

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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CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday February 8, 2026

Reflections

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.



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

CONFESION TIMES

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

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

were to 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:
and sign up to receive the
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FIND IT EASY AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

Please like and Follow our
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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



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

Farmers' Storehouse is a major sponsor of our bulletin.

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
CONFESSON: 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

Jim Spa, Vols, Knights Ray Jicha, Don Baird Knights of Columbus

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



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.

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: 26, 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, 30-34, 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 83: 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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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.