



# SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Second Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 10, 2023

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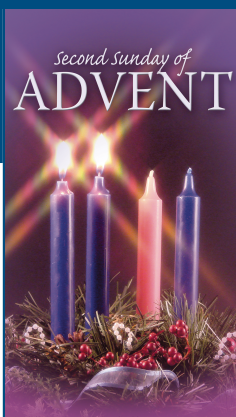
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*We welcome all visitors to  
St. Andrew's Catholic  
Church this weekend. We  
hope you enjoy your stay  
in the Ozarks, and  
may God protect you on  
your trip home.*



### Wednesday, December 13

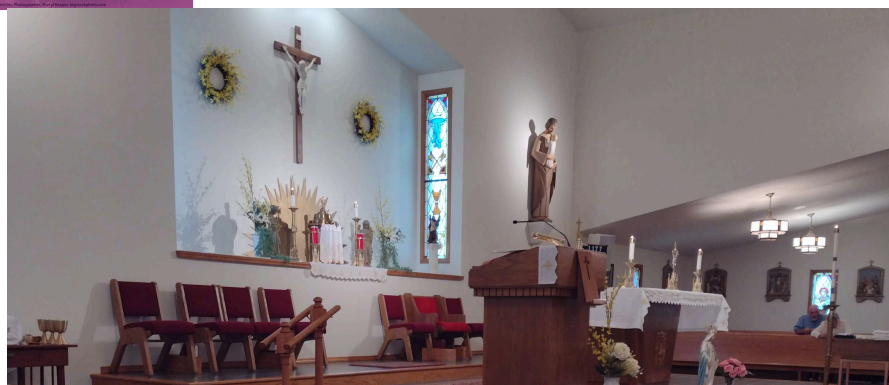
Noon Mass - Special intention of Christina Williams

### Sunday, December 17

Mass at 11 a.m. - Special intentions of all parishioners

### 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.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Dec. 10** - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8);  
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

**Monday, Dec. 11** - Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, Dec. 12** - Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38

**Wednesday, Dec. 13** - Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, Dec. 14** - Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;  
Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday, Dec. 15** - Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, Dec. 16** - Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, Dec. 17** - Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
(Isaiah 61:10b); 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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
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Deacon:	George Gussy	404-0546
Emergency Relief:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
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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
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Parish Manager:	Melissa Garrison	913-485-9570
Pastor:	Father Ben Riley	741-5234
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Secretary	Denise Jorgensen	445-4810
Social Justice, & Charitable Outreach:	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
Spiritual Direction:	Janice Triner	421-2594
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### 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

*"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9*

### 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.

### 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.

If anyone is rich in worldly possessions and sees a brother in need but refuses to open his heart, how can the love of God abide in him? – 1 John 3:17

## Please remember in your prayers...

A Friend, Vern Anderson, Baby Ashton, Jim Bell, Ben, Sarah Brooks, the Brown Family, 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, 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, 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, Donna Zaerr, Connie Zonick, a struggling Freshman at Purdue, 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

### 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.

### OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS *Sign Up Today!*

The Offertory Gift Bearers have the privilege of bringing to the altar the bread, wine, and water that will be miraculously transformed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage you, or your family, to participate in this ministry, consider a birthday or anniversary date. Sign-up sheets are in a Gift Bearer binder in the vestibule.

### RECONCILIATION IN MOUNTAIN HOME

There will be reconciliation over at St. Peter's next Sunday, December 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.

### THE JESUS PRAYER

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



## Being Catholic ...

**I think the Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have games of chance at festivals and other events. What's correct?**

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step & addiction recovery programs. ©LPi

### FORGET CANDY CANES. GET A FRUITCAKE!

We're now in the Christmas Season when all manner of goodies give us fun and expand our waistslines. Floyd Crawford of the Knights of Columbus is still 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.



### THANK YOU!

We thank all of you who have volunteered recently to help with Dan Storms' funeral, Creekside resident gifts, meals, and all those other tasks that make St. Andrew's a delightful little parish. You are appreciated more than we can express.

The Yellville Christmas on the Square organizers want to thank Steve Triner for being a wise man, Wade Strong for being Joseph, and Junior Strong for being a shepherd at the living Nativity scene on December 2nd.

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### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

**Yes! We need YOU!**

You can be an active participant at Saint Andrew's Church. How can you help?

**Lector:** Read the Scripture readings during Mass.

**Extraordinary Minister:** Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.

**Usher:** Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins, check pews after Mass.

**Altar Servers:** All who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.

**Music:** See or call Scott Vasconcellos.

**I am not afraid; I was born to do this. - St. Joan of Arc**



### Memorials and Honorariums

Pick up an envelope to make a donation for altar flowers for this Christmas season. All poinsettias and decorations will remain throughout the Christmas Season on the Altar.

#### Memorial For

#### From

Dorothy Tendall

Frank & Cindy Nixon

Morris Buttner

Frank & Cindy Nixon

The Garrison Family

Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison

Raymond Garrison

Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison

The Kruep Family

Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison

The Pollmann Family

Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison

*Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well.*

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 everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

### Two Timely Precepts of the Church From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

The Church lists specific duties of Catholics as precepts. These are basic objectives we have as Catholics.

One precept is that we shall confess our sins at least once a year (CCC 2042). This is a reminder to receive the Sacrament of Penance on a regular basis. But if no grave (mortal) sin has been committed in that time, confession is not necessary (CCC 1493). However, frequent confession is of great value; it helps us to be better Christians and to hear and follow the voice of the Holy Spirit better (CCC 2042).

Another precept is that we shall receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season, "the Easter Duty" (CCC 2042). The Easter Season goes from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.



## Kids' Corner

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



### PRAYER

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel

Mary	Judea	baby
town	home	Spirit
country	Elizabeth	blessed

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Jedua    \_\_\_\_\_



Draw a picture of yourself being kind to a friend.

### The World Is Pregnant

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon's all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother's expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

"For Rose of Sharon was pregnant," wrote Steinbeck. "And the world was pregnant to her."

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us.

It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular "Christmas holiday" cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

"We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." — 2 Peter 3:13

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