



ST ANDREW'S

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 23, 2025

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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.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to

undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

WED, MAR. 26

12:00pm NO MASS

THURS, MAR. 27

5:30pm Holy Hour

FRI, MAR. 28

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

SUN, MAR. 30

11:00am Mass

+Joe Moore



PRAYER LIST

Angela Block, Heidi Bernardo, Judy Brieske, Ray Buyle, Karen Dobbins, Maureen Fancher, Krystyna Gala, Kevin Goulet, Pat Goulet, Donald Hammond, Keith Harris, Dennis Hassman, Tootie Hassman, John Hartz, Vicky Hartz, Lisa Jansen, Frances Jarosz, Justin, Tricia Kesinger, Rene Kammel, John LaRoche, Elsie Lowry, Lowden Family (Chelsea, Addison, Jaxson), Fr. Nazarus Maduba, Massey Family (Carrie, Jordan, Faith), Jim Neff, Maddalyne Norris, Joe Palmere, Christine & Val Perovich, Mary Ann Regalado, Joe Regalado, Joseph Skorich, Robert Skorich, Pat Smith, Tamara Steagall, Phyllis Stubenfull, Jeff Sutterfield, Wade Strong, Ron Thomas, Daksha Thomas, Steven Triner, Susan Turner, Diane Vandersteen, Thomas Waldrup Sr., Pam Whyte

To add or delete names from the prayer list, please send an email to saintandrewsvellville@gmail.com.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Andrew's! For questions, call the office at 870-449-4850. You can now register online at:

www.osvhub/harrisoncatholicsta/directory/register.

FLOCKNOTE SIGN-UP

Stay updated on parish events! Visit

flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text "flocking" to 84576. Contact Melissa Garrison at 870-449-4850 for help.

ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your tax-deductible contributions online!

Visit: www.osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicsta/giving/funds.

VIGIL CANDLES

If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a donation of \$3 is requested. This donation almost covers the cost of the candles. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

If you do not receive envelopes for the collection and would like to, please drop a note in the collection basket with your name and address or contact the Church office at 870-449-4850.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Izzy Burnett	Mar. 2
Kyle Carter	Mar. 3
Mike Garmon	Mar. 8
Scott Carter	Mar. 11
Justin House	Mar. 12
Phillip Carollo	Mar. 16
Rheta VanCott	Mar. 16
Magnus Chichester	Mar. 17
Fr. Ben Riley	Mar. 17
Philly Chichester	Mar. 19
Mel Figueroa	Mar. 22
Gail Russell	Mar. 22
Marie Steagall	Mar. 27
John Parr	Mar. 28

FEBRUARY INCOME & EXPENSES

General	\$8,043.00
Online	\$1,090.00
Building Fund	\$1,765.00

COLLECTIONS **+\$10,898.00**

Candles	\$71.50
Other	\$55.00

TOTAL **+\$11,024.50**

EXPENSES **-\$11,047.07**

DIFFERENCE **+\$22.57**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, TWICE WEEKLY

Join us for Lent as we pray the Stations of the Cross at St. Andrew's. We offer two opportunities: 11am on Wednesdays before the Noon Mass and 5:30pm on Fridays. Praying the Stations of the Cross strengthens our faith, reflects on Jesus' suffering, and deepens our reflection on Scripture.

PERPETUAL ADORATION IS READY

Eucharistic Adoration is now available at St. Andrew's 24/7. If you need the combination to the door of the church, please call 870-449-4850 or 870-741-5234.

LENTEN RESOURCES

The Diocese of Little Rock offers English and Spanish Lenten resources, including prayer, fasting, and almsgiving suggestions for all ages. Visit their website: <https://www.dolr.org/lent>. Consider taking up a new Lenten practice. Check out "10 Ways to Deepen Your Experience of Lent" for ideas: <https://www.dolr.org/lent/ideas>

RICE BOWLS

Nutritious meals help children grow healthy in Guatemala - In Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit crricebowl.org/week-3 to read this week's Story of Hope.

UPDATE ON LIBRARY

The St. Andrew's library is not accepting books or reading materials/items at this time. We appreciate your cooperation.

HOOR OF ADORATION

We will be offering Holy Hour on Thursday, **Mar. 27**, at 5:30pm.

NO PRE CLASSES

There will be no Primary Religious Education (PRE) classes on Sunday, **Mar. 30**.

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS FREE EVENT

Parkinson's Awareness Free Event, open to everyone and free of charge, will be held on Friday, **Apr. 11**, from 9am to 2pm at the Baxter Health Wellness Education Center located at *2545 Hwy 5 North in Mountain Home, AR*. For more information, please call 870-508-3880.

The event will feature two speakers: **Dr. Tim Paden**, MD, Medical Director of Fairlamb Senior Clinic, who will provide an overview and update on dementia, and **Dr. Alan Diamond**, DO, Medical Director of the Washington Regional Movement Disorder Clinic, who will offer an overview and update on Parkinson's disease.

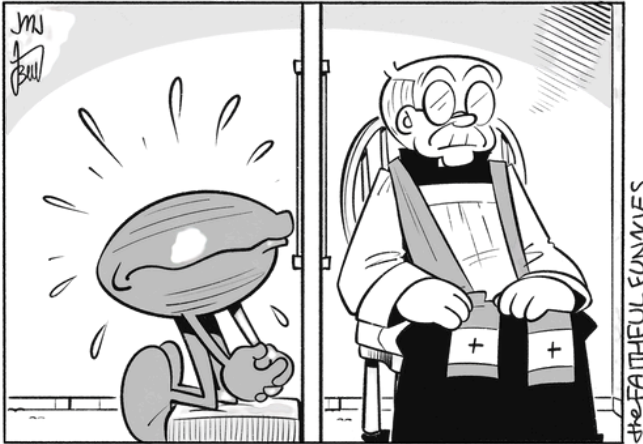
EASTER MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Honor a loved one with a \$10 Easter flower memorial or honorariums. Flowers remain on the altar, and acknowledgment cards can be sent. Use Easter envelopes in the vestibule, fill in addresses, and return by Palm Sunday, **Apr. 13**. Thank you for beautifying our church!

EASTER BRUNCH


Join us on Sunday, **Apr. 20**, after Mass for an Easter Brunch. We'll have classic breakfast strata and the Church will provide ham. Bring your favorite dish to share. Let's enjoy delicious food, great company, and fun! Sign up on the sheet.

“Why did the clam go to confession?”



“Because he had been shellfish.”

FUN FACT!



Lent is a penitential season. It is a time for us to be sorry for our many faults against God and to repent and amend to do better. The way we best do this is by going to the Sacrament of Confession where we receive forgiveness for our sins.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the name of the commemorative, prayerful “walk” that Catholics take part in to retrace Christ’s journey to Calvary?

Answer: The Stations of the Cross.
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LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

THE PATIENT GARDENER

BY COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don’t deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. “Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!”

But I’m so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I’m afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I’m just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn’t — doesn’t — give up on us. “Give me more time,” he says to the Master. “I can still fix this one.”

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