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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you**" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace

— Father John Muir

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

11:00am Adoration

12:00pm Mass

+Dee Supergan

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

11:00am Mass

+Ken Kryzyzaniak

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.



CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Andrew's! For questions, call 870-449-4850.
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.

FORMED: FREE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Formed.org, a Catholic streaming service, offers movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections. Visit harrisoncatholic.formed.org, search for "Mary Mother of God", select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

If you don't receive envelopes for the collection, please drop a note with your name and address in the collection basket or contact the Church office at 870-449-4850.

PRAYER LIST

Angela Block, Barbara Bell, Heidi Bernardo, Judy Brieske, Ray Buyle, Neil Burdett, Carol's Brother, Robin Coston, Douglas Cook, Karen Dobbins, Maureen Fancher, Krystyna Gala, Kevin Goulet, Pat Goulet, Donald Hammond, John Hartz, Vicky Hartz, Keith Harris, Dennis Hassman, Tootie Hassman, Shyanna Hoffstetter, Cody Jackson, Lisa Jansen, Frances Jarosz, Glen Johnson, Rene Kammel, Tricia Kesinger, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Lowden Family (Chelsea, Addison, Jaxson), Fr. Nazarus Maduba, Massey Family (Carrie, Jordan, Faith), Joanne Mustion, Jim Neff, Maddalyn Norris, Joe Palmere, Christine Perovich, Joe Regalado, Mary Ann Regalado, Joseph Skorich, Robert Skorich, Pat Smith, Tamara Steagall, Phyllis Stubenfol, Jeff Sutterfield, Wade Strong, Daksha Thomas, Ron Thomas, Steven Triner, Susan Turner, Diane Vandersteen, Justin, Thomas Waldrup Sr., Pam Whyte.

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

VIGIL CANDLES

To light a 6-day vigil candle, a \$3 donation is requested. It covers most of the candle cost. Thanks.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is now available at St. Andrew's 24/7. Call 870-449-4850 or 870-741-5234 for the church door combination.

TO BECOME A DEACON

Are you called to be a Deacon?

The Permanent Diaconate Formation Office prepares men to the diaconate in the Diocese of Little Rock. Our 5-year program equips candidates spiritually, academically, pastorally, and humanly to serve the Church.

If interested, inquire about meeting dates in the Church vestibule or ask Deacon George.

THANK YOU FROM UNBOUND

Dear Parishioners, On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth, and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

KOFC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR INFORMED CHOICES

Join the Knights of Columbus Harrison Council's Baby Bottle Campaign to support Informed Choices Women's Center. Take home a baby bottle, fill it with spare change, bills, or a check, and return it to the church by **June 1**. Every penny supports young women and girls through Informed Choices' vital services and resources.

CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR

Join Bishop Anthony B. Taylor for our Jubilee Celebrations Saturday, **June 14** at St. Raphael Church in Springdale and Saturday, **June 28** at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. The bilingual event, "Hope in Arkansas," will begin at 8am and end with Mass at 4pm. This event is free, but registration is requested for the free lunch.

In Springdale, the main speakers will be Msgr. Jack Harris and Father Omar Galvan. In Little Rock, you can hear from Father Joseph Friend and Father Daniel Velasco. The event is open to anyone 12 and up. For the complete schedule or to register, visit dolr.org.

WALKING WITH JESUS: CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The Mary Mother of God Church would like to invite you to a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, **June 22**, at 3pm on the Harrison Town Square. All are welcome to participate in prayer as we walk with Jesus.

SEARCH #156 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #156, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to incoming juniors and seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #156 will be held at St. John Center in Little Rock from **June 27-29**. The fee is \$150. For more information or to register, visit dolr.org/events/search-156.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE (C²SI)

Registrations are now being accepted for C²SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Arkansas. The week is open to youth in 9th-12th grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this five-day session, participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile, hands-on experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus' invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the stranger among us. C²SI is held at St. John Center in Little Rock **July 14-18**. The fee is \$250. For more information or to register, visit dolr.org/events/2025-catholic-charities-summer-institute.

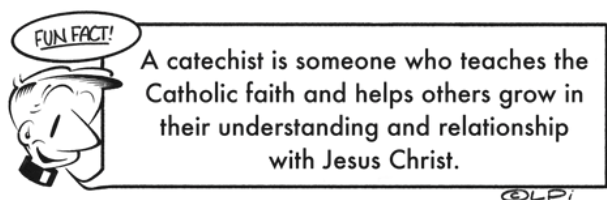
THIS MEMORIAL
DAY, WE
PRAYERFULLY
HONOR THOSE
WHO GAVE THEIR
LIVES IN SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY
(JOHN 15:13).



"What do you call a cat that teaches
Sunday school?"



"A cat-echist!"



A catechist is someone who teaches the Catholic faith and helps others grow in their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

Answer: Three.
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God makes His dwelling with those who love Him and keep His word. We must all make our lives places where God feels welcome to dwell. Our actions, our words, our decisions must all say in one voice: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

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OBSERVANCES WEEK OF MAY 25

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);
St. Paul VI, Pope

Saturday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU

BY COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

"A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ exists. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something like it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world.

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