RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH see or talk to: Elizabeth Bates, DRE (info page 2)

NO R.E. CLASSES Thanksgiving Weekend

Sundays through May of 2027
with Religious Ed from 10-11 am (kids)
OCIA from 11 to noon (adults)
These are preliminary times.
Religious Education and OCIA class times may change with changes in Mass times.

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Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study
is on break until Jan 6, 2027
We will begin Daniel, followed by Revelation.
Each session starts at 5:30 pm (or after Mass) and ends at 7:00 pm. All men of any age are welcome.

SATURDAY Adult Bible Study with JUDY ELLIOTT
Begins at 5:30 after a quick meal!
all are welcome.

HERBS/PLANTS

If you are successful in growing herbs and plants, then I am asking for your help. I need to collect some of the following: Thyme, Rosemary, Lavender, Lady's Bedstraw, Pennyroyal and Horehound. These were in the surrounding area of the cave where Jesus was born. Joseph and Mary used them to line the manger, and I would like to add them to the Christmas décor around the creche.
Text or call Judy Elliott @ 520-429-4581
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Sunday November 22, 2026 — *The Solemnity of Christ the King*



Let Christ The King Of The Universe Reign In Your Life

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

Reflections

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

The thirty-fourth Sunday of ordinary time marks the end of every liturgical Year. Most importantly, it is the solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 against the deadly influence of Secularism. The feast intends to proclaim Christ's royalty over all nations resoundingly and effectively.

In the first reading of today, the Lord, through prophet Ezekiel, reassures us of his continuous care for us: "I am going to look after my flock myself.. I shall be a true shepherd to them." One remarkable thing about this reading is that the personal pronoun "I" was employed nine times. First, this is to convey God's interest in his flock. Second, this was to prove his promises already fulfilled in Jesus Christ in our time.

In this reading also, God presented "the manifesto" of his reign to be headed by Christ. God's manifesto is different from those presented to us by politicians of our days: "free education, housing, medical care, transportation, low taxation, more jobs, high-income rates, etcetera." They never fulfill their promises before the end of their tenure in office.

In contrast, the manifesto of God is different because it is just and true. It is not a charity with a hook. This is because God is a faithful King: "God is not human, that he should lie. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (Nu 23, 19). Never!

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of Christ's kingship and reign. He will maintain his reign until He conquers death, our last enemy. Indeed, Christ accomplished a task that no other could accomplish through his death and resurrection. It was a total knockout.

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Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 a.m.
PLEASE BRING YOUR BREAD FOR A BLESSING!

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The Sacraments

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

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

Annointing of the Sick and Homebound
Please contact the Parish Office for information on our Ministry of Care.

Reconciliation
Father Emmanuel is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4 pm and on Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 5 pm.

Other confession times may be arranged directly with Father.

Welcome TO OUR CHURCH

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. 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 931-738-2140

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:
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There is a basket in the Narthex for donations of hygeine products for distribution in the Outreach program. Please add items as you see fit!

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

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

THE NEXT HOSTED MEALS ON DECEMBER 5 AND 6 , THEY WILL HOLD THEIR MEETING AFTER THE BREAKFAST ON DECEMBER 6.

The Knights of Columbus lead the rosary the 1st Saturday at 3:30 and the 2nd Sunday at 8:30.



Rosaries are recited on Saturdays, one half hour before Mass. When the Knights of Columbus are not leading the Rosary, all men and women who arrive have the opportunity to participate in a decade. Please check in and let us know if you would like to participate.

Virtues, Explained!



Confidence, in its virtuous aspect, describes the hope that man has in himself when he is under God's care and inviting the direction of the Holy Spirit. Its very name is derived from the Latin noun fides, which means faith.

Confidence is connected with the virtue of fortitude, but also with the virtue of hope, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, who quoted the Book of Job: "And you shall be secured, because there is hope; you shall look round you and lie down in safety" (Job 11:18).

It is confidence that Abraham exhibits when he petitions God to spare the righteous of Sodom (Genesis 18:25). Though he knows he is "only dust and ashes," Abraham has learned enough of the ways of God to be able to articulate them in prayer. This is the same confidence we have when we pray, entrusting our needs to God (1 John 5:14).

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"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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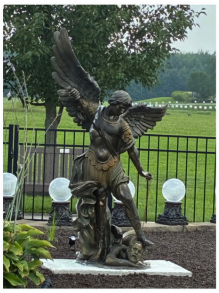
DECEMBER 13
6:00 P.M. RECEPTION OF
WINE, CHEESES, AND MORE **WITH**
NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO FOLLOW

Please join your fellow parishioners for a wonderful time of scripture and carols!

We have begun praying the the prayer to Saint Michael at the conclusion of Sunday Mass, and the vigil.. It is recited after the first verse of the closing hymm. Please stay for it!



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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN

St. Andrew's Moms' Group

MOTHERS OF LITTLES
PLEASE JOIN US
THURSDAYS AT 10 AM
TO JOIN THE GROUP ME
TEXT ANNA DODDS: 724-991-4431

WE ARE LOOKING FOR READERS FOR OUR LESSONS AND CAROLS

PLEASE SEE MONICA OR SONDRA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!

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He did it: "By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands, nailing it to the cross and by triumphing over them..." (Col 2, 14). He did it for our sake and the sake of his kingdom. So, we must abide with him, who shed his blood for us. We must be part of his kingdom. We owe him homage every day because He is the King of kings.

Today's gospel reminds us that Christ's reign is of justice. So, he will judge each according to his/her deeds. His kingdom will have no corruption, embezzlement, manipulation, or structural injustices. Instead, "He will judge among the nations, and they will reshape their swords as plowshares and their spears as pruning hooks. No nation will threaten another, nor will they train for war anymore" (Is 2, 4), and His scepter shall be peace and justice.

Where is Christ supposed to reign? Of course, first, in our hearts! So, it suffices to note that today's celebration would be meaningful only if we permit Christ to reign in our lives. If he reigns in every heart, then he reigns in our world. If he reigns there already, then rejoice and celebrate. If not, let us ask him to come in and reign today. He says, "I stand at the door waiting; if you open, I will come in to eat and dine with him" (Rev 3:20).

In conclusion, as we celebrate Christ the King of the universe today, let us permit him to be indeed in control of the kingdom of our heart because, as the "Bonus pastor," If we make Him the king of our lives, we shall lack nothing, and surely, his goodness and mercy shall follow us, all the days of our life. Indeed, we shall dwell peacefully in His palace.

Peace be with you!

Marantha



Blessing for Thanksgiving
Dear Lord,
We thank You for the gifts of the season.
We ask Your blessing upon this Thanksgiving meal.
Bless each of us gathered,
hold the prayers we carry within us,
anoint our conversations and company with Your light and hope.
Amen.

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The Angel Tree will be set up on Friday, Nov. 27th. Please take your angel from the tree and fill out the tab with your name and phone number. Then deposit your tab in the box provided. Secure your angel to your gift package ($ 25 limit) and place it back under the tree. Please have your gift returned by Friday, Dec. 18th so we can distribute them to the families on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Thank you for your support."

ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday November 21, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 400
4:00 Mass NGUYET NGUYEN R.I.P.

Sunday November 22, 2026

8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**
Religious Education Classes
10:00 OCIA 11:00

Wednesday November 25, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00
MASS 5:00
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-
IS ON BREAK UNTIL
THE 1ST WEDNESDAY IN 2027

Thursday November 26, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. **FOR THANKSGIVING**

Saturday November 28, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 400
4:00 Mass FOR OUR COUNTRY

Ministry Schedule

November 28/29

Marleen Loff

Nancy Helmer
Sondra Tersigni

Tony Tersigni
Vols, Knights

Bristol Faust



Branton Ferris
Barbara Leblanc
Monica Jicha

June Acharya
Taj Acharya
Lynnleigh Masters
Parker Masters

Ray Jicha Kevin Faust
Knights of Columbus

Month of the Holy Souls

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tyler & Samila Bruno - Nov 3
Tim & Jessica Brennison - Nov 14
Matt & Heather Weaver- Nov 14
Gene & Mary Grey - Nov 17
Kyle & Bethany Cullen - Nov 22
Chikezie & Mercy Emeghara- Nov 27

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alyssa Masters, Hannah Morris -1
Rosanne Stafford, Sophia Morris -2
John Dlugosz - 5
Robert Manthey- 7
Ronnie Cupec - 8
Robert McGraw - 9
Daisey Tomarevsky - 10
Anthony Campanari,
Jeffrey Smith - 11
Ken Guidara, Samila Bruno -13
Jim Wankel - 14
Brent Frank -17
Monica Jicha - 18
Lorie Frank, Kary Oleksik,
Sondra Tersigni, Chris Marinucci- 21
Margaret Hausauer, DeEtte Price - 24

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

CHARLOTTE MANTHEY R.I.P. -NOV 4
SAM NGUY R.I.P -NOV 7
JOHN PINSON R.I.P. -NOV 11
THELMA JUANITA PEACOCK GUMZ - NOV 12
ROSEANNA HASSETT R.I.P -NOV 14
ANTHONY FARMER SPECIAL INTENTION - NOV 19
NGUYET NGUYEN R.I.P. -NOV 21
FOR OUR COUNTRY - NOV 28

Daily Readings

with Saints & Occasions

November 23-29

Monday November 23, 2026
Clement I, Pope, Martyr/ Columban, Abbot, Missiona
Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest, Religious, Martyr
1st Reading: Revelation 14: 1-3, 4b-5
Psalm: Psalms 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Alleluia: Matthew 24: 42a, 44
Gospel: Luke 21: 1-4

Tuesday November 24, 2026
Andrew Dung-lac, Priest, Martyr, and Companions,
Martyrs Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: Revelation 14: 14-19
Psalm: Psalms 96: 10, 11-12, 13
Alleluia: Revelation 2: 10c
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday November 25, 2026
Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
1st Reading: Revelation 15: 1-4
Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
Alleluia: Revelation 2: 10c
Gospel: Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday November 26, 2026
Thanksgiving Day
1st Reading: Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a
Psalm: Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4, 5
Alleluia: Luke 21: 28
Gospel: Luke 21: 20-28

Friday November 27, 2026
Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Revelation 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2
Psalm: Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6a and 8a
Alleluia: Luke 21: 28
Gospel: Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday November 28, 2026
Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1st Reading: Revelation 22: 1-7
Psalm: Psalms 95: 1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
Alleluia: Luke 21: 36
Gospel: Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7
Psalm: Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
2nd Reading: : 1Corinthians 1: 3-9
Alleluia: Psalms 85: 8
Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Prayer Requests

**Mike Popa
Michele Honeeycutt
*Catherine Young
*Katie Charfauros
**Lois Gilbert
** Bill Swartz
**Heidi & Gary Holland
* Joan Kupiec
**Melissa Cupec
** Mark Marshall
**Heather Masters
**Heather Vandevender
Lezette Bruce
Jim Winton
**Danny Gutierrez
Art Gutierrez
Dean Wolf
Linda McGraw
Elaine Garrett
Diane & Tom Barry
John Barry
Verne & Bernice Clapp
Harry Dennis Karen Norris
Anna Barry
Maryann Kopke Margaret Massa
Christopher j. Scott
** Special Consideration, Please!

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

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