



SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 3, 2023

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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.*

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK -

*St. Andrew's and Mary
Mother of God*

Wednesday, December 6:
NO Noon Mass at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 7:
5:30 PM Vigil Mass at
St. Andrew's +Kevin Kassel

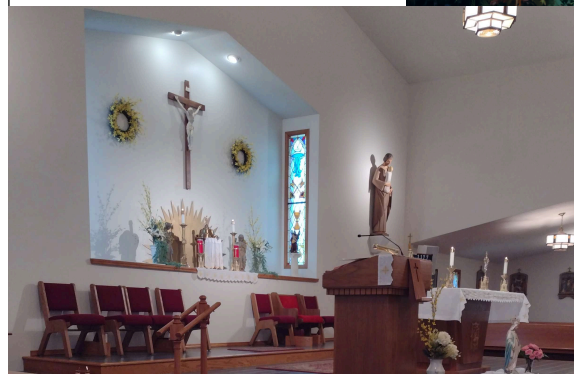
Friday, December 8: NO 8:30
AM Mass at MMG

Friday, December 8: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Mass at MMG



Sunday, December 10: Mass at
11 a.m. for +Dolores Maynard

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Dec. 4 - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 8 - Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 9 - Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Adult Scripture Study:	Janice Triner	421-2594
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Deacon:	George Gussy	404-0546
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Food Bank:	Marv Topf	453-6443
Eucharist for the Homebound:	Floyd Crawford	321-8826
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Liturgy, Sacraments, and Devotions:	Steve Triner	321-2773
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HELP THE YELLEVILLE 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

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.

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, Reidia 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, the Storms Family, 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 -
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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.

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



RENOVATION UPDATE

The church office has been moved. The new location is in the church hall by the classrooms. In addition, the sidewalk leveling at the church entrance has been completed.



Being Catholic ...

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine; grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.

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FORGET CANDY CANES. GET A FRUITCAKE!

We're now in the Christmas Season when all manner of goodies give us fun and expand our waistlines. 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.

Celebrate!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 11	Joseph & Starlite Skorich
December 13	Gary & Maureen Fancher
December 28	Drew & Hannah Phillips
December 29	George & Kimberly Gussy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 9	Maureen Fancher	Dec 22	Ray Benjamin
Dec 10	Becca Hartz	Dec 22	Nathan Bruno
Dec 10	Tonja Strong	Dec 23	Julia Landry
Dec 11	Stan Hassman	Dec 24	Laura Chenault
Dec 13	Carol Stark	Dec 24	Ryan King
Dec 14	Diane Vandersteen	Dec 25	Jesus of Nazareth
Dec 18	Annie Burnett	Dec 29	Rose Marie Cooper
Dec 20	Carmen Farmer	Dec 30	Donna Zaerr
Dec 20	Michael Jendras		

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dan Storms, who passed away Sunday, November 26. May perpetual light shine upon him.

The CALL has asked us to adopt 2 kids for Christmas. A 4 year old boy and a 14 year old girl.

There is a tree with item tags for each child in the foyer at the Church. If parishioners would like to take a tag for an item and return that item (unwrapped) by Dec ????

We know this is short notice, but hopefully we can help to make Christmas a little brighter for them.

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.

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

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

For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. – Ecclesiastes 3:19

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



PRAYER

Jesus, help me to stay ready for you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel

WATCH
READY
TIME

COME
MASTER
EVENING

MIDNIGHT
DAWN
MORNING

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Draw a picture of people who help you stay ready for Jesus.

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi