



# SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 7, 2024



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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, January 10**

**Noon Mass**

+Ernest Verduzco

**Sunday, January 14**

**11 a.m. Mass**

+William B. Unger

### CONFESSIONS

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.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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*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.

## *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, Cindy Crosslin, Carrie DeMaranville, Chance Dodson, Diane Erickson, Janet Ernst, Patty Eubanks, Maureen Fancher, Jason Fernandez, Joyce Ginsel, Grant Grzadziel, Ruth Haley, Meg Hampton, John Hartz, Vicki Hartz, Dennis Hassman, Jeff Hoffman, Shari Horn, Paul Hunt, Lisa Jansen, Michael Jendras, 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, Tamara Steagall, Mary Ann Stewart, Gene Strong, Wade Strong, Phyllis Stubenfall, Dee Supergan, Harley Swanson, 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.

## *Adoremus!*

Experience a blend of contemporary Christian music and Eucharistic adoration at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Yellville. Join us on January 11th at 6:00 PM for an evening of faith-strengthening activities, including a talk, uplifting music, adoration, and reconciliation. Open to everyone, this worship night offers a unique opportunity to draw nearer to Jesus. Find us on Hwy. 62 just outside of Yellville. Come and worship with us!

### SAFETY FIRST

If you are in the church during the week, please make sure all lights you turned on are turned off and *all doors are securely closed and locked* before you leave.





## Being Catholic ...

### How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.  
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### HELP THE YELLVILLE 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*

### It's Donut Sunday!

Hang around after Mass for delicious donuts and fellowship.



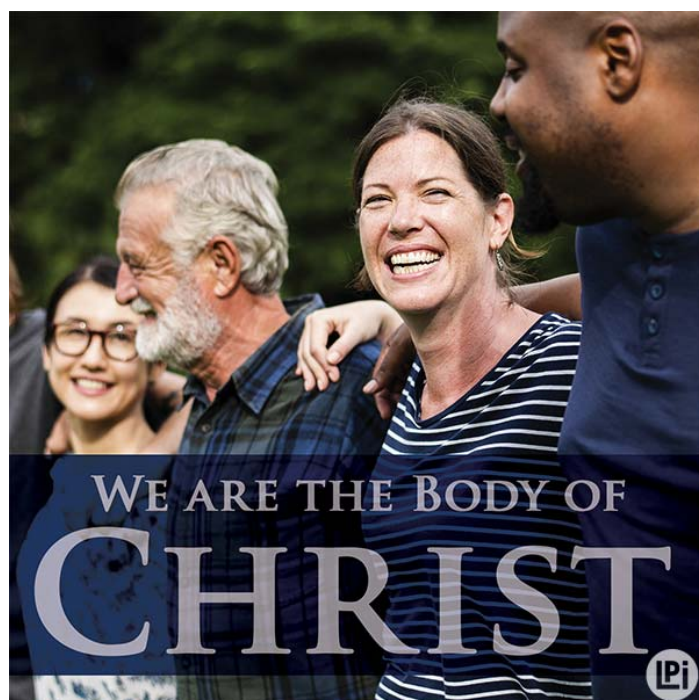
### Everyday Stewardship

As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Do you know someone who hasn't been to Mass in a while and is nervous about returning? Send them this link, and assure them St. Andrew's will be delighted to see them. <https://catholic-link.org/survival-guide-for-returning-to-mass-when-you-havent-been-in-awhile/>

*"And I say also unto thee, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." — Matt. 16:18*

# Kids' Corner

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

God wants these gifts from you: love, forgiveness, and sharing. The wise men took Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. You may not have these to give to God. You can give God gifts more valuable than gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Forgive someone. It is worth more than a piece of gold. Say NO to bad ways. This is worth more than frankincense. Share with others. This is worth more than myrrh.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



## PRAYER

Lord, help me do things worth more than gold for you.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will straighten my room, clean my closet, and dust my furniture.

Find and circle these words from the Gospel

WISE MEN

MESSIAH

GIFTS

STAR

WORSHIP

WARNED

HEROD

EXCITED

DREAM

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Draw yourself bringing three gifts to the baby Jesus in the manger.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 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

**Monday, January 8** - Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3); 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9** - 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10** - 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11** - 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12** - 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19; Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13** - 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 14** - 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a);

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42