



SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Holy Family Sunday, December 31, 2023



Monday, January 1, 2024

No Mass (Not a holy day this year)

Wed. & Fri., Jan. 3 & 5, 2024

NO Noon Mass

Sunday January 7, 2024

11 a.m Mass +Father Jim Fanrak

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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.*

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.

CHANGE OF CONFESSION TIMES - THIS WEEK ONLY

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes prior to Mass only. No confessions will be heard after Mass this weekend only.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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HELP THE YELLEVILLE FOOD CLOSET

The food pantry needs more donations because they have more requests than usual, and in *January they like to receive donations of Soup, Chili, 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 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

THE JESUS PRAYER

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

THANK YOU!

To everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations beautiful and delicious! You all are greatly appreciated.

From the Nixon Family

Many thanks to everyone at St. Andrew's for your kindness and concern during Frank's illness and passing. We are also very grateful to all who worked to organize his service and the luncheon. Thank you all.

Please remember in your prayers...

A Friend, Vern Anderson, Baby Ashton, 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, Nancy Johnson, Alysha Jones, Brandi Kammel, Tricia Kensinger, Jodi, John LaRochelle, Lori, Gloria Maffei, James Matlock, Brandon Mullins, Catherine Myer, Allie Neel, Al Nelson, Michael Nighbert, 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, Tom 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 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.

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 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



Being Catholic ...

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all. ©LPi



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.

Everyday Stewardship

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts,



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

Dorothy Tendall
Morris Buttner
The Garrison Family
Raymond Garrison
The Kruep Family
The Pollmann Family
Glenn & Ardis Rastetter
Stephen & Elinore Triner
Bernie Stark & son, B.J.
Ken Krzyzaniak & daughter, Karen
Eugene LaRochelle
Dorothy LaRochelle
Leo & Patricia Johnson
John & Evelyn Blaire
John & Adeline Majestic

Deceased members of the

Mete & Selvocki Families
Ted Lester
Hassman Family
Anhalt Family
Richard & Marietta Benjamin
Peggy Palmere

From

Frank & Cindy Nixon
Frank & Cindy Nixon
Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison
Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison
Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison
Mary Garrison & Melissa Garrison
Janice & Stephen Triner
Stephen & Janice Triner
Carol Stark
Carol Stark
John LaRochelle
John LaRochelle
Vaughn Johnson
Vaughn Johnson
Donna & Frank Zaerr

Mark & Eleanor Selvocki
Donna & Frank Zaerr
Stan & Tootie Hassman
Stan & Tootie Hassman

Raymond Benjamin
Joe Palmere



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

seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.

It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed his nose, snuggled his little cheeks, and sang songs to him. But a lot of people thought her baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the baby, too. When it was time to name him Jesus, Mary knew he was the Savior.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for letting everyone know that Jesus was more than a special baby. He was the Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your parents what they enjoyed about you as a little baby. You might also want to look at some baby pictures together.

Find and circle these words from the Gospel

MARY	SHEPHERDS	LISTENED
JOSEPH	JESUS	WONDERFUL
BABY	ANGEL	NAMED

B	N	J	D	N	B	M	A	W	G	C
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S	M	Y	L	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
L	E	H	A	M	H	F	J	D	V	O
P	D	A	N	G	E	L	P	E	S	F
I	L	R	B	V	P	Y	A	R	U	C
J	O	S	E	P	H	A	G	F	N	B
D	H	Y	W	T	E	K	W	U	J	M
W	G	K	O	T	R	C	S	L	H	A
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A	J	E	S	U	S	L	B	A	B	Y

Draw a picture of Mary giving baby Jesus snuggles.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 31 - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

Monday, Jan. 1 - Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a); Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28

Wednesday, Jan. 3 - 1 John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34

Thursday, Jan. 4 - 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42

Friday, Jan. 5 - 1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-51

Saturday, Jan. 6 - 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38

Sunday, Jan. 7 - Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

St. Andrew's Catholic Church

JANUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>January Lector - Paul Hartz</p>	<p>01</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</p> <p>No Mass – Not a Holy Day this year</p>	<p>02</p>	<p>03</p> <p>NO noon Mass</p>	<p>04</p>	<p>05</p> <p>NO First Friday Mass</p>	<p>06</p> <p>FYI: During Advent we entered liturgical cycle B</p>
<p>07</p> <p>The Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>Maintenance collection</p> <p>DONUT SUNDAY! Join us in the hall</p> <p>PRE Class resumes 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>08</p>	<p>09</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mass at noon</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Adoremus</i> Praise & Worship 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>In Harrison at MMG Basic Food Preservation Class 10-Noon RSVP to Wendy 870-926-7603</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Ordinary Time resumes</p> <p>CCW Meeting after Mass</p> <p>PRE Class 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mass at noon</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>In Harrison at MMG The Miracle Box Movie Night 6 p.m. Watch for sign-up sheets</p>
<p>21</p> <p>PRE Class 9:30 am</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mass at noon</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>SECOND COLLECTION - Black and Indian Missions</p> <p>PRE Class 9:30 am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NO noon Mass</p>			<p>Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before Masses on Wednesday and Sunday, and after Mass for an hour each Sunday</p>

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