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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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 3, 2023

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Noon Mass

+Therese Urbonas

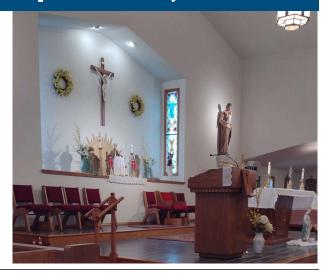


Sunday, Sept. 10 Mass at 11 AM

+Karen Krzyzaniak



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.



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

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Adult Scripture Study:	Janice Triner	421-2594
Buildings, Maintenance:	Kelly Gipson	816-726-9001
Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM):	Karen Carter	404-2065
Council of Catholic Women:	Marcie Topf	453-6443
Custodian:	Frances Strong	
Deacon:	George Gussy	404-0546
Emergency Relief:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
	Steve Triner	321-2773
Finance Council:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
Food Bank:	Marv Topf	453-6443
Eucharist for the Homebound:	Floyd Crawford	321-8826
Library, Archivist:	Joanne Mustion	321-0479
Liturgy, Sacraments, and		
Devotions:	Steve Triner	321-2773
Music:	Scott Vasconcellos	209-417-4239
Parish Manager:	Melissa Garrison	913-485-9570
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Pastoral Council:	Gail Russell	318-268-1508
Prayer Requests; News:	Denise Jorgensen	445-4810
Religious Educ.; Formation:	Janice Triner	421-2594
Rosary Crusade:	Daksha Thomas	449-4784
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Secretary	Denise Jorgensen	445-4810
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RETIREMENT PARTY for Steve Triner

Sign-up sheets are out for a party on September 10 to honor Steve Triner for all the hard work he's put in over the years as our parish manager. The food is all arranged; all you have to do is join us in letting Steve know how much we have appreciated all the work he's done.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

- James 1:17

Please remember in your prayers...

A Friend, Vern Anderson, Jim Bell, Maurice Cantwell, Jennifer Cates, Tucker Chatelain, Mike & Faye Clark, Coty Connor, Floyd Crawford, Cindy Crosslin, Carrie DeMaranville, Chance Dodson, Diane Erickson, Janet Ernst, Patty Eubanks, Maureen Fancher, Jason Fernandez, Melody Figueroa, 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, Brandon Mullins, Catherine Myer, Allie Neel, Beckham Newbanks & her parents, Michael Nighbert, 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 works in the heat.

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 YELLVILLE 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

JULY FINANCIAL

General Collection	\$9939.00
Building Fund	\$749.00
Other Income	\$158.50
Expenses	(\$6638.75)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 3 - Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b); Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Monday, Sept. 4 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, Sept. 5 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14/Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Colossians 1:1-8/Psalm 52:10, 11/Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, Sept. 7 - Colossians 1:9-14/Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Luke 5:1-11

Friday, Sept. 8 - Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Psalm 13:6ab, 6c/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday, Sept. 9 - Colossians 1:21-23/Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, Sept. 10 - Ezekiel 33:7-9/Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20



September 3, 2023

Being Catholic ...

What does the Church say about suicide?

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator. Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain. Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother, You labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker. Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life. You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks. On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value. Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill. Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord. In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You. Amen.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Father Ben, Kelly and Melissa met with the Architect and Engineer in Conway on August 10th. We discussed existing blueprints, steps needed to get plans ready for construction, and scheduled a site visit for August 16th. The site visit was completed. Once blueprints are ready for construction we will be able to begin getting bids from contractors for the project.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - TJ's BIRTHDAY!

Joanne's husband, T.J. Mustion, will be 90 on September 15th.



There will be an open house at the church hall on September 16th to celebrate the occasion. Coffee and cake from 2 to 4. No gifts please. A lot of you know him, and he'll be happy to see you. All are invited.

LARGE PRINT PUZZLE BOOKS AND BINGO PRIZES REQUESTED

Our people go out to visit Catholic residents in care homes and bring them Communion. They also visit non-Catholic residents and provide word search, coloring, and other puzzle books and anything else donated that a nursing home resident could use, like hand lotion, little snacks, etc. for bingo prizes. Please leave donations for these residents in the box across the entry from the food closet donation box. If you'd like to be one of the St. Andrew's visitors, talk to Floyd Crawford.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

HELP OUR MARRIAGE.ORG

Are you facing difficult challenges in your marriage relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Primarily, it is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.

Our next Weekend will be September 22-24 2023 at St. John's Center in Little Rock.

To register: www.helpourmarriage.org. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340 for more information.

WHO'S BEEN MARRIED THE LONGEST?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is accepting nominations for the 2023 Longest Married Couple (couple does not need to be Catholic). Submit the couple's name, location, and wedding date, along with the nominator's name, phone number and email address. Winners will be recognized in each state, as well as an overall national winner. To nominate, email paul.robin.ring@wwme.org, or call 321-544-3440.

GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

The Financial Statements have been approved

and sent to the Diocese. If you wish to review the statement, please contact Cindy or Melissa.

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



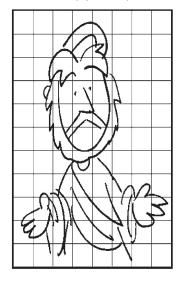
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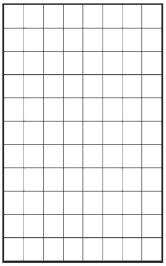
Heavenly Father, give me strength to share your love.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

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Draw a picture of yourself sharing in way that is hard for you





Let all that you do be done in love.

– 1 Corinthians 16:14



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir

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PRAYER FOR REST

Dear Lord, Please carry the concerns we hold with us today. Help us to rest in your assurance that you will good things for your children. Amen.



KAIROS OUTSIDE #21 October 6-8th, 2023

Kairos Outside is a no-cost retreat, hosted by a Christian community, for women who have (or have had), a relative and/or friends who have been incarcerated. These women are shown Christ's love and are pampered throughout the weekend.



How can you Help as a Church?

Prayer: A prayer vigil signup sheet will be set out, in the vestibule Please list your name to commit to pray for the guests who will participate the weekend of October 6-8th, 2023. All the names will be cut out and linked together and made into a prayer chain and displayed at the camp. It is most encouraging for the guests to know how many people are praying for them during the whole weekend.

Financial assistance: If you would like to make it possible for a woman to attend a Kairos Outside retreat, donation. It costs at least \$100 per woman to provide a scholarship. Gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted, and tax deductible. We have meal tickets you can purchase for \$10.00, that will provide a meal on the weekend for a guest.

Volunteering: We can use Angels behind the scenes on the weekend October 6-8th 2023. Angels are some very special people who come to help on Kairos Outside Weekends. They work behind the scenes to help keep things running.

Musicians: We need female musicians. Our weekend is filled with music, and we have so few ladies who play instruments. If you have any music experience, we could sure use your talents.

Most importantly we need guests. Can you help?

To attend, Guests do not need to be Christian. Weekends are usually held twice per year.

They start on Friday evening and last until Sunday afternoon.

Find out more about Kairos outside by picking up a brochure, visiting our web site, or calling me. May God bless you for your prayer and support.

Gail Russell 318-268-1508