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)
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WILL YOU HELP A NEIGHBOR
If you are a social worker, please contact Judy Elliott, 529-429-4581 jroseelliott@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study with DEACON STEVE

SOON MOVING ON TO STUDY THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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
jroseelliott@gmail.com.

PANTRY HOURS

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

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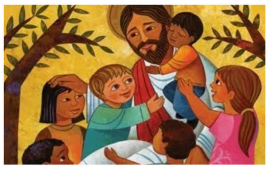
ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday November 15 2026

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Faithfulness to Christ our Head

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

As we come closer to the end of this liturgical year A, the church encourages us to remain faithful and dedicated to Christ our head. As good servants, we must be devoted to Him. Also, we must be ready to give Him a complete account of our talents.

Our first reading is from the book of Proverbs. In this reading, the virtuous woman radiates as a bright star. The term "virtuous" refers to strength, efficiency, or ability. Here, it refers to both spiritual and moral strength and the firmness of character (Ruth 3:11). So, she is virtuous because of the strength of her character and devotion.

The virtuous woman is good, faithful, and knows what to do to keep her family together. In addition, "she holds out her hand to the needy." Today, the virtuous woman symbolizes the Holy Mother Church, which prepares us adequately to meet Christ our Head. She prepares us through her constant teachings and charitable works. Hence, this is a call for us to emulate the qualities of a virtuous woman. We must be as faithful and devoted as she is to our callings and God's mission.

In the second reading, Paul presents to us a description of the conduct expected from a child of the light. He reminds us of the inevitable – The Lord's Day. According to him, one of the most significant characteristics of this "Day" is that it would be sudden: "It is when people are saying, 'how quiet and peaceful it is that the worst suddenly happens."

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

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9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

Telephone:
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Visit Our Website

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Robert "Bob" Graham
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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:
St AndrewCatholicChurch-Sparta,TN

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.

OUTREACH QUARTERLY REPORT

Over the last several months our newest Food Pantry Volunteers have stepped up, leaned in and helped our Ministry flourish and expand! Many of our newer processes, which have been put in place through trial and error, have increased our knowledge and made us a much stronger Team! Not only have each of them become indispensable, but as our Thursday delivery workload continues to increase due to need. They have each one leaned in to get the job done efficiently and effectively. I want to give a big shout out to some special people, Diana, Rebbecca, Jennie, Linda, Dee, Beth, Jim, Helene, Randy and Doris keeps our Room 1 stocked with dry goods and works all week packing the boxes full for our clients.
Three months ago, we had freezer space to spare, then Victor helped us get 2 more moved into place and we are running out of space already! Each week we are receiving 200# of potatoes, 100-150 # of sweet potatoes, 250# fresh green cabbage, 200# onions and last month we were giving out a lot of butternut squash.
Of course we can't forget to mention our original group of persons: Cindy, Marilyn, Mary, Annette and Diana, who work every Friday, which many times is our busiest day of the week! Victor generally is working four days per week with these others.
The numbers of persons, who have needed food from us during this period, tell their own story!

August	September	October
Families 175	Families 264.	Families 418
Persons 544	Persons 864	Persons 1000

We ask that you keep our Ministry of "Feeding the Hungry" in your prayers! As always, we appreciate your donations to Outreach, whether it goes in the 2nd collection, in the donation box in the Box just outside the kitchen or through online giving.
Did you know that our Cooks use what foods we receive in our weekly Thursday deliveries to prepare our weekend meals? Thank you, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for helping us make this possible. We need to show our appreciation to Barbara, Rebbecca and all of those Cooks, who make this possible. Additionally, our Knights, who cook for us the first weekend of the month! We are the beneficiaries of Miracles happening every weekend in our Kitchen!

"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.



Thanksgiving Turkeys



It is that time again! Please, if possible, will you help us give "turkey" to our Food Pantry Families?
Due to the number of persons we are assisting, space & construction, we are unable to give out holiday boxes this year.

Instead, as we receive any holiday foods from Second Harvest, they will immediately be given out to our families. Hopefully, since they are able to pick up 2 boxes per month they will be able to have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Beginning, Sunday, October 25th, you will be able to find envelopes marked "TURKEY" in the Narthex! Please use these or one you bring from home marked turkey for your donations. We truly appreciate your generosity in helping the less fortunate. Simply drop your envelopes in any collection basket! Questions may be directed to Victor or Cathy!



Names of Children are being collected for the Angel Tree

STAY TUNED

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In other words, Paul is simply encouraging us to be vigilant and active in our preparation for this day of the Lord. "Gregoreuo" is a Greek word that Paul employed to express the idea of a sleeping man that is always mentally alert. This state of mind is opposite to that of a person who is dead or unconsciously asleep. It is the position we should adopt as Christians while waiting for Christ.

Paul's call is a call to readiness and to live with eternity's values in mind. If we do, we will certainly enjoy a better life than those who compromise with the world. Therefore, we live like soldiers in active service (2 Ti 2. 4) and like the virtuous woman working to please her husband and children.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the parable of talent to remind us that we must be ready to render a good account of our talents. God has endowed each one of us with different talents. Each, according to our various capacities. So, as faithful servants, he expects us to render a good account of the "talents" we have received.

Jesus challenges us to be prudent and productive with our talents. Most importantly, he admonishes us to live in anticipation of His inevitable return. We must not wait for this return in idleness. Instead, we must be active and industrious with the talents we have received. So, we must use our talents to the glory of God.

As trustworthy servants, we should avoid indifference, apathy, licentiousness, sloth, and complacency toward our mission. These will not fetch us any reward from Christ. If we are faithful and productive with the talents we have received, Christ, our head, will also say to us: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Peace be with you all!

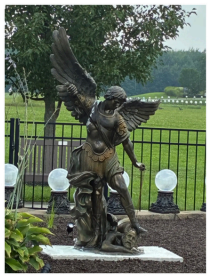
Maranatha!



Blessing for a Friendsgiving
Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these beautiful souls gathered! You have blessed us in our friendship with each other! May each of us deeply know Your generosity this evening, through rich food and drink, through company and conversation, through Your goodness and grace.
Amen.

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We have begun praying the the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel 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 IR YOU ARE INTERESTED!



Mike McCarthy & Don Baird prepare for their Veteran Day Presentation. Mike spoke on Veteran's Day itself and Don recited "In Flanders Fields."



ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday November 14, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 400
4:00 Mass ROSEANNA HASSETT R.I.P.

Sunday November 15, 2026

8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Religious Education Classes
10:00 OCIA 11:00

Wednesday November 18, 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 November 19, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. ANTHONY FARMER SPECIAL INTENTION

Saturday November 21, 2026

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

Ministry Schedule

November 21/22

Nancy Helmer

Sondra Tersigni
Ronnie Cupec †

Tony Tersigni
Vols, Knights

Mitchie Baird



Branton Ferris
Barbara Leblanc
Monica

James Hudachek
Luke Hudachek
Sam Baird

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

Daily Readings

with Saints & Occasions

November 16–22

Monday November 16, 2026
Margaret of Scotland, Married Woman/ Gertrude the Great, Virgin, Religious
1st Reading: Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5
Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Alleluia: John 8: 12
Gospel: Luke 18: 35-43

Tuesday November 17, 2026
Elizabeth of Hungary, Married Woman, Religious Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22
Psalm: Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Alleluia: 1John 4: 10b
Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday November 18, 2026
Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul/ Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin, Religious, Missionary - Ordinary
1st Reading: Revelation 4: 1-11
Psalm: Psalms 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Alleluia: John 15: 16
Gospel: Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday November 19, 2026
Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10
Psalm: Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Alleluia: Psalms 95: 8
Gospel: Luke 19: 41-44

Friday November 20, 2026
Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: Revelation 10: 8-11
Psalm: Psalms 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Alleluia: John 10: 27
Gospel: Luke 19: 45-48

Saturday November 21, 2026
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: Revelation 11: 4-12
Psalm: Psalms 144: 1, 2, 9-10
Alleluia: 2Timothy 1: 10
Gospel: Luke 20: 27-40

Sunday November 22, 2026
Christ the King Solemnity (Thirty-Fourth and Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6
2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
Alleluia: Mark 11: 9, 10
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Prayer Requests



**Mike Popa
*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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