



SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 17, 2023

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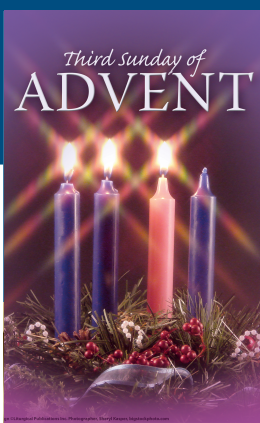
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*We welcome all visitors to
St. Andrew's Catholic
Church this weekend. We
hope you enjoy your stay
in the Ozarks, and
may God protect you on
your trip home.*



**Prepare
the way...**

Wednesday, December 20

Noon Mass - +Austin Peterson

Sunday, December 24

Mass at 11 a.m. - +Deborah Meeker

Monday, December 25

Noon Mass - +Stanley Kucala

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.



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.

WE NEED MORE USHERS!

We really need more people to usher.
Please talk to Melissa to sign up.

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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| 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 |
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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 |
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| Prayer Requests; News: | Denise Jorgensen | 445-4810 |
| Religious Educ.; Formation: | Janice Triner | 421-2594 |
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| Secretary | Denise Jorgensen | 445-4810 |
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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

"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

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is

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, Brandi Kammel, Tricia Kensinger, Jodi, John LaRoche, Lori, Gloria Maffei, James Matlock, 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
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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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Christmas nicer for residents of Creekside: the donors, wrappers, makers, deliverers, music makers, and all who smiled. You are all great!

how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Being Catholic ...

Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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Prayer for Humility

Dear Lord, Help us to see ourselves as You see us. Help us to see our neighbors as You see them. Armed with these truths, help us to act in the world as children of Yours, with full humility. Amen. ©LPi

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RESULTS

The North Central Arkansas area team of Operation Christmas Child collected 18,923 shoeboxes during National Collection Week in November. That is 17 shy of our goal. Members of St. Andrew's parish packed 22 shoeboxes and several online shoeboxes were also built. Marion County contributed over 1100 shoeboxes. Each shoebox represents an opportunity for a child to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, possibly for the first time. Our area team is composed of 9 counties.

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED? Yes! We need YOU!

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

Lector: Reach 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

Glenn & Ardis Rastetter

Janice & Stephen Triner

Stephen & Elinore Triner

Stephen & Janice Triner

Bernie Stark & son, B.J.

Carol Stark

Ken Krzyzaniak & daughter, Karen

Carol Stark

Eugene LaRochelle

John LaRochelle

Dorothy LaRochelle

John LaRochelle

Leo & Patricia Johnson

Vaughn Johnson

John & Evelyn Blaire

Vaughn Johnson

John & Adeline Majestic

Donna & Frank Zaerr

Deceased members of the

Mete & Selvoeki Families

Mark & Eleanor Selvoeki

Ted Lester

Donna & Frank Zaerr



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.

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He shouted in the desert, "Get your soul ready. The Lord is coming." Today John still warns you to get your soul ready for Jesus. Ask God to forgive you. Then forgive yourself and others. Shout to the world. Be a witness by your actions. Show that you believe in God. Then you will be ready when Jesus comes to take you to heaven with him.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



PRAYER

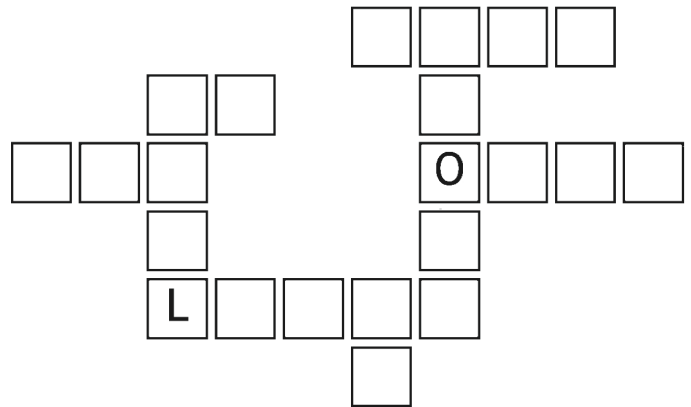
Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will forgive others and ask them to forgive me when I hurt them.

Fit this Gospel message in the empty squares:

He came only to tell about the light.



Lord,
forgive me
for all of
my sins.

Draw a picture of yourself
being kind to a friend.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Dec. 18 - Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

Friday, Dec. 22 - 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56

Saturday, Dec. 23 - Malachai 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38