



SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 8, 2023

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Noon Mass

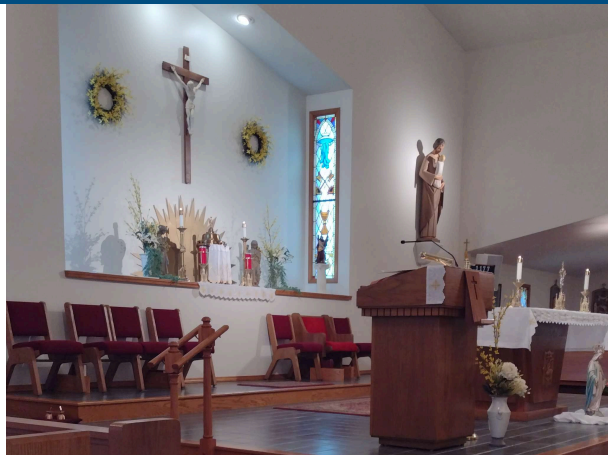
+Eugene LaRochelle



Sunday, Oct. 15

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.

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the

truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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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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Emergency Relief:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
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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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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

— James 1:17

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Tens of thousands of missionary women and men, priests, religious, and laity rely on our prayers every day, not only on World Mission Sunday. These missionaries are building churches, educating children, and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror, and despair. With our daily prayers and our generous donations next week, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family, and heart. Thank you for your continuing generosity to all who ask for our help.

Please remember in your prayers...

A Friend, Vern Anderson, Baby Ashton, Jim Bell, Ben, 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, Jodi, John LaRochelle, Lori, Gloria Maffei, Dana Matlock, 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, Connie Zonick, 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 **October they like to receive donations of soup, chili, and stew.** 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, Oct. 8 - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a); Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Monday, Oct. 9 - Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct. 12 - Malachai 3:13-20b; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, Oct. 13 - Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, Oct. 14 - Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, Oct. 15 - Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd); Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14



Being Catholic ...

PRIESTS AND MARRIAGE COUNSELING

How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage. ©LPi

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The fall Bible Study will be a 3 week series titled **New Beginnings, Finding God In The Unknown**. Class will begin October 25 and end November 8. Sign up closes on October 9. See, call, or text Janice at 870 421 2594 to sign up.

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.

When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration. —St. John Chrysostom

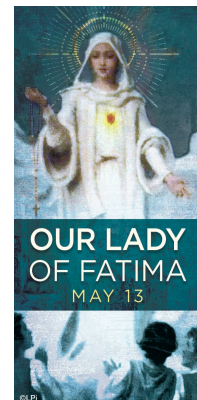
SURRENDERING THE SECRET

Healing is possible

An 8-week Bible Study for Post-Abortive Woman. The new class will begin next week in Mountain Home. Please phone 870-424-4673 for information.

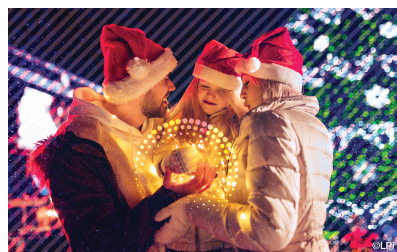
INVITE OUR LADY OF FATIMA TO YOUR HOME

We will have a blessing of the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima today, October 1st. Take her home Sunday after Mass, then you pray the rosary with her. You'll get rosaries, an instructional pamphlet for saying the rosary and a rosary CD for those who might be a bit rusty. Then you bring Our Lady back the following Sunday so the next person on the list can have her. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule. Talk to Kristina Lochhead or Floyd Crawford for more information about how you can have Our Lady of Fatima join you at your home.



BAKE SALE AT TURKEY TROT!

Yellville is having "Christmas on the Square" on 2 December. A fundraising booth to raise money for decorations, etc. will be set



up at Turkey Trot where we will be selling baked goods. This is where you come in. If you would like to use your baking skills and make something, please see Donna Zaerr for details.

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 for Canonical Affairs, 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 Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



Please help

You CAN be active here at St. Andrew's AND IT'S FREE!

You'll be here at Mass anyway, so why not sign up to join one of our ministries? 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 Melissa Garrison or Deacon George Gussy. Join us as we serve the Lord. *You are wanted.*

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.

PRAYER

Lord, I am thankful for you and for all you have given me.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



GOSPEL MEDITATION

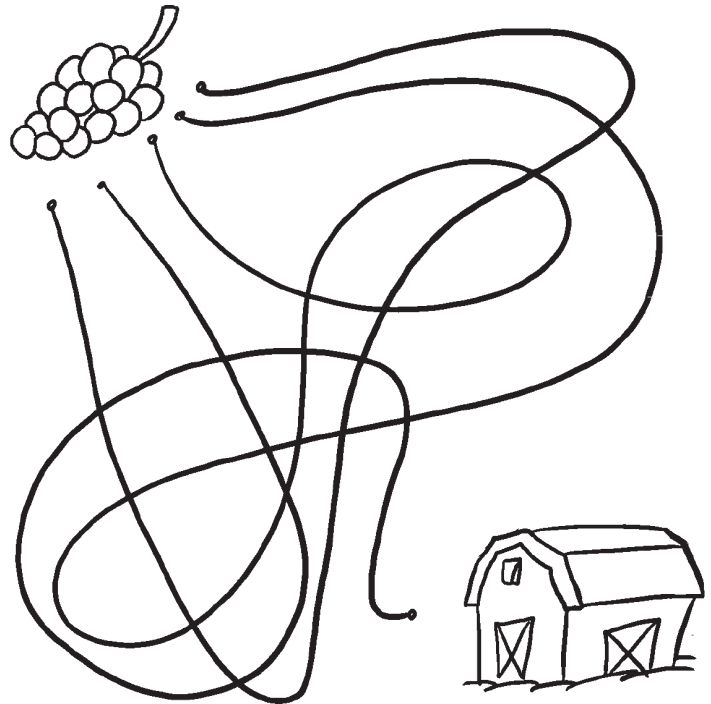
Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will remember to say, "Thank You," to my family and friends.

Help the grapes find their way to the shed



Draw a picture of yourself picking up your room.

Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world. And you can do it no matter how old you are.

murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve. — Father John Muir ©LPi