

# Pastor: Father Ben Riley

870-741-5234 Office pastor.mmg.church@gmail.com

## Deacon: George Gussy

870-404-0546 ggus64@gmail.com

## Parish Manager: Melissa Garrison

913-485-9570 garrimam8311@gmail.com

# **Church Secretary: Denise Jorgensen**

870-445-4810 kidneywoman@yahoo.com

## Prayer-Line Connection: standrewprayer@gmail.com

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

1486 Highway 62 West • PO Box 197 • Yellville, AR 72687 870-449-4850

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Wednesday, Nov. 29 NO Mass

**%** 

First Friday, Dec. 1 Mass at noon

+Christian Jordan

Ø

Sunday, Dec. 3 Mass at 11 AM

Special intentions 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.

## Saint Andrew - Feast Day: November 30

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Basilica of Saint Andrew in Patras, Greece; in Amalfi Cathedral (the Duomo di Sant'Andrea), Amalfi and in Sarzana Cathedral in Sarzana, Italy; St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Scotland; and the Church of St Andrew and St Albert, Warsaw, Poland.

## CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Adult Scripture Study:	Janice Triner	421-2594
Buildings, Maintenance:	Kelly Gipson	816-726-9001
Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM):		404-2065
Council of Catholic Women:	Marcie Topf	453-6443
Custodian:	Frances Strong	455 0445
Deacon:	George Gussy	404-0546
Emergency Relief:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
Lineigency Kener.	Steve Triner	321-2773
Finance Council:		405-8809
Food Bank:	Cindy Nixon	
	Marv Topf	453-6443
Eucharist for the Homebound:	•	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
Pastor:	Father Ben Riley	741-5234
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
Safe Environment:	Janice Triner	421-2594
Secretary	Denise Jorgensen	445-4810
Social Justice, & Charitable		
Outreach:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
Spiritual Direction:	Janice Triner	421-2594
Tribunal:	Dc. George Gussy	404-0546

## DO YOU WANT TO BRING UP THE GIFTS? LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES?

Talk to Melissa Garrison if you'd like to volunteer to bring up the gifts during Mass one Sunday. Soon, she will also be taking volunteers to light the candles on our Advent Wreath.

### HELP THE YELLVILLE FOOD CLOSET

The food pantry needs more donations because they have more requests than usual, and in *November they like to receive donations of canned ham.* 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 vegetable
- · Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- · Pasta and rice

Let all that you do be done in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:14

I believe in God - not in a Catholic God; there is no Catholic God. There is God, and I believe in Jesus Christ, his incarnation. Jesus is my teacher and my pastor, but God, the Father, Abba, is the light and the Creator. This is my Being. — *Pope Francis* 

# Please remember in your prayers...

A Friend, Vern Anderson, Baby Ashton, Jim Bell, Ben, Sarah Brooks, the Brown Family, Landon Bruno, Maurice Cantwell, Jennifer Cates, Anette Chaney, 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, Paul Hartz, Vicki Hartz, Dennis Hassman, Jeff Hoffman, Shari Horn , Paul Hunt, Lisa Jansen, Kathy Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Alysha Jones, Tricia Kensinger, Jodi, John LaRochelle, Lori, Gloria Maffei, Dana Matlock, James Matlock, Dom Milano, Brandon Mullins, Catherine Myer, Allie Neel, Al Nelson, Michael Nighbert, Frank Nixon, Heidi Ortiz, Terrence O'Sullivan, Christine & 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 and his nieces - Lilly & Kimmy and his nephew Kenny, Dominic Spinazze, Dr. John Spore, Staci, Marie Steagall, 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, Christina Williams. Connie Zonick, a struggling Freshman at Perdue, and all victims of abuse and/or war.

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

## What is the St. Andrew's Novena?

The St. Andrew's Novena—which begins on this Apostle's feast day, Wed., Nov. 30—consists of a short, beautiful prayer that is recited fifteen times a day in honor of Our Lord's Nativity.

It is not a novena in the literal sense of the word, because it lasts much longer than nine days—beginning on November 30th and finishing on Christmas Eve, which makes it 25 days long. (If you're a numbers person, that means this novena prayer is recited a total of 375 times!)

The tradition is of uncertain origin, but possibly began in Ireland about a century ago and has become immensely popular.

Like most novenas, it is not only a sincere act of devotion, but also a way to offer God the intentions that are close to your heart. It is piously believed that those who pray this novena faithfully will receive what they ask.

The prayer is as follows:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

You can pray the fifteen iterations all at once, rosary-style, or you can break them up throughout the day.



## Being Catholic ...

## Why is Mary so important to the Catholic Church?

Blessed Mother, Mother of God, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Cause of our Joy, Mother of Mercy. That is but a small sampling of the titles which Mary holds within the Catholic Church. Doctrinally and liturgically speaking she is a major figure within Catholicism. But there is also an emotional and adoration element within Catholicism that is very evident. A Catholic would not call this practice worship. No good Catholic would say that they worship Mary. She is venerated. This means that she is loved, adored, treasured, held in high esteem, etc. but it does not mean that she is given a place of equal devotion as the Holy Trinity.

But why is she so important? One of the best explanations I have heard is from Peter Kreeft. According to Kreeft, "We love Mary for one reason: because we love Jesus." He goes on to explain that Jesus comes to us through Mary. "She is the place where the single most important and miraculous and wonderful thing that ever happened, happened." And this all happened because, according to Luke 1:38, Mary said "yes" to God. So again, Kreeft says, "The greatest thing that ever happened, happened in her and because of her." If we love Jesus, then why would we not revere the means by which He came to us?

Read the entire article, "Why Do Catholics Pray to Mary?", here - https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/why-do-catholics-pray-to-mary.html

### FRUITCAKES ARE HERE!!

Once again, we're coming up on the Christmas Season when all manner of goodies help expand our waistlines. Floyd Crawford of the Knights of Columbus will be selling Abbey Fruitcakes, those delicious bits of Heaven that make all other fruitcakes look like a joke. Now only \$35 each. You can sign up in the vestibule to have one set aside for you.

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Wednesday, December 6: NO Noon Mass at St. Andrew's Thursday, December 7: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Andrew's Friday, December 8: NO 8:30 AM Mass at MMG Friday, December 8: 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass at MMG

### ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

Sign up to receive emails with church news, events, and prayer requests by dropping your email address in the collection basket or giving it to Denise. Your email address will remain private.

"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

Book of Remembrance

# IN LOVING MEMORY

July 31, 2022	Alison Renee Weyers
November 18	Bernie Kohl
November 22	Maria Campbell
December 30	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
March 2, 2023	Charles McQueen &
	Son, Cody Linder*
March 21	Vera Dolan*
May 7	Louis Carrillo*
May 23	Marilyn Birch
May 26	Eura Droher*
May 30	Barbara Morris*
July 23	Paula Kirchens
August 16	Paul Cooper
October 16	Jeanne Kernan
	~

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of all those we have lost this past year. Names with asterisks are not parishioners but are someone close to one of us.

### PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners every where, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

## THE JESUS PRAYER

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

## INVITE OUR LADY OF FATIMA TO YOUR HOME

Sign up to take Our Lady of Fatima home with you. You pick her up on your 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. You'll 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.

## CREEKSIDE CHRISTMAS We're getting ready for the Holiday!

Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 pm we will deliver gifts for 84-90 residents. We will need drivers to deliver packages; talk to Marcie Topf to volunteer. Please consider donating what you used to spend when we had to do the shopping. Gift wrapping will be done on December 1st after First Friday Mass. You can donate by dropping cash in the gift boxes on the table in the vestibule.



## **SHARING THE GOSPEL**

A man heard that God was coming to see him the next day. He was eager to see God face to face. First he gave milk to a woman traveler and her baby. Then he plowed his sick neighbor's fields and planted his corn. That night, a note was on his pillow. It said, "You gave me milk, plowed my fields, and planted my seeds. What you did for these people, you did for me."

Read today's Gospel and color this picture

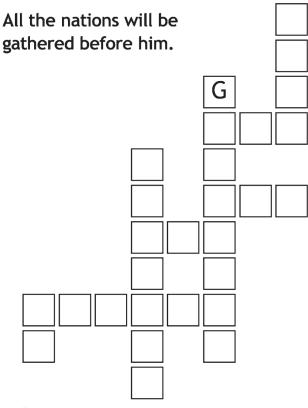


God, I want to see your face in others.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will look for God in every man, woman, and child I meet.

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares





Draw a man giving a jug of milk to a woman and her baby.

When you see a new face in the crowd at Mass, please say hello and welcome them.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Nov. 26 -** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1); 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, Nov. 26 - Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 26 - Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday, Nov. 26 -** Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22

Friday, Dec. 1 - Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, Dec. 2- Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21:34-36

**Sunday, Dec. 3 -** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

St. And	St. Andrew's Catholic Church	ic Church			<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	2023
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before Masses on Wednesday and Sunday, and after Mass for an hour each Sunday					<b>01</b> First Friday Mass at noon Creekside gift assembly after Mass.	Yellville Christmas events on the Square: 2:30 National anthem 2:30-4:30 live Nativity 5 p.m parade then Christmas lighting
Donut Sunday! Second collection for Religious Retirement Lector - Karen Carter	04	02	<b>06</b> NO noon Mass	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at St. Andrew's 5:30-6:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation 5:30 pm Mass at MMG	Reconciliation at Mary Mother of God 9 am - 11 am
10 CCW Creekside Christmas Party - 1:30 Lessons and Carols at MMG - 4:00 Lector - Karen Carter	11	12	13 Mass at noon	14	15	16 Nativity Play at MMG in the church (before the Vigil Mass) at 4:15 pm
Reconciliation at St. Peter's in Mountain Home 2 pm - 5 pm Lector - Paul Hartz	18	19	<b>20</b> Mass at noon	21	22	23
<ul><li>24 Lector - Paul Hartz</li><li>MMG Vigil Youth Mass 4pm</li><li>Midnight Mass at MMG</li><li>31</li><li>Lector - Denise Jorgensen</li></ul>	Christmas Day MMG Mass at 8:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Mass at noon with Potluck following	26 BLESSED (Paristmas!	27 Mass at noon	28	29	30

Get active! Become a Eucharistic Minister like Steve, Janice, Geri, and Denise. Sacristans, ushers, and lectors are also needed. This is your parish, and you are invited to be an active part of it.