

# Upcoming Events

**Chili dinner &  
Bingo Fundraiser  
THIS SATURDAY!**

**NO  
Religious  
Education  
FEBRUARY 15**

**Religious Education  
class line-up**

**K-8 grades Sundays at  
10:00 am  
(after Mass/Breakfast)**

**High School Youth Group  
1st and 3rd Sunday  
at 10:00 am**

**OCIA  
11:00- 12:00**

**THE FOOD PANTRY HOURS  
WEDNESDAY &  
FRIDAY  
9 am TO noon**



## The Wednesday Night

**Men's Bible Study  
is  
Going Strong!**

**Each session starts at 5:30  
pm (or after Mass (or  
Communion service) and  
ends at 7:00 pm. All men of  
any age are welcome.**



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## ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday February 8, 2026**



### MASS TIMES

**Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Wednesday 5:00 pm  
Thursday 9:30 am**

### ADORATION TIMES

**Wednesday 4- 5:00 pm  
Saturday 3- 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8- 8:30 am**

### CONFESSION TIMES

**Wednesday 4:30- 5:00 pm  
Saturday 3:30- 4:00 pm**

*Reflection's*

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

On this fifth Sunday of ordinary time, the Holy Mother Church reminds us that she is a light in the dark. Hence, she reminds her children that the light will be brighter if all Christians like Christ.

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah tells us what we must do for our light to shine: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked." These are what the Church calls corporal works of mercy. The United Nations declared them as Fundamental Human Rights in 1948. They are the necessities of life. So, their deprivation rubs humanity of dignity and leaves her in perpetual darkness. This would amount to structural injustice and a sin against Charity. Therefore, we must be "that good man, who is light in the dark for the upright."

In the second reading, Paul testified that he was "light" to the Corinthians. His presence illuminated their darkness. Also, as "salt," he helped in preserving their salvation. He did this not only through his words but through his actions. He recalled thus: "When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had granted." Paul effortlessly did this through his words and good works.

He proved to be the light through which the pagan Corinthians saw the light of Christ. He was the salt that sweetened and preserved their lives. Therefore, our encounter with people must leave them better than we met them. It must wipe off the dust of worry, shame, despair, and disappointment. It must liberate them from ignorance and help them to appreciate the truth by drawing close to God.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

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9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

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**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.  
HALTED IN  
JANUARY**



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)  
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Please visit the parish website:

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

## THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



The Rosary will be led  
by the

**Knights of Columbus  
THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday, February 7 at 3:30  
Sunday, February 8 at 8:00**



**ST ANDREW'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**CHILI  
COOK-OFF  
& BINGO**



**Bring a Prize worth \$10 or more  
& eat Free! (Must be New)**

\$10 includes Chili dinner, and a Bingo Card  
(9 chances to win a prize). \$2 for an extra  
Bingo Card

**Saturday, Feb. 7th, 2026. 5pm**

The Knights of  
Columbus are  
sponsoring  
breakfast  
Sunday,  
February 8,  
with the  
monthly  
meeting to  
follow!



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16  
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## FEBRUARY Anniversaries

 Tony and Sondra Tersigni 4th

## Birthdays



Cathy Clayton 1st  
Terri Sergio 9th  
Carole McLeod 11th  
Marcisa Geer 19th  
Jordyn Tamez 21st  
Janice Clement 22nd

## MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY

Mary Tersigni R.I.P. 7th  
Walter Manthey R.I.P. 14th  
Anna Tersigni R.I.P. 18th  
Sue Hubbard R.I.P. 19th / 26th  
Vera Bouton R.I.P. 21st  
Theresa Tersigni R.I.P. 25th  
Audrey and Steve Stevens R.I.P. 28th



### Saturday February 7, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00  
Confession 3:30- 4:00  
4:00 Mass MARY TERSIGNI, R.I.P.  
Bingo and Chili Fundraiser

### Sunday February 8, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30  
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH  
BREAKFAST IS SERVED

### Wednesday February 11, 2026

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

MASS- 5:00

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30

### Thursday February 12, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.



## Ministry Schedule

February 14/15

Jim Spa	Monica Jicha
Sondra Tersigni Marleen Loff	Branton Ferris, Sondra Tersigni Barbara Leblanc
Jim Spa, Vols, Knights	John Hawco, Mark Hudacheck Luke Hudacheck, Samuel Baird
	Ray Jicha, Don Baird Knights of Columbus

## February 9-15

### Monday February 9, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
First Reading: 1Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13  
Psalm: Psalms 132: 6-7, 8-10  
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23  
Gospel: Mark 6: 53-56

### Tuesday February 10, 2026

Scholastica, Virgin, Religious Obligatory Memorial  
First Reading: 1Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30  
Psalm: Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11  
Alleluia: Psalms 119: 36, 29b  
Gospel: Mark 7: 1-13

### Wednesday February 11, 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes  
First Reading: 1Kings 10: 1-10  
Psalm: Psalms 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
Alleluia: John 17: 17b, 17a  
Gospel: Mark 7: 14-23

### Thursday February 12, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
First Reading: 1Kings 11: 4-13  
Psalm: Psalms 106: 3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40  
Alleluia: James 1: 21bc  
Gospel: Mark 7: 24-30

### Friday February 13, 2026

Ordinary Weekday  
First Reading: 1Kings 11: 29-32; 12: 19  
Psalm: Psalms 81: 10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15  
Alleluia: Acts 16: 14b  
Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

### Saturday February 14, 2026

Cyril and Methodius, Bishops Obligatory Memorial  
First Reading: 1Kings 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34  
Psalm: Psalms 106: 6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22  
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 4b  
Gospel: Mark 8: 1-10

### Sunday February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20  
Psalm: Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 2: 6-10  
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 25  
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

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May the Souls  
of all  
the Faithful  
Departed,  
Through the  
Mercy of God,  
Rest in Peace.  
Amen.

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## Virtues, Explained!

In the beginning, goodness was all there was. And in the end, only goodness will remain.

The word "good" is repeated so often in the first verses of Genesis that it has become almost cliché. God sees what He has made, and He calls all of it "good" (Genesis 1:31).

Likewise, on the very first page of the

Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that God created man "in a plan of sheer goodness ... to make him share in his own blessed life." (CCC 1). When we see goodness, we cannot help but think of God (Wisdom 13:1).

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification, which is, among other things, the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness, and the more we ask the Holy Spirit for goodness, the more it will be possible for us.

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

In today's gospel, Jesus calls us "salt." In the Old Testament, salt was used to season the sacrificial offerings for sins and covenant with God. "Season all your grain offerings with salt; you shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be lacking from your cereal offering." (Lev 2:13). Also, land agreements were sealed with a gift of salt as proof of the strength and permanence of the contract. Salt was also a symbol of God's activity in a person's life. This is because it penetrates, preserves, and aids in healing. That is how God becomes active in our lives. So, when Christ calls us "salt," he wants us to make a difference in our world. We must penetrate and preserve our world from moral, spiritual, physical, or environmental decay. As salts, we must add taste and flavor to people's lives.

Again, Christ calls us "light." He gives us a command: "Your light must shine in the sight of men!" Light does not shine for itself. Hence, Christ tells us why we must shine: "So that men may see your good works and give praise to God." Good works here mean corporal and spiritual works of mercy, as we saw in our first reading.

To give praise means to acknowledge and to be moved. It means to be affected positively by our light. As light, we must represent: "What is good, pure, true, holy, and reliable" (Phil 4: 8).

Finally, we must not conceal God's gift. Since "charity begins at home," we must first be light and salt in our homes and communities. Also, our world must feel the positive effects of our light. We must not starve it of the sweetness of our testimonies and good works.

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!



## AS WE PREPARE FOR LENT

Please consider attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. Masses will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the usual 5:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

Also, please bring in last years palms so that they may be burned for that purpose.  
There is a basket in the back of the church, near the doors.