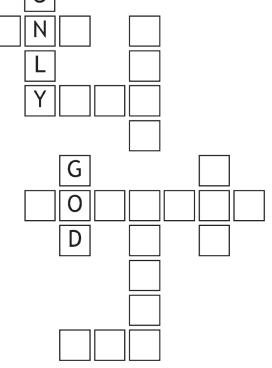
Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from the devil's tricks.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, at noon, and at night.

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares

Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.



Draw a picture of Jesus praying to God.



Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday, February 26 - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a); Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Monday, February 28 - Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28 - Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1 - Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2 - Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 3 - Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4 - Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 5 - Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22); 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9