



ST ANDREW'S

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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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 MEDITATION

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "**Go and tell your brother his fault,**" He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "**If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,**" we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

11:00am Adoration & Confessions

12:00pm Mass

SI – Mary Garrison

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

11:00am Mass

†Deceased members
of the Neff Family

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES - MARY MOTHER OF GOD HARRISON

Sept. 9: If God Is Good, Why This Mess?

Sept. 16: Salvation History: God's Promise to Free Us

Sept. 23: Jesus Christ: God Becomes Man

Sept. 30: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus Delivers Us from Evil

All sessions are open to everyone. Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal will be provided starting at 6:00pm, with classes beginning at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend!

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD PAINTING PARTY - YOUTH NIGHT!

Join us for the 2nd Annual Youth Christmas Card Painting Party during Youth Night on Friday, September 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Christmas cards painted at this special event will accompany the gifts that you, along with the ladies of the CCW, will provide for the residents of The Springs of Creekside and our homebound parishioners. We need to know that you and your child are coming, so please sign up today. What an amazing way to spend a Friday evening as a family, joining others in doing something that will bring joy to so many!

CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY - MARY MOTHER OF GOD HARRISON

Catholic in Recovery meets the second Saturday of each month at 8am in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **Sept. 12**.

INVITATION TO PEACE: A RETREAT WITH ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and renewal in the spirit of St. Francis. Retreat speakers Fr. John Marconi and Debbie Eckert. Dates **Sept. 25-27**. Location: Courty House Retreat Center Subiaco, AR. For more information please take a flyer in the Parish Hall.

MAGNIFICAT - A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

Mary, Ark of the Covenant. **Sept. 26**, Luncheon will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cherokee Village, AR from 11am to 2 pm. Cost \$15 per person if postmarked by 09/21/26, call Lori Templet at 225-717-0238 to check availability. More information located in the Parish Hall.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Strengthen your marriage and deepen your faith at our upcoming Marriage Encounter event! "God Chose You for Me" is designed to help you and your spouse grow closer to each other and to God. You will experience: A New Way to Pray, A New Way to Connect, A New Way to Encounter God's Love!

To be held **Sept. 26**, 2026. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM St. John's Catholic Center, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207 \$100 per couple; Email: Michael.Anne.Mancino@wwme.org Phone: 501-831-0931 or 501-831-0932 or use QR Code.



THEOLOGY ON TAP - TALLGRASS BAR & GRILL HARRISON AR

Fr. Ben will be presenting a "Theology on Tap" at TallGrass Bar & Grill on Saturday, **Oct. 3**, following the 5pm Mass. The parish will provide appetizers. Parishioners will be responsible for purchasing their meals and drinks. A sign up sheet is located in the Parish Hall.

TallGrass Bar & Grill, 418 S. Main Street, Harrison, AR 72601. For questions please call 870-741-5234.



2 CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

We need your help! The children of St. Andrew's are counting on us for a strong foundation in the Catholic faith this school year. Our parish needs caring adults willing to serve as catechists and share the love of Christ with our young people. You do not need to be a professional teacher or theologian, just someone with a love for God, a willingness to learn and a desire to help children grow in faith. Lessons and support are provided, and you will not serve alone. Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to this ministry. For more information or to volunteer, contact the parish office at (870) 741-5234 or Director of Religious Education Janice Triner at 870-421-2594.

BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE

You can help bless a child through Operation Christmas Child without leaving home! Use the online shoebox link to build a shoebox gift, and Samaritan's Purse will pack and send it on your behalf to a child in need around the world.

St. Andrew's goal is to build 15 online shoeboxes. Please consider building a shoebox online today and helping us reach our goal! Build your shoebox online:

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PRAY ABOUT WHERE GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO SERVE

Our church is blessed with many opportunities to serve, and each one matters. Some ministries are seen each week in front of the congregation, while others happen quietly behind the scenes. Whether greeting parishioner (Ushering), preparing for Mass (Sacristan), helping during Mass (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Music), supporting special events (CCW), praying for others (Legion of Mary or Communion to the Sick), or teaching PRE classes to our children (Catechists), every act of service helps build up the Kingdom of God.

During the coming weeks, we invite you to begin praying about where God may be leading you to join a ministry. Ask Him to show you your gifts, your passions, and the places where your time and heart can make a difference. There is a place for everyone to serve, whether you prefer to work quietly in the background or feel comfortable serving in front of the congregation.

Be on the lookout in upcoming bulletins throughout September and October for more details about available ministry opportunities. As you read about these ministries, prayerfully consider how God may be inviting you to take the next step in serving Him and our church family.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

\$10 donation to help send your shoebox around the world. That \$10 does more than just ship a box; it also helps with training of our Ministry Partners in the receiving countries who teach the children about Jesus before they open their shoeboxes. Your donation helps provide a New Testament in the native language of the children. It helps provide the books and materials for those children who will attend The Greatest Journey classes. These classes teach the children more about the life of Jesus and help them develop a personal relationship with Him.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Friday: Patriot Day
- Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Annulment Advocate	Dc. George Gussy	404-0546
CCW	Beth Gipson	816-726-9099
Finance Council	Cindy Nixon	405-8809
Food Bank	Marv Topf	453-6443
Head Sacristan	Stephen Triner	321-2773
Knights of Columbus	Vaughn Johnson	337-842-0387
Legion of Mary	Floyd Crawford	321-8826
Library/Archivist	Joanne Mustion	321-0479
Music Ministry	Scott Vasconcellos	209-417-4239
Parish Manager	Melissa Garrison	870-741-5234
Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
Pastoral Council	Sue Bruns	sbruns59@gmail.com
Property Manager	Kelly Gipson	816-726-9001
Rosary Crusade	Daksha Thomas	449-4784
Religious Education	Janice Triner	421-2594
Spiritual Direction	Janice Triner	421-2594
Youth Ministry	Karen Carter	404-2065



ONLINE GIVING

You can now make your tax-deductible contributions online! Visit:

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Andrew's! For questions, call 870-449-4850. Register online at www.osvhub.com/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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

PRAYER LIST



Lorna Aberer, Mikayla Anderson, Adien Briggs, Nathan Bruno, John & Elena Canter, James Canter, Maureen Carder, Cindy, Aaron Cigara, Darlene Coffman, Robert Connelly, Mike Dorner, Krystyna Gala, Dennis Hassman, Lisa Jansen, Jessika Jennings, Jeremiah, Jones Family, Denise Jorgensen, Haven Jorgensen, Joshua, Tricia Kesinger, Jennette Knasiak, Amber Knowles, John LaRochelle, Elsie Lowry, Joanne Mustion, Catherine Myers, Jim Neff, Joe Palmere, Christine Perovich, Mary Ann Regalado, Robert, Tamara Steagall, Marie Steagall, Wade Strong, Nancy Sutterfield, Mary Thoen, Janice Triner, Stephen Triner, Susan Turner, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood.

Those in our nursing home and prison ministries.

To add or delete names, email to saintandrewsyellville@gmail.com.

LIVE-STREAM MASS

The Mary Mother of God Parish has updated its video system and now streams Mass on YouTube, as not everyone has a Facebook account. Here's the link to access Live Mass on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@HarrisonCatholic/streams>

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!



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 | General Counsel, 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) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.