

# Upcoming Events

## Lessons & Carols information Inside

Please see the  
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for the  
information on:  
the 1st annual  
FALL MARKET

## Religious Education class line-up

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

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

OCIA  
11:00- 12:00

The food pantry  
is now only open Wednesday  
and Friday  
9:00- 12:00

## Men's Bible Study Class News

The Men's bible class has  
been extended. It will  
continue to meet each  
Wednesday through  
November 19th from the  
end of Mass until 7:00 pm.  
We will then break from  
Nov 26 through Dec 31,  
and resume on Jan 7, 2026.  
All men of any age  
are welcome to attend  
at any time.



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## ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday November 9, 2025.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica- Feast

## Welcome to St. Andrew Church

### MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 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  
BY APPOINTMENTS



## Reflections

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

Our Community reaches out in prayer to the world.

According to a study, carried out in USA, the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is not in your car, or in the home or in the hospital but in church! Today we celebrate the dedication of the basilica of St John Lateran in Rome. Why celebrate the dedication of a church in faraway Rome, you may ask. It is to remind us of the importance of the church building as sacred space set apart for personal and collective encounter with God. Historically, the basilica of St John Lateran is the oldest Church of Rome and the highest ranking church in the world. As such it is the mother of all churches. When we celebrate its dedication to God, therefore, we celebrate the mystery of God's special presence and indwelling in buildings set apart for divine worship, including our own parish church. We know that God is everywhere. Yet when the people of God erect a building and dedicate it totally to God's service, God's glory comes to dwell in that building in such a way that the building can now be called the house of God. So, while we celebrate God's special indwelling in a temple, we must remind ourselves that God's presence is not confined in the temple. God is still everywhere, but shows His glory in a special way in some persons, places, and things. A temple or church is one such place. We know that God is everywhere. Yet when the people of God erect a building and dedicate it totally to God's service, God's glory comes to dwell in that building in such a way that the building can now be called the house of God. So, while we celebrate God's special indwelling in a temple, we must remind ourselves that God's presence is not confined in the temple. God is still everywhere, but shows His glory in a special way in some persons, places, and things. A temple or church is one such place. In earlier days, a temple, church or shrine was revered so much as to suggest that God dwelt exclusively in such places. People went to church, participated in service, received communion and went home without knowing who was sitting beside them in church. Our prayer was very private and the man or woman sitting next to you was rather seen as a distraction in one's intimate communion with God. Worshippers forgot that we are brothers and sisters, and that we come to church to worship God as family.

To help us realise this, the Vatican Council II introduced some changes in worship such as the priest facing the people at Mass and worshippers exchanging the sign of peace. However we must not lose the sense of the church as a sacred place, we need to hold on to those practices which remind us that God is present. How do we prepare ourselves for Mass? Do we sign ourselves with the Holy Water? Do we genuflect or bow to the altar or the tabernacle before taking our seat or before leaving the church? We gather as a Community to help each other to pray and hold our world before the Lord. Let us create a sense of stillness and reverence as we prepare to share in our public worship of God, by joining fully in the prayers and responses, the hymns and the times of quiet. Today we are asked to realise more fully the beauty of who we are and our calling to worship God together, as individuals and as families, in all that we say and do in our daily lives - today's celebration helps us to realise our prayer and worship reach out to the whole world as we honour Bishop Francis's Cathedral!

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



## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9: a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Telephone:  
(931) 264-4859  
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### Visit Our Website

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ads or announcements  
2 weeks ahead to:  
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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.



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:

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

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FIND IT EASY AT THE  
BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

Please like and Follow our  
church Facebook page:  
St Andrew Catholic Church- Sparta, TN

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

St. Andrew CC Outreach Ministry Co-Ordinator

As we closed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025, we were grateful for the amount of food we  
were able to distribute in White County to families needing assistance. On the  
reverse side of this page is a summary showing the number of food boxes that  
were distributed from 1/1/25 - 9/30/25. St. Andrew Outreach distributed  
77,996 lbs. of food that we received from partnering with 2<sup>nd</sup> HARVEST and also  
our local KFC.

This is a tremendous accomplishment for St. Andrew Outreach. Distributing 78K  
pounds of food takes the work of a team of dedicated and hard working  
volunteers.

- It begins with Cathy Randolph setting up the Partnership with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest, Daily Cathy is on the computer ordering nutritious food for our weekly order.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Truck brings our order to the Walmart parking lot on Thursdays. They are met by Jim Randolph and Tony Tersigni with their vehicles, each pulling a trailer.
- Once the order arrives at the Church then it's time to unload. Victor Vale, Mike & Annette Popa, Marcy Fleck, Hailey Mercier, Debi Donovan, Linda Pippin, Jim Spagnolo all help unloading the trailers and bringing the cases of food into the Hall.
- The cases of food are checked and put away in the pantry. Next comes the making of boxes to give to the clients as they sign in on Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition to the box of grocery items, they also receive frozen meats.
- Our additional volunteers who continue the process are: Cindy Brown, Debbie Tylka, Doris Grimes, Donnetta & Randy Hakman, Marilyn Lewis and Mary Swartz.
- Every Monday and Friday Marcy Fleck and Hailey Mercier pick up donations from KFC. After receiving they repack in order to distribute.

Our thanks to the Parishioners who support St. Andrew Outreach Ministry with their donations in our Second Weekly Collection. May God Bless all of our volunteers and donors for their continued support. With your help we are truly making a difference in so many lives in our White County Community.



"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.

## ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

**Wednesday November 12, 2025**

4:00-5:00 Adoration  
4:30-5:00 Confession  
5:00 Mass

**Thursday November 13, 2025**

9:30 Mass **FRANK ELLIOTT R.I.P.**

**Saturday November 15, 2025**

3:00-4:00 Adoration  
3:30-4 Confession  
4:00 Mass **ROSEANNA HASSETT  
SPECIAL INTENTION**

**Sunday November 16, 2025**

8:00- 8:30 Adoration  
8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**  
10:00 Religious Education

## Ministry Schedule November 15/16

Lector	Sondra Tersigni	Monica Jicha
EMOHC	Marleen Loff Cathy Clayton	Branton Ferris, Sondra Tersigni, Barbara LeBlanc
Altar Servers		Elden Van Neste, Haelic Van Neste, Luke Van Neste, John Hawco
Ushers	Jim Spagnolo, Vols, Knights	Ray Jicha, Don Baird Knights of Columbus



## November Anniversary **Daily Readings** with Saints & Occasions

Alan and Sue Hubbard



NOVEMBER 10-16

Monday November 10, 2025

Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor Obligatory Memorial  
First Reading: Wisdom 1: 1-7  
Psalm: Psalms 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10  
Alleluia: Philipians 2: 15d, 16a  
Gospel: Luke 17: 1-6

Tuesday November 11, 2025

Martin of Tours, Bishop Obligatory Memorial  
First Reading: Wisdom 2: 23 - 3: 9  
Psalm: Psalms 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19  
Alleluia: John 14: 23  
Gospel: Luke 17: 7-10

Wednesday November 12, 2025

Josephat, Bishop, Religious, Martyr Obligatory Memorial  
First Reading: Wisdom 6: 1-11  
Psalm: Psalms 82: 3-4, 6-7  
Alleluia: 1Thessalonians 5: 18  
Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

Thursday November 13, 2025

Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, Religious  
Obligatory Memorial  
First Reading: Wisdom 7: 22b - 8: 1  
Psalm: Psalms 119: 89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175  
Alleluia: John 15: 5  
Gospel: Luke 17: 20-25

Friday November 14, 2025

Ordinary Weekday  
First Reading: Wisdom 13: 1-9  
Psalm: Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5ab  
Alleluia: Luke 21: 28  
Gospel: Luke 17: 26-37

Saturday November 15, 2025

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/ Albert the Great,  
Bishop, Religious, Doctor  
First Reading: Wisdom 18: 14-16, 19: 6-9  
Psalm: Psalms 105: 2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Alleluia: 2Thessalonians 2: 14  
Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Sunday November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First Reading: Malachi 4: 1-2a  
Psalm: Psalms 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9  
Second Reading: 2Thessalonians 3: 7-12  
Alleluia: Luke 21: 28  
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

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## Prayer Requests

Jim Winton  
Danny Gutierrez  
Linda McGraw  
Roseanna Hassett  
Elaine Garrett  
Heidi Holland  
Diane Barry  
Verne & Bernice Clapp  
John Barry  
Clara Magushak  
Harry Dennis  
Karen Norris  
Pat Wilson  
Andrzej Konwinski  
Anita Borski  
Margaret Massa  
Anna Barry  
Dan Clayton



To add someone  
to the prayer list  
email the office at:  
parishcoordinator@standrewsparta.com

Names remain one month  
Unless notified otherwise

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



## ST ANDREW'S OUTREACH REPORT

ST. ANDREW OUTREACH MINISTRY  
3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2025 Y-T-D SUMMARY

1ST QUARTER	Start Date 01/01/25	End Date 03/31/25					
2ND HARVEST	FOOD COST	FRT. COST	TOTAL COST	FOOD LBS.	BOXES/#FAMILY	KFC DONATIONS	
10 ORDERS	\$1,239.36	\$650.00	\$1,889.36	21,732.	527/1,512	2,829.66 LBS.	
2ND QUARTER	Start Date 04/01/25	End Date 06/30/25					
2ND HARVEST	FOOD COST	FRT. COST	TOTAL COST	FOOD LBS.	BOXES/#FAMILY	KFC DONATIONS	
11 ORDERS	\$1,347.96	\$713.92	\$2,061.88	25,188	613/1,931	2,558.81 LBS.	
3RD QUARTER	Start Date 07/01/25	End Date 09/30/25					
2ND HARVEST	FOOD COST	FRT. COST	TOTAL COST	FOOD LBS.	BOXES/#FAMILY	KFC DONATIONS	
13 ORDERS	\$1,449.29	\$757.54	\$2,206.83	23,631	645/2,005	2,057.11 LBS.	
TOTALS	Start Date 01/01/25	End Date 09/30/25					
2ND HARVEST	FOOD COST	FRT. COST	TOTAL COST	FOOD LBS.	BOXES/#FAMILY	KFC DONATIONS	
34 ORDERS	\$4,036.61	\$2,121.46	\$6,158.07	70,551	1,785/3,648	7,445.58 LBS.	
			TOTAL #FOOD DISTRIBUTED: 77,996.58 LBS.				

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

Lessons &  
Carols  
DEC 5 at 6:00 pm  
Reception to Follow!  
WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR READERS!

## Thanksgiving Boxes



Now that we have reached the month of November, it's time to get serious  
about our giving to others, who are less fortunate.  
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked  
"TURKEY" to help defray the cost of a turkey or ham for our families! To be  
tax exempt you must put your name on it as well.  
Please do not purchase a turkey, as we have no  
freezer space to spare in Outreach.

These Thanksgiving Meals will be distributed on Monday, November 24th!  
Cathy

A list of other items to follow!



Each year we set an undecorated tree out  
before the first Sunday of Advent. After  
taking applications through our Outreach  
program in the Food Pantry, Angels are  
placed on that tree for our parishioners to  
select. This gives our church families a  
chance to choose an Angel or two for which  
their family can provide a \$25 wrapped gift.  
Details are provided, when the tree is set up.  
It is always such a Blessing to share those  
gifts with families, who truly need and  
appreciate them.

## Nativity Play News

Practices are as follows:

November 22,  
December 6, 13, & 20  
10:00 am-12:00 pm