



Use this for online giving  
It is quick, Easy, and Secure

ONE- TIME GIFTS are simple by using a Credit/debit card or RECURRING GIFTS.

RECURRING GIFTS can be set up on your schedule Track, Change or Manage your giving.

**Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study** on **HOLD until the end of June**

**BABY BOTTLES DUE BACK!**  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
at St. Andrew's CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**FREE BURGERS & HOT DOGS!**  
Bring a side dish.  
WE WILL HAVE:  
BOUNCY HOUSE, DUNK TANK, WATER ELEMENTS, YARD GAMES AND MORE!  
MASS BEGINS 4:00PM, EVENT OPENS 5:30PM, FIREWORKS WILL START AT DARK  
\*All donations will go towards the Outreach program in helping to feed our community.  
829 Valley View Dr, Sparta

PLEASE DONATE TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE FIREWORKS MARK ENVELOPE AND ADD TO THE COLLECTIONS BASKET!

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM!

**Medified Electric**  
OFFICE 83-POWER (931) 837-6937  
Eddie Wilson (931) 979-4087  
26+ Years of Experience Licensed & Insured  
eddie@medifiedelectric.com  
License 14119 "Electrician" member

www.standrewsparta.com

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH**



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday June 21, 2026



**Called to be the People and Disciples of God**

**MASS TIMES**

Weekend Masses  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Weekday Masses  
Wednesday 5:00 pm  
Thursday 9:30 am

**CONFESSION TIMES**  
Wednesday 4:30- 5:00 pm  
Saturday 3:30- 4:00 pm  
and by appointment

**ADORATION TIMES**  
Wednesday 4-5:00 pm  
Saturday 3-4:00 pm



This week's Major Sponsor 971 Smithville Hwy, Sparta, TN 38583 Tel:(931) 738-3838



The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp

On this twelfth Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ, Our Lord, who is always with us. He continues to deliver us from all that threatens and makes life difficult. This includes persecution, sins, and death.

In the first reading, God delivered the prophet Jeremiah from the deadly plots and hands of evil men. Our world is full of threats against the righteous and innocent. Today, hardly would a day pass without one hearing news of terror. This is the cause of great fear and inquietude for many, especially those whose trust is solely in this world rather than God.

However, for those who, like the prophet, realize that the Lord is on their side, God will surely not disappoint them. As a mighty hero, He will indeed act. The threats and gravity of these terrors might appear overwhelming. However, they are certainly not greater than what God has handled in the history of humanity.

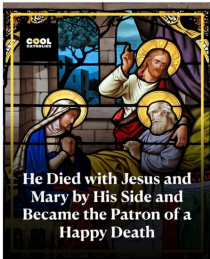
Today's second reading has a lot in common with the first. First, while the prophet was innocent of all the accusations and threats against him, humanity inherited death through the sin of disobedience of her progenitors (Adam and Eve). Similarly, while God delivered the innocent prophet Jeremiah from the plots and terrors of his enemies, in the second, Paul recounts how Christ delivered humanity from the terrors and shackles of death.

Thus, Paul draws our attention to a very important aspect of our salvific history. This is especially concerning the relationship between sin and death; and, of course, the relationship between the consequences of Adam's disobedience and Christ's obedience. While Adam's disobedience and sin brought death, Christ's obedience brought us life.

(continued page 3)

**FARMERS STORE**  
BULK BEYOND ORGANIC FARMERS' COOPERATIVE  
971 Smithville Highway, Sparta, TN 38583  
PHONE: (931) 738-3838 Open 9am-6pm (Mon-Sat)  
https://www.farmersstorehouse.com/

**DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT ST. JOSEPH!**

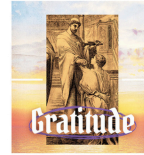


He Died with Jesus and Mary by His Side and Became the Patron of a Happy Death

St. Joseph is honored as the patron of a happy death- not because death is easy, but because he died peacefully in the presence of Jesus and Mary, surrounded by perfect love and prepared to meet his Creator.

The Catholic Church has endured through the centuries despite bad popes, corrupt bishops, and weak priests—and it continues to stand today. What is truly at risk is your soul if you allow the failures of others to become a reason to abandon the faith. Instead of leaving the Church, pray for its leaders, remain faithful to Christ, and trust in His promise to guide His Church.

Let us keep Pope Leo XIV and the entire Catholic Church in our prayers. 🙏🇺🇸



continued from the front page

This is the summary of what Christ did for us. Through his sacrificial death and obedience to his father's will, He dissipated the terrors threatening our lives and restore our peace. Thus, He delivered us from damnation due to the sin and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Sin began with a lie.

It was a lie that Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden, and it was by doubting God's faithfulness — by thinking God to be a liar — that the fall of man came about.

Of course, God Himself is Truth — Adam and Eve discovered that when they believed the lie. Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully — in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously. "Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known," says the Catechism (CCC 2472), which also calls the act of martyrdom "truth written in letters of blood." (CCC 2474)

When Ananias tries to deceive the Christian community and secretly hoard wealth for himself, Peter tells him he has "lied not to human beings, but to God." (Acts 5:4)

©LPi

**KEEP VIGIL**  
Learn to Live and Pray with the Dying:  
Instituteofcatholicculture.org

In the gospel, Jesus encourages us: "Do not be afraid, for everything that is now covered will be uncovered." This includes the plans of the evil ones who constantly threaten to persecute and destroy the just. It suffices to note that Christ knows that fear and the threat of death can paralyze one. As the Lord of the living and the dead, He knows that physical death is not the end. Instead, it is a transition to eternity. Hence, he further exhorts us: "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell fire."

In these comforting and assuring words of Christ, rest our hope and future as Christians. "Every hour on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid!" They indicate that the Lord is on our side. He is ready and capable of delivering us from sin's consequences and harmful effects and all the threats we face daily.

Finally, all we need to do to merit the protection Christ promised us today is to be on his side by trusting him. This calls for being just and innocent in our ways and actions. It means being true Christians. Of course, it also means submitting entirely to Christ.

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!

Any parish Ladies who would be interested in a group dedicated to helping our parish please contact: Sandra Terzaghi 931-256-0803 (text) our plan is to start with a rosary and to begin ministering to the needs of our fellow parishioners.

Please remember to pickup your envelope and donate generously to the Bishops Annual Appeal

**BABY BOTTLES ARE DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND!**



Please keep in mind: All donations of the Second Collection goes to our outstanding Outreach Program, unless otherwise stated.



June 22-28

Monday June 22, 2026

Paulinus of Nola, Bishop/ John Fisher, Bishop, Martyr, and Thomas More, Married Man, Martyr  
1st Reading: 2Kings 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18  
Psalm: Psalms 60: 3, 4-5, 12-13  
Alleluia: Hebrews 4: 12  
Gospel: Matthew 7: 1-5

Tuesday June 23, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
1st Reading: 2Kings 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Psalm: Psalms 48: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11  
Alleluia: John 8: 12  
Gospel: Matthew 7: 6, 12-14:

Wednesday June 24, 2026

Nativity of John the Baptist Solemnity  
1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-6  
Psalm: Psalms 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15  
2nd Reading: Acts 13: 22-26  
Alleluia: Luke 1: 76  
Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66, 80:

Thursday June 25, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
1st Reading: 2Kings 24: 8-17  
Psalm: Psalms 79: 1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9  
Alleluia: John 14: 23  
Gospel: Matthew 7: 21-29

Friday June 26, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
1st Reading: 2Kings 25: 1-12  
Psalm: Psalms 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Alleluia: Matthew 8: 17  
Gospel: Matthew 8: 1-4

Saturday June 27, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/  
Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor  
1st Reading: Lamentations 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19  
Psalm: Psalms 74: 1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21  
Alleluia: Matthew 8: 17  
Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-17

Sunday June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: 2Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a  
Psalm: Psalms 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19  
2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11  
Alleluia: 1Peter 2: 9  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Farmers' Storehouse This week's Major Sponsor 971 Smithville Hwy, Sparta, TN 38583 Tel:(931) 738-3838

- \*Mike Popa
- \*Catherine Young
- \*Katie Charfauros
- \*Payton Newman
- \*Heidi Holland
- \*Joan Kupiec
- \*Sue Alire
- Debbie Kensek
- Jim Winton
- Danny Gutierrez
- Art Gutierrez
- Linda McGraw
- Elaine Garrett
- Diane Barry
- John Barry
- Verne & Bernice Clapp
- Clara Magushak
- Harry Dennis
- Karen Norris
- Anna Barry
- Andrzej Konwinski
- Anita Borski
- Dan Clayton
- Margaret Massa

\* SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

May the Souls of all the  
Faithful Departed,  
Through the Mercy of God  
Rest in Peace! AMEN



Saturday June 20 2026  
Adoration 3:00- 4:00  
Confession 3:30- 4:00  
4:00 Mass PAT WILSON R.I.P.

Sunday June 22, 2026  
Adoration 8:-8:30  
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Wednesday June 24, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00  
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00

MASS 5:00

→ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- ON HOLD THROUGH JUNE

Thursday June 25, 2026  
MASS- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday June 27, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00  
Confession 3:30- 4:00

## Ministry Schedule

June 27/28

Marleen Loff  
Nancy Helmer  
Cathy Clayton

Justin Acharya  
Victory Vale,  
Casey Geer, John Hawco



Jim Spagnolo  
Vols, Knights

Lynnleigh Masters, Parker Masters  
June Acharya, Taj Acharya

Ray Jicha, Don Baird  
Knights of Columbus



Fr. Bill Ustaski R.I.P. -10  
Pat Wilson R.I.P. -6, 20  
Emogene Huddon -27  
George Manthey R.I.P. -28



John Hawco Sr. -2  
Mary Swartz -8  
Zhenya Tomarevsky -10  
Justin Acharya -13  
Marleen Loff -15  
Billy Morris -16  
Ron Heim -17  
Michele Heaving -18

## MAY

## MASS INTENTIONS

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

Telephone:  
**(931) 738-2140**

Visit Our Website

Website:  
www.standrewsparta.com

Please send bulletin changes,  
ads or announcements  
2 weeks ahead to:  
bulletinsacc@gmail.com



Pastor:  
Rev. Father Emmanuel Dirichukwu  
pastor@standrewsparta.com

Samantha Faust  
Parish Co-Ordinator  
parishcoordinator@standrewsparta.com

Ritina Jones  
Assistant Parish Co-Ordinator  
parishcoordinator@standrewsparta.com

Elizabeth Bates OCDS  
Director of Religious Education  
religiouseducation@standrewsparta.com

Marleen Loff Co-Ordinator  
Our Home Our Family Outreach  
StandrewCOutreach@yahoo.com

PARISH DEACONS  
Robert "Bob" Graham  
Stephen "Steve" AuBuchon



Baptism:  
Please contact  
The Parish office about the  
birth of your child.

Reconciliation:  
Wednesdays 4:30-5:00  
Saturdays at 3:30-4:00  
and by appointment.

Marriage:  
Please contact the Parish  
office at least 4 months in  
advance for information and  
scheduling

Anointing of the Sick and  
homebound:  
Please contact the Parish  
Office for information on  
our Ministry of Care.

Father Emmanuel is  
available to hear  
confessions on  
Saturdays from 3:30pm  
to 4pm and on  
Wednesday from 4:30  
pm to 5 pm. Other  
confession times  
may be arranged  
directly with Father.



If you are a new parishioner, you are  
invited to stop by or telephone  
the parish office to register and let us  
know how we may be of service to you.  
Please call the church office  
(931) 738-2140

If you have new information, such as a  
change of address or  
phone numbers, or if you are moving  
from the parish,  
please call the Parish office at (931)  
931-738-2140

Please visit the parish website:

and sign up to receive the  
weekly email newsletter and  
parish-wide emails.

www.standrewsparta.com

FIND IT EASY AT THE  
BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

Please like and Follow our  
church Facebook page:  
St AndrewCatholicChurch-Sparta,TN

Any parish  
members  
who wish to join  
the Knights are  
welcome to talk  
with any active  
member to sign  
up.

## THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

DO YOU WANT TO BE A KNIGHT OF  
COLUMBUS MEMBER?  
JUST ASK ONE!



LET'S SAY THE ROSARY, AS A FAMILY!

SATURDAY JULY 4 at 3:30

SUNDAY JULY 12 at 8:00

LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY JULY 5 -BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE KofC  
MEETING TO FOLLOW

SPREAD  
THE  
WORD!

DONATE TO THE  
FIREWORKS  
WITH AN ENVELOPE  
LABELED  
"FIREWORKS"

LET'S  
HAVE FUN!

The money  
raised  
goes to  
our  
OUTREACH

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16  
Farmers' Storehouse is a major sponsor of our bulletin.

