



SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Noon Mass

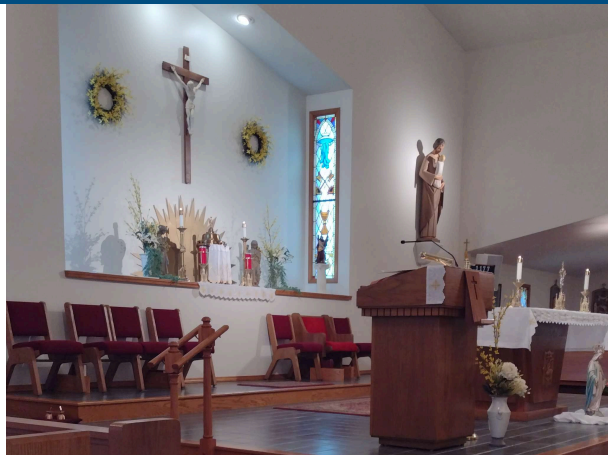
Special intention of Vladimir
Perovich



Sunday, Sept. 24

Mass at 11 AM

Special intention of all
parishioners



Confessions will be heard 30 minutes prior to Mass on Wednesday and Sunday, and one hour after Mass on Sunday only.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

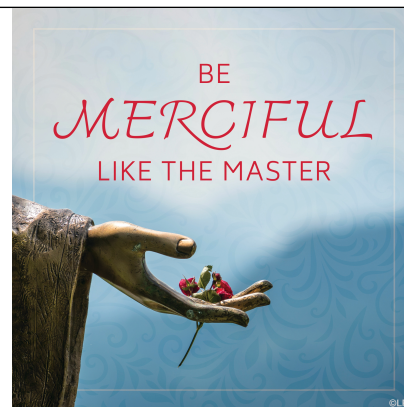
The mission of St. Andrew's Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

While God is always with us, we don't always appreciate or recognize the love he has to offer us.

In fact, often, we reject that love and choose to follow our own will. This can leave us feeling alone and isolated as we try to pursue happiness away from him. The good news is that God's love is always pursuing us. All we need to do is open our hearts to that love and invite God into our lives.

Here is a short prayer from the devotional *The Glories of the Catholic Church* that takes on this theme and asks God to fill our hearts with his love.

Divine love, you pursued us when we were running away from you: now that we are seeking you will you fly from us? No, for as you sought and loved us from the beginning, so will you continue to do, and will have us seek you with holy perseverance; for, without your preventing us, we would have run astray and mixed in the gulf of the world. Come, then, divine love, come, fill our hearts—they sigh after you.



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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.*

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Adult Scripture Study:	Janice Triner	421-2594
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Library, Archivist:	Joanne Mustion	321-0479
Liturgy, Sacraments, and Devotions:	Steve Triner	321-2773
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Prayer Requests; News:	Denise Jorgensen	445-4810
Religious Educ.; Formation:	Janice Triner	421-2594
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WELCOME, *NEW FOLKS*, TO ST. ANDREW'S!

If you are a new member of St. Andrew's, please ask Melissa Garrison or Denise Jorgensen for a new parishioner info sheet. We're glad you're here.

BE AN ACTIVE PART OF ST. ANDREW'S

We need sacristans, musicians and singers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers, greeters, nursing home visitors, gathering organizers (Parish Life) and more. If you are curious about any of these ministries, please see or call Deacon George or Melissa Garrison. Join us as we serve the Lord. *You are wanted.*

Please remember in your prayers...

A Friend, Vern Anderson, Baby Ashton, Jim Bell, Sarah Brooks, Maurice Cantwell, Jennifer Cates, Tucker Chatelain, Mike & Faye Clark, Coty Connor, Floyd Crawford, Cindy Crosslin, Pat & Phil Dagenais, Carrie DeMaranville, Chance Dodson, Diane Erickson, Janet Ernst, Patty Eubanks, Maureen Fancher, Jason Fernandez, Joyce Ginsel, Grant Grzadziel, Ruth Haley, Meg Hampton, John Hartz, Vicki Hartz, Dennis Hassman, Jeff Hoffman, Paul Hunt, Lisa Jansen, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Alysha Jones, Tricia Kensinger, Jeanne Kernan, John LaRochelle, Gloria Maffei, James Matlock, Gene McEwen, Dom Milano, Brandon Mullins, Catherine Myer, Allie Neel, Al Nelson, Beckham Newbanks & her parents, Michael Nighbert, Frank Nixon, Heidi Ortiz, Terrence O'Sullivan, Val Perovich, Reida Phelan, Bev Rastetter, Ted Rastetter, Tony Rastetter, Joe Regalado, Joe Lee & Debbie Regalado, Dani Rossi, Sarah, Pat Seiler, Ray Sizemore, Robert Skorich, Dominic Spinazze, Dr. John Spore, Tamara Steagall, Mary Ann Stewart, Dan & Nicole Storms, Gene Strong, Wade Strong, Dee Supergan, Jill Swanson, Frank Tauber, Steve Triner, Keith Venable, Thomas Waldrup, Sr., Lori Godfrey and Joshua & Justin Weeden, and everyone who has caught this round of Covid.

Please pray for all the people on our prayer list and for their families. To add or delete names, please email - standrewprayer@gmail.com or contact Denise Jorgensen at 870-445-4810

HELP THE YELLEVILLE FOOD CLOSET

The food pantry needs more donations because they have more requests than usual, and in September 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.

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

"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

— Isaiah 58:10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 17 - Sirach 27:30—28:7; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8); Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, Sept. 18 - 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, Sept. 19 - 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, Sept. 21 - Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, Sept. 22 - 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, Sept. 23 - 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a); Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a



Being Catholic ...

8 THINGS CATHOLICS SHOULD BE DOING EVERY DAY

1. Start the day with prayer, your Bible, and a talk with your Mother, the Virgin Mary.

"Prayer is nothing else than union with God. When the heart is pure and united with God it is consoled and filled with sweetness; it is dazzled by a marvelous light." – St. John Vianney

2. Smile. Use your manners. Be kind. Give out hugs.

"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." – Blessed Mother Teresa

3. Go on social media (i.e. communicate!), call a friend, visit a friend.

"Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious." – St. Thomas Aquinas

4. Tell someone you love them and why.

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." – St. Francis de Sales

5. Talk about God.

"But this does not mean that we should postpone the evangelizing mission; rather, each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives." – Pope Francis

6. Sacrifice something.

"There is no place for selfishness—and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice." – St. Pope John Paul II

7. Serve in some way.

"You know that our Lord does not look at the greatness or difficulty of our action, but at the love with which you do it. What, then, have you to fear?" – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8. Reflect on your day.

"You must strive with all possible care to please God in such a manner as neither to do nor behold anything, without first consulting Him, and in everything to seek Him alone and His glory." – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

From <https://catholic-link.org/8-things-every-catholic-should-be-doing-every-day/>

DO YOU WANT TO SEE A SHOW AT CHRISTMAS TIME?

The Haygoods, a musical show in Branson will have area appreciation for their Christmas show. Their performances are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 7:30. Dates to be announced. If you are interested let Janice know. This doesn't obligate you to attend the performance, she just wants a general idea of how many people would attend before she begins making plans.

THEOLOGY ON TAP LINK

Dear Saint Andrew's Parish Family,

Please find below a video link for the Theology on Tap discussion on gender, God's plan for sexuality, and a Catholic response to LGBTQ questions. I hope you find this video engaging and informative. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this topic further, please feel free to reach me by email or by calling the church office.

With Great Joy,

Father Ben Riley

This link will take you directly to the video on You Tube - <https://youtu.be/vP6xqpCrIn4> Or copy it and paste in the address bar of your browser page.



Congratulations to the catechists for our children who completed 28 lessons in June and July (that's roughly 18 hours) to become catechists who are certified by the diocese to teach the faith to our children. The catechists are Karen Carter, Ashley Chichester, Denise Jorgensen, Nicole Storms, Charity Strong, and Janice Triner. Thank you all for your dedication to proclaiming and teaching our faith.

OCIA (aka RCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you curious about joining the church? Are you a Baby Boomer who was baptized and started school before Vatican II? Do you simply enjoy learning new things about our faith? Have a chat with Deacon George, Melissa Garrison, or Father Ben, and let them know if you'd like to attend OCIA classes here at St. Andrew's. If enough people are interested we will set up classes. Look at this link for more information about the basics.

<https://www.dolr.org/faith-formation/rcia>

THE PRO-LIFE PRAYER CHAIN will be held Sunday, October 1, 2023

We will meet from 2:00-3:00 pm in front of the courthouse on the square in downtown Yellville.

The Pro-Life Prayer Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing or sitting for sixty minutes praying for our nation and for an end to ALL abortions. EVERYONE is invited; encourage your children to join us as well. If standing is difficult please bring a chair with you. Posters will be provided.

Any questions, please contact Marv or Marcie Topf at 870-453-6443. We hope to see you there Rain or Shine.

REMEMBER: although abortions are illegal in Arkansas at this time we must be vigilant; this issue is not going away.

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace. – Pope Francis

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

You sin, just like everybody else does. God forgives you even if your sin is very bad. God washes all of your sins away and treats you with kindness. The next time someone hurts your feelings, remember how God forgives you. Follow God's example.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." – 1 John 3:18

PRAYER

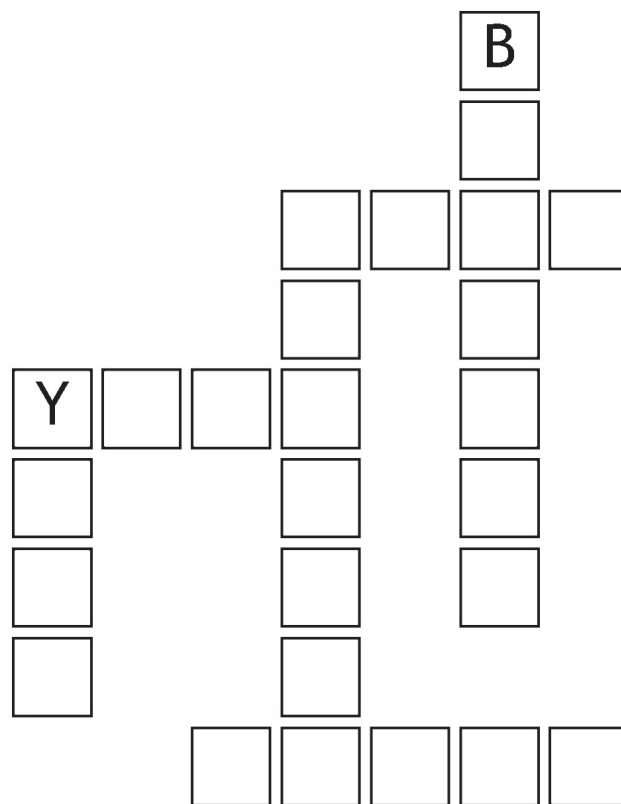
God, teach me to forgive other people the way you forgive me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Name one person you are angry with. Pray to God. Ask God to help you let go of your anger and really forgive.

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Forgive your brother from your heart



Draw a picture of you and your friend forgiving each other and playing together.



PHISHING ... DON'T FALL FOR IT

Our most recent phish came from Father Ben's address at MMG using his real address and asking to have his stipend sent to a different account. So this is a good time to repeat this information:

Phishing is a way for criminals to get money out of you by pretending to be someone you trust...someone like Father Ben or Bishop Taylor. They are very clever and tech-savvy; they will add real logos and real-looking page links to their requests for personal information or money. When you get a suspicious email or text message, check the address it comes from or text the



company they claim to be from using a phone number you already have, not the one they provide. If the email address is from a foreign country (suffixes like .ru or .bg or .za or .ug), odds are they're phishing. And always remember that Father Ben will *NEVER* ask you for money via email.

Unless he's standing, in the flesh, in front of you, don't give him money. Here's a link to an article from the November 7-20, 2021 *National Catholic Register* -

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/when-phishers-of-men-go-after-churches-here-s-how-to-escape-their-nets>