

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS
REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED**
if you missed it, contact
Elizabeth Bates (info page 2)

Classes Have Begun

Sundays through May of 2027
with Religious Ed from 10-11 am
OCIA from 11 to noon

These are preliminary times.
Religious Education and OCIA class times
may change with changes in Mass times.



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The Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries is the
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Nashville. Your support goes a long way in
providing resources for our many thriving ministries
in Middle Tennessee. Your 'yes' helps to bring
college students closer to Christ through University
Catholic, provides excellent formation to our
seminarians, creates opportunities for young
people to encounter Jesus in transformative ways,
helps meet the daily needs of our brothers and
sisters, and so much more. Through your generosity,
we are able to inspire faith and build a vibrant,
Christ-centered community for future generations.

Please help us to meet our goal!

Wednesday Night Men's Bible
Study with
DEACON STEVE

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.

PANTRY HOURS

Now Open from 9 am to noon
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday
(no Thursday due
to the delivery)



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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday September 20, 2026



God's Invitation and Love for all

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



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

The Twenty- Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections

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

On this 25th Sunday of ordinary time, we reflect on God's
unimaginable ways and love. This love is incalculable by any
human standard. Hence, the Church invites us to emulate this
love. All today's readings have one thing in common: God's
Love for us.

In the first reading, Isaiah invites us to "Seek the Lord while he
is to be found; call to him while he is near, and let the wicked
man abandon his way..." In this reading, we see a God who
expresses his love for his people. Despite our infidelity, we
also see a God who continues to search for us. A God who
cares and is ready to welcome us.

In the second reading, Paul expresses his love for God and
the Gospel. As Christians, often, we are pulled in two
directions. We all want to go to heaven, yet this life still
appeals to us. Paul had the same mixed feelings, too.
Although he believed he would soon be released from prison,
he knew he could fall victim to Nero's sword.

This created a conflict in him. He longed to be with Christ, for
that would be much better. However, he also wanted to live
because of his love for his brothers and children in the faith.
Hence, Paul's answer to life's most profound dilemma is, "To
live is Christ, and to die is gain." Love for Christ, the good
news, and our brethren must motivate all our actions. It must
be the source of our strength.

Through this, dying or living for God or our brethren will no
longer be a tragedy. Instead, it would be a witness to the
gospel. It would become an expression of our love for others.
Paul summarizes his reflection with the following instruction:
"Give up anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy
of the gospel of Christ."

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

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Visit Our Website

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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

Anointing 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.



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
931-738-2140

Please visit the parish website:

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

www.standrewsparta.com

FIND IT EASY AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE WEBSITE!

Please like and Follow our
church Facebook page:
St AndrewCatholicChurch-Sparta,TN

There is a basket
in the Narthex for
donations
of hygiene
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!

THEY ALSO HOST BREAKFAST THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
& DINNER THE SATURDAY BEFORE.
THE MEETING WILL FOLLOW
THE SUNDAY BREAKFAST.



THE NEXT HOSTED MEALS ARE
OCTOBER 3 & 4
WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW THE BREAKFAST



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



On days that the Rosary is not led by the
Knights of Columbus, Saturday's Rosary
will be led by others in attendance, so
arrive early with a rosary!



A Funeral Mass
for Pat Wilson
will be held on October 3
at 12:00
Please plan to
attend!

"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.



TAKE NOTE.

ALL VOLUNTEERS- Everyone who volunteers here at St. Andrew- is required by the diocese to complete an annual Safe Environment training.

All catechists, those involved with altar servers, food pantry volunteers, any one especially directly involved with youth or vulnerable adults, even our handyman!

VIRTUS® Online
virtusonline.org



It is a simple online series of videos that takes maybe an hour or two of your time, once a year. The module you're looking for is "Protecting God's Children."

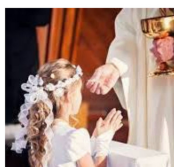
Also you may be prompted to do a simple background check once every FIVE years. Follow the prompts in Virtus.

Dos and Don'ts for Mass

1. Fast for 1 hour before communion (unless you are sick or elderly)
2. Come early. Sit and recollect yourself in silence. Stay for the duration!
3. No eating or chewing gum (Mass is sacred time)
4. Dress modestly (your body is God's temple)
5. Phones off (texts and calls can wait unless it is a real emergency)
6. Genuflect reverently when entering and leaving
7. Participate fully and pray with the church
8. Show reverence when receiving communion and pray in silence afterward
9. Be charitable. Do not distract others and help those who need help.
10. Spend a moment in thanksgiving after Mass. Do not be in a hurry.

The Mass is an encounter with God. Savor it!

Remember that Everyone gets a blessing at the end of Mass. It is a blessing worth waiting for.



A new trailer and truck have been purchased to simplify picking up and delivering the items from Second Harvest.



The new floor jack brings the pallets off the trailer and into the work area. This is why we don't have Outreach distribution on Thursdays!

Between these items, the gloves and the back braces We now have safe procedures for all our volunteers!



I. S. O.

Please talk to you child about serving as an altar server!

We are also looking to people to serve as a lector or a EMOHC Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Training is provided!

We have many people coming into our church. They are registered for the OCIA and so we are also on the look out for people who would like to be a mentor for incoming Catholics. You would his or her sponsor or Godparent.



Virtues Explained

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., II-II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday September 19, 2026

Adoration 3:00-4:00
Confession 3:30-4:00

4:00 Mass **CLARA MAGUSCHAK R.I.P.**

Sunday September 20, 2026

Adoration 8-8:30

8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**
Religious Education Classes
begin today at 10:00

Wednesday September 23, 2026

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

→ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- AFTER MASS OR ABOUT 5:30**

Thursday September 24, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. **CLARA MAGUSCHAK R.I.P.**

Saturday September 26, 2026

Adoration 3:00-4:00
Confession 3:30-4:00

4:00 Mass **MICHAEL BLACKBURN**
SPECIAL INTENTION

Ministry Schedule September 26/27

Marleen Loff

Nancy Helmer
Sondra Tersigni



Tony Tersigni
Vols, Knight

Bristol Faust

John Hawco
Monica Jicha
Sondra Tersigni

James Hudachek
Luke Hudachek
Sam Baird

Ray Jicha Ray Jicha
Knights of Columbus



Month of the Our Lady of Sorrows SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sep 5- Knights of Columbus Rosary 3:30

Sep 6 Knights of Columbus Rosary 8:00

Sep 12 Adult Bible Study Begins 5:30-6:30

Sep 13 Religious Education Classes Begin
Sept 13 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Knight of Columbus Meeting 10:00

Bible Study Classes

Men's Class - every Wednesday 5:30 or after Mass
Beginning Sept 12- Adult Every Saturday 5:30 - 6:30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon Steve & Mary AuBuchon Sept 7
Michael & Jordyn Tamez Sept 9
David & Cheryl Bresin Sept 9
Mark & Mary Cisilio Sept 15
James & Samantha Todaro Sept 18
Ron & Joan Heim Sept 22

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tim Brennon - 4 Michael Tamez - 5
David Bresin - 9
Elizabeth Vittitoe - 11
Branton Ferris - 12
James Hudachek - 13
Nathan Honeycutt - 14 ----- Bethany Cullen- 14
Fran Manthey - 17
Craig Kozeniesky - 20
Charles Todaro - 21
Marivic Hawco - 26
Katie Charfauros - 27
Lorraine Herel - 29

SEPTEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

KENT SORENSON R.I.P. SEPT 2
JAMES MITCHELL R.I.P. SEPT 16
PAT WILSON R.I.P. SEPT 17
CLARA MAGUSCHAK R.I.P. SEPT 19 & 24
MICHAEL BLACKBURN SPECIAL INTENTION SEPT 26

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions Prayer Requests

September 21-27

Monday September 21, 2026

Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist Feast
1st Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13
Psalm: Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5
Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

Tuesday September 22, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13
Psalm: Psalms 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
Alleluia: Luke 11: 28
Gospel: Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday September 23, 2026

Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: Proverbs 30: 5-9
Psalm: Psalms 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
Alleluia: Mark 1: 15
Gospel: Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday September 24, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11
Psalm: Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc
Alleluia: John 14: 6
Gospel: Luke 9: 7-9

Friday September 25, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11
Psalm: Psalms 144: 1b and 2abc, 3-4
Alleluia: Mark 10: 45
Gospel: Luke 9: 18-22

Saturday September 26, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/
Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 11: 9 - 12: 8
Psalm: Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Alleluia: 2 Timothy 1: 10
Gospel: Luke 9: 43b-45

Sunday September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28
Psalm: Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11
Alleluia: John 10: 27
Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

** Mike Blackburn

**Mike Popa

*Catherine Young

*Katie Charfauros

*Payton Newman

** Heidi Holland

* Joan Kupiec

Melissa Cupec Jim Winton

Danny Gutierrez Art Gutierrez

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