



The Knights of Columbus will host Breakfast on the First Sunday of each Month.

They will also be doing a Fish Fry Fundraiser on alternating Fridays during Lent.

Nick Prall has offered our parish a referral bonus of \$200 each time someone calls, chooses to use them, and mentions St. Andrew Church.

DURING LENT ON FRIDAYS
A Mini-Retreat will be at 4:30 followed by the Stations of the Cross.(5:00) Soup Dinner in Graham Hall about 5:30

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A MEATLESS SOUP OR DESSERTS, FOR LENTEN FRIDAYS, ON THE BOARD ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN.

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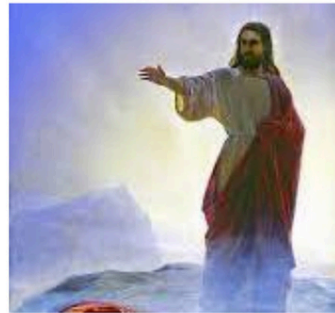
ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday March 9, 2025

The First Sunday of Lent



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
Sunday 8-8:30 am

Reflections

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

On this second Sunday of Lent, the church encourages us not to rest in the material comforts of this world. Rather, we should march towards the Promised Land and our future glory. If we succeed in getting there, the Lord in whom we put our trust and faith will transfigure our mortal bodies into the likeness of his glorified body.

Once, a woman fell into a coma for a few hours. Waking up, she was sad and said to her children: "You should have allowed me to remain there." Her children told her that they loved her so much and still needed her. She was still describing the beauty and splendor of the city she saw when her little daughter cried out: "Mummy, you were already in heaven. Please, let us go back there right now!" Like the apostles, this woman had a glimpse of the glory and splendor of the Eternal City. So she did not want to return to this world.

Today, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both of them narrate the revelation of the glory and splendor of the future. First, due to Abraham's faith, God revealed to him the glory that would be his in the future. Not only did God reveal this to Abraham, but he also sealed it with a covenant. This is as an assurance that He will fulfill his promise to Abraham.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am English

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 5:00
Thursday 9:30

ADORATION

Wednesday 4-4:55
Saturday 3 to 3:55
Sunday 8:00- 8:25



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) 264-4859

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) 264-4859.

Please visit the parish website: www.standrewsparta.com and sign up to receive the weekly email newsletter and parish-wide emails. Please like and Follow our church Facebook page: FIND IT EASY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

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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.



THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

The Knights lead the Rosary before mass on the month's first weekend. The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before the Mass Saturday Vigil and the Sunday morning Mass.

Saturday, APRIL 5 @ 3:30pm
Sunday, APRIL 6 @ 8:00am
Next meeting: APRIL 6, 2025 after the breakfast.

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

FROM THE DESK OF MARLEEN LOFF Help Wanted

Members of the Outreach Team are hoping to have a team of 4 for the days we are open. Currently we are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am till noon. When it is a busy day and we only have 2 or 3 it is difficult to perform. We now provide bottles of oil, updated list of other participating pantries, and prayer requests. (Some really ask us to pray with them.) We want to do more than just provide food and our clients need to know we offer more. Having more help provides more time to converse with clients. Please consider asking someone you know who may be interested in joining our Outreach Ministry. 🙏❤️



The new Bible study program begins the weekend of April 26th and 27th. We will be studying:

"PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED"

1 Corinthians
The sign up sheets are in the lobby or call Judy Elliott at 520-429-4581.

COME, GROW WITH JESUS, IN HIS WORD!



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ON ANOTHER NOTE!

"With the overwhelming success of our Saturday Dinners & Sunday Brunch, we would love to welcome a few more kitchen helpers. On-the-job training will be provided! 😊 Please speak with Barbara McCarthy!" 🙏❤️



"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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ST ANDREW'S MEMORIES



Father Emmanuel demonstrates that a blind man can't lead a blind man.



Matt Weaver, our Catechumen, with Cathy, Mike, Don, and Jim



The Knights of Columbus hosted the Sunday breakfast.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Just A few that were going Home with Ashes!



Please keep in mind that the **SECOND** collection at the Masses are always for the **OUTREACH**, unless noted otherwise.

Reflections

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In the gospel, Jesus revealed his future glory to Peter, James, and John, who are collectively referred to by Bible scholars as: "Members of the inner circle." They saw the glory and splendor of God revealed in Christ, who represents the New Covenant; in Moses, who represents the Law; and in Elijah, who represents the Prophets. The transfiguration of Christ before His disciples is of great significance and has lots of lessons for us. Christ could have gone to the mountain alone, but he decided to take them with him. This was to assure His disciples that they were not wasting their time by following him. He did it to increase and strengthen their faith in Him. He did it to resolve the argument about his personality. Most importantly, He did it to assure us of the future glory we would enjoy if we remained faithful to the end.

Another important lesson we must learn from today's gospel comes from this narrative: "...Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they remained awake and saw his glory." Of course, after a stressful day of mountain climbing, the disciples were tired. However, because they were curious and wanted to know why Christ brought them there, they struggled to be awake. Physically, they were asleep, but spiritually, they were awake to accomplish the task that got them there. Like these apostles, we too must remain spiritually awake this season to experience God's glory. If we must behold the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we must be ready to make many sacrifices.

The Lenten season offers us the opportunity to make sacrifices. It prepares us for future glory through prayers, good works, reflections, and self-denials. It is a time when we grow in grace to advance faithfully to the mountain of God's glory.

This season, we must be spiritually attentive to know what Christ wishes to communicate to us through His Paschal Mystery. If we understand it, we will be in a position to partake in the glory of his resurrection. To achieve this, Paul advised us to: "Remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ" because he is "Our light and our help."



Peace be with you!
Maranatha!

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also: Get the Relevant Radio App!

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ST ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Saturday March 8, 2025
Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession- 3:30-4:00
Mass. 4:00
ROBERT CARL PETERSON RIP
5:00 Dinner in Graham Hall

Sunday March 9, 2025
Adoration 8:00-8:30
8:30- Mass
FOR OUR PARISH
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY
9:30- Breakfast in Graham Hall

Wednesday March 12, 2025
Adoration 4-5:00 pm
Confession 4:30- 5:00
5:00 - Mass

Thursday February 13, 2025
9:30 am Mass
OUTREACH

Saturday March 15, 2025
Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession- 3:30-4:00
MERT WANDREY RIP
Mass. 4:00
5:00 Dinner in Graham Hall

Ministry Schedule

March 15/16

	4:00 pm	8:30 am
Lector	Jim Spagnolo	Samuel Baird
Eucharistic Ministers	Ronnie Cupec Cathy Clayton	Monica Jicha Sondra Tersigni Casey Geer
Servers		John Hawco Haelic Van Neste Elden Van Neste Luke Van Neste
Ushers	(Both Collections)	1st Collection Altar Servers
	Jim Spagnolo Tom Sergio Tony Tersigni	2nd Collection Victor Ray Jicha 2 Volunteers
	2 Volunteers	

Dinner for March 15th
Please Join Us!



Prayer Requests

Please remember these persons during your personal prayer time this week.

Jim Winton
Danny Gutierrez
Linda McGraw
Cathy Correll
Elaine Garrett
Heidi Holland
Diane Barry
John Barry
Verne & Bernice Clapp
Clara Magushak
Arlene Ellis
Harry Dennis
Tony Lombardi
Nicholas Pippin
Chuck Pippin
Karen Norris
Pat Wilson
Diane Ashby

Please Pray for our R.C.I.A candidates and our catechumen who are studying and working toward coming into full communion with our Catholic church this Easter.

THEY ARE:
Matt Weaver- catechumen and
Zhenya & Daisey Tomarevsky- R.C.I.A. candidates

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ANN NOTHNAGLE
A FORMER MEMBER WHO LED OUR LITURGY COMMITTEE WAS ON PARISH COUNCIL & A LECTOR

Daily Readings

with Saints & Occasions

March 9-16

- 10 March, Monday
St. Dominic Salvo
1st Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18
Psalm: Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 15
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46
- 11 March, Tuesday
St. Genoa Galgani
1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11
Psalm: Psalms 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Gospel: Matthew 6: 7-15
- 12 March, Wednesday
Blessed Aniela Salawa
1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1-10
Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Gospel: Luke 11: 29-32
- 13 March, Thursday
St. Seraphina (Fina)
1st Reading: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm: Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Gospel: Luke 7: 7-12
- 14 March, Friday
St. Matilda- Day of Abstinence from Meat (14+)
1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 21-28
Psalm: Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Gospel: Matthew 5: 20-26
- 15 March, Saturday
St. Zachary
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19
Psalm: Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Gospel: Matthew 5: 43-48
- 16 March, Sunday
2nd Sunday of Lent- Blessed Torello
1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18
Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 or 3: 20 - 4: 1
Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36



K-8 grades Sundays at 10:00 am (after Mass and breakfast)

RCIA
11:00- 12:00
Young Adults (18 and older)
Sunday Eve at 6:30

High School Group
2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm
Graham Hall

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