



SAINT ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 18, 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, February 21

Noon Mass

+Paula Kirschens

Sunday, February 25

11 a.m. Mass

+Dorothy LaRochelle

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.



1st Sunday of Lent

Today we start the path of forty days to Easter. We are in the season of Lent. Our readings today speak about the desert experience of Jesus. Moreover, in order to understand the analogy of "desert" we need to know the origins of sin and death.

Sin is described in Scripture as the desire for the "forbidden fruit." We are made in the image of God and God desires only good for his creation. When we desire that which is not good for us, we term that sin. And when we desire so much that we lose sight of God, we die to the idea of goodness.

Jesus is tempted by the devil to turn away from God and to desire the earthly pleasures of wealth and power. Jesus is God and so is able to turn away from that temptation; we are not God, however, and oftentimes we give in to that desire and therefore sin against the goodness of God.

Through these forty days of Lent, let us look closely at our lives to see where we need to be more faithful to that which is good in our lives and concentrate on how to increase the goodness that God has put in our hearts.

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God's love for us?

Second Reading:

Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

Gospel:

After a brief report of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As we begin the Lenten journey, what are some temptations you plan to face this Lent?

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Please remember in your prayers...

A friend's daughter and son-in-law, Vern Anderson, Ben, the Brown Family, Maurice Cantwell, Jennifer Cates, Anette Chaney, Tucker Chatelain, Mike & Faye Clark, Coty Connor, Carrie DeMaranville, Chance Dodson, Diane Erickson, Janet Ernst, Patty Eubanks, Maureen Fancher, Jason Fernandez, Mary Garrison, Grant Grzadziel, Ruth Haley, Meg Hampton, John Hartz, Vicki Hartz, Dennis Hassman, Tootie Hassman, Jeff Hoffman, Shari Horn, Paul Hunt, Sarah, Audie, Orion, & Ivory James, Lisa Jansen, Michael Jendras, Nancy Johnson, Alysha Jones, Tricia Kensinger, Jodi, John LaRoche, Lori, Fr. Nazarus Maduba, Gloria Maffei, Mary - a friend, James Matlock, Brandon Mullins, Catherine Myer, Allie Neel, Al Nelson, Michael Nighbert, Heidi Ortiz, Terrence O'Sullivan, Christine & Val Perovich, Reida Phelan, Peter Raino, Bev Rastetter, Ted Rastetter, Tony Rastetter, Kim Rebout, Joe Regalado, Joe Lee & Debbie Regalado, Dani Rossi, Pat Seiler, Ray Sizemore, Robert Skorich and his nieces - Lilly & Kimmy and his nephew Kenny, Dominic Spinazze, Dr. John Spore, Staci, Carol Stark, Tamara Steagall, Mary Ann Stewart, Gene Strong, Wade Strong, Phyllis Stubenfall, Harley Swanson, Jill Swanson, Tammy & Jason, Frank Tauber, Steve Triner, Keith Venable, Thomas Waldrup, Sr., Lori Godfrey and Joshua & Justin Weeden, Christina Williams, the soul of Donna Wilkes, Connie Zonick, and all victims of abuse and/or war.

To add or delete names, please email -
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Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

"Charity should begin at home" is an old proverb, and for Catholics across our state, charity really begins at CASA. The Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal is our annual campaign to fund a multitude of projects around our diocese. You name it and it is probably supported by CASA: Catholic schools, a charitable medical clinic, youth ministries, seminarian education, disaster relief, adoption services ... the list is almost endless. Charity does begin at home, so please give generously and make a difference in our own back yard by becoming a CASA supporter. Our parish goal is \$6,350.

*Thank
you!*

Many thanks to the CCW and all who contributed to Dee Supergan's luncheon this past Thursday. The family wants you to know how much you are appreciated.

SEND YOUR BULLETIN NEWS

Please, if you have information, news, meetings you need parishioners to know about, please get it to Denise Jorgensen as soon as possible. The bulletin is assembled on Monday and Tuesday, then printed on Thursday. This is especially important when we have an event or information that is time sensitive.

Free from *Word On Fire* Catholic Ministries

Bishop Barron says that we are in unprecedented times and are in great need of a surge of holy men and women who can proclaim Christ as Lord in their everyday lives.

To support you in this mission, we are excited to announce brand-new Word on Fire Institute Communities that are filled with over 23,000 Catholics like yourself who are striving to grow in holiness and knowledge of the faith.

These communities are FOR YOU if you are a cradle Catholic, recent convert, college-aged Catholic, young-mom-or-dad-with-a-busy-schedule Catholic . . . or if you LOVE Jesus and are seeking to commit to him in a deeper way.

Here are some of the brand-new communities we have added so far!

- Word on Fire Book Club
- Homeschool Parent Formation Community
- Practical Evangelization Community
- Writer Development Community
- Word on Fire UK Community
- Intellectual and Developmental Disability Community

Get access to these brand-new community groups, live seminars, 34+ courses, all of Bishop Barron's films, a beautiful quarterly publication, and more at institute.wordonfire.org



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.

2024 Mass for Hope and Healing

What: To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month

When: Sunday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

Who: Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Marion County Election Commission is planning training for all poll workers. If you are a registered voter in Arkansas without felony convictions and would like to work during the upcoming elections, ask Janice for contact information for the Election Commission.

HELP THE YELLEVILLE FOOD CLOSET

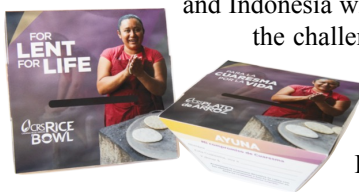
The food pantry needs more donations because they have more requests than usual, and in *February they like to receive donations of canned fruit*. The box for donations is right by the front door. Please pop a couple of extra items into your cart for the pantry.

- 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

LENT IS HERE!

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the vestibule. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Weekly Holy Hour:

Deacon George will be having weekly Holy Hour service at Saint Andrew's every Thursday beginning March 7th from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Virtual Parish Mission:

Saturday, March 23rd from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. More information to come.

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.

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YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO AND...

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. You'll get a book with readings, directions, AND how to pronounce names.

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 can apply to be altar servers.

Music: See or call Scott Vasconcellos.

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

Kids' Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

Read today's Gospel and color this picture



PRAYER

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

Circle these words from today's Gospel.

SPIRIT	FORTY	ANIMALS
JESUS	SATAN	ANGELS
DESERT	TESTED	BELIEVE

E S Y T U O I G U F E
 R A N I M A L S J O R
 I T G S Y N O E A R I
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 O T I M Y B A L Y T A

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 18 - Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10); 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Monday, February 19 - Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20 - Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21 - Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22 - 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, February 23 - Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24 - Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25 - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9); Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10