

Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross
March 6th
and every Friday of Lent.
This week the
Stations are being
led by the Knights
of Columbus

MEATLESS SOUP after the
Stations of the Cross
THIS COMING FRIDAY

NO RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION MARCH 8

Religious Education class line-up

K-8 grades Sundays at 10:00 am
(after Mass/Breakfast)

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

OCIA
11:00- 12:00

THE FOOD PANTRY HOURS
WEDNESDAY &
FRIDAY
9 am TO noon



The Wednesday Night

Men's Bible Study
is
Going Strong!

Each session starts at 5:30
pm (or after Mass) and ends
at 7:00 pm. All men of any
age are welcome.

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The Second Sunday of Lent



MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 5:00 pm

Thursday 9:30 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

Sunday March 1, 2026

Reflections

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

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. Through his transfiguration, Christ reveals to us the glory that would be ours if we remain faithful and triumphant. He encourages us to be strong and courageous in our journey this season of Lent.

In the first reading, God made a Promise to Abraham and blessed him: "I will make you a great nation...I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you." What is the condition for these blessings to be fulfilled? Abraham had to respond to God's command and call effectively: "Leave your country for the land I will show you." In order words, his part of the covenant was to obey God's command by accepting his difficult mission.

We are usually very fast to claim Abraham's blessings and glory. This is good. However, it is essential to note that the necessary condition for claiming this blessing is obedience to God's will and response to his call and mission for us.

This is not easy. At times, it demands that one must leave behind something important. It may require one to do something extraordinary. In short, responding to the call must make you "leave" your comfort zone. This is the condition for receiving Abraham's blessing. It is for those who remain steadfast to God's will and obey his commands.

In the second reading, Paul encourages us to: "bear the hardship for the sake of the good news." It is the grace of God that sustains us to respond fully to our call. This grace which existed "before the beginning of time and creation," was revealed by the appearance of Jesus Christ. So, we must look up to this ancient grace, Christ, who has guaranteed our future glory through his death and resurrection.

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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
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 change of address or
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 from the parish,
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 weekly email newsletter and
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**Any parish
 members
 who wish to join
 the Knights are
 welcome to talk
 with any active
 member to sign
 up.**

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

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



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring breakfast

This weekend

Sunday, March 1,

with the monthly meeting to follow!

WE WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS



Welcome!
Bakewell
Family
They are;
Ethan,
Victoria
Aubrey and
Luca

DINNER SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28TH
BY VICTOR AND SONDR
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**LASAGNA AND SAUSAGE**  
**WITH MARINARA & SALAD**  
**DESSERTS ARE WELCOME**



"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.

Ethan and Victoria Bakewell - 2  
Dan and Cathy Clayton - 5

Joey Morris - 6  
Bristol Faust- Elizabeth Bates -10  
Angelica Munoz - 14  
Heidi Holland - 14  
Sam Baird - 26  
Joanne Morris - 27  
Hailey Mercier - 28  
Debi Donovan - 29  
Don Baird, Roenella Hornsby  
Lynnleigh Masters - 30



Mert Wandrey - R.I.P. 4th  
Michael Dendzel R.I.P. 5th  
James Hunter Special Intention 11th  
Sue Hubbard R.I.P. 12th  
Roger Bouton R.I.P. 18th  
Eugene Manthey R.I.P. 22nd  
Gerard Doherty R.I.P. 25 & 26 & 28th



Monday March 2, 2026

Lenten Weekday

First Reading: Daniel 9: 4b-10  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13  
Verse Before the Gospel: John 6: 63c, 68c  
Gospel: Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday March 3, 2026

Katharine Drexel, Virgin, Religious Founder

First Reading: Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
Verse Before the Gospel: Ezekiel 18: 31  
Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday March 4, 2026

Lenten Weekday/Casimir

1st Reading: Jeremiah 18: 18-20  
Psalm: Psalms 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16  
Verse Before the Gospel: John 8: 12  
Gospel: Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday March 5, 2026

Lenten Weekday

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10  
Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Verse Before the Gospel: Luke 8: 15  
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Friday March 6, 2026

Day of Abstinence from Meat (age 14 and up)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 21-28  
Psalm: Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Verse Before the Gospel: Ezekiel 18: 31  
Gospel: Matthew 5: 20-26

Saturday March 7, 2026

Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

1st Reading: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20  
Psalm: Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Verse Before the Gospel: Luke 15: 18  
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7  
Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17  
2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19  
Verse Before the Gospel: Matthew 4: 4b  
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



Cathy Randolph  
Katie Charfauros  
Payton Newman  
Jim Winton  
Danny Gutierrez  
Art 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

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



Saturday February 28, 2026

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

Sunday March 1, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30  
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH  
BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday March 4, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00  
CONFESSION: 4:30- 5:00  
MASS 5:00 MERT WANDREY R.I.P.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30



Thursday March 5, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. MICHAEL DZENDZEL R..P.

Ministry Schedule

March 7/8

Jim Spagnolo

Justin Acharya

Ronnie Cupec  
Sondra Tersigni

John Hawco, Victor Vale  
Casey Geer

Lynnleigh Masters, Parker, Masters  
Luke Hudachek, James Hudachek

Jim Spagnolo  
Vols, Knights

Barbara Leblanc, Victor Vale  
Knights of Columbus

YOUR YEAR END OUTREACH REPORT  
In case you missed it last week!

From the Desk of Marleen Loff, Co-Ordinator  
St. Andrew Catholic Church Outreach Ministry

As we close Year End 2025, we realize how blessed our Outreach Ministry is. We were able to distribute an incredible amount of food in White County and neighboring areas to families needing assistance. You can review on the Year End summary that show the number of food boxes that were distributed from 1/1/25 - 12/31/25, totaled 2,152 food boxes. St. Andrew Outreach received from partnering with 2nd HARVEST 85,698lbs. of food. Our thanks to our local Kentucky Fried Chicken who donated 9,531lbs. of food, giving us a total of 101,410lbs.

Included were 2 Grant Orders we received that provided us with an additional 2,152lbs. of food. Special thanks to John Rose who organized and paid for one of our grant orders. These Grant orders provided food to help us during the Government shut down. The grant orders included in the Year End Summary - our Outreach distributed a total of 101,410lbs. of food!

This is a tremendous accomplishment for St. Andrew Outreach distributing over 100 thousand pounds of food in 2025. This is only accomplished with the help of a team of dedicated and hardworking volunteers.

- It begins with Cathy Randolph, who set up the Partnership with 2nd Harvest. Cathy is on the computer daily ordering nutritious food for our weekly orders.
- The 2nd 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 Pops, Marcy Fleck, Hailey Mercier, Debi Donovan, Linda Pippin, and 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 to receive food on Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition to the box of grocery items, they also receive a variety of meats.
- Our additional volunteers who continue the process are: Cindy Brown, Debbie Tytko, Diana Mario, Donnetta & Randy Hakman, Doris Grimes, Marilyn Lewis and Mary Swartz.
- Every Monday and Friday Marcy Fleck and Hailey Mercier pick up the donations from KFC. They repackage and prepare for us to distribute.

Our thanks to the Parishioners who support St. Andrew Outreach Ministry with their donations in our 2nd 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.

IT IS BETTER  
TO GIVE!

YEAR END 2025 SUMMARY

| Start Date | End Date | 2ND HARVEST | FOOD COST  | FRT. COST  | TOTAL COST | FOOD LBS. | BOXES/#FAMILY | KFC LBS.      |
|------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 01/01/25   | 03/31/25 | 10 ORDERS   | \$1,229.36 | \$650.00   | \$1,899.36 | 21,732    | 5271/1,512    | 2,839.66 LBS. |
| 04/01/25   | 06/30/25 | 11 ORDERS   | \$1,347.96 | \$713.92   | \$2,061.88 | 25,188    | 6131/1,911    | 2,558.81 LBS. |
| 07/01/25   | 09/30/25 | 13 ORDERS   | \$1,449.29 | \$757.54   | \$2,206.83 | 23,631    | 6452/2,005    | 2,057.11 LBS. |
| 10/01/25   | 12/31/25 | 10 ORDERS   | \$1,171.80 | \$650.00   | \$1,821.80 | 21,328    | 4072/1,142    | 2,085.56 LBS. |
| 01/01/25   | 12/31/25 | TOTALS      | \$5,208.41 | \$2,771.46 | \$7,979.87 | 91,879    | 2,117/7,560   | 9,531.14 LBS. |

FOOD DISTRIBUTED 2025: 101,410LBS.

THANKS  
FOR GIVING!

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

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Today's gospel is on the Transfiguration of Christ. Through it, Christ reveals himself and his future glory to us. Most importantly, with the transfiguration, Christ reveals one of the constants of human life to us. There is no life without death, joy without pain, and regeneration without destruction. All take place at the same time. Hence, his future glory is for those who have washed pure in the blood of the Lamb. It is for those who have "suffered" for the sake of the good news (Rev 12:11). Peter's amazement and statement: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here." is interesting. However, he was wrong and was only human. No, it was not yet time to rest or enter the fullness of this glory. "A luta continua, vitória é certa" (The struggle continues, and victory is certain through Christ). The transfiguration drama reminds us that we shall be among the triumphant church if we work hard and remain faithful to God's call and command. This glory is only a glimpse of the future glory of our final destination.

So, to share in Christ's glory, we must first walk with him to Calvary. Also, if we want to share in Abraham's blessings and praise, we must instead be ready to "leave something" behind (Gen 12). If we want a double portion of Elijah's anointing and spirit, first, we must contend with and overcome the Jezebel and Ahab of our time (1 Kg 19). If we want the prophetic power and glory of Moses, first, we must struggle against and overcome the Pharaoh of this earthly kingdom (Ex 6: 13).

Today's glory should serve as the "activation energy" that motivates us to walk toward our final destination. The journey is not yet over, and honestly, not easy. However, Christ is with us. So, He encourages and tells us: "Do not be afraid!"

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!

Virtues, Explained!



Love. Joy. Anger. Desire. Fear.

These are just a few of what are called the "passions" of humankind, and in order to understand self-control, we must first understand the passions. Our passions are neither good nor bad - it's all in how we interact with them.

Enter the virtue of self-control.

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Passions only become problematic when we allow them to control us. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

"When regulated by reason, and subjected to the control of the will, the passions may be considered good and used as means of acquiring and exercising virtue," we read in The Catholic Encyclopedia. "The sensitive is given to man by God, and therefore its acts have to be employed in His service."

In your goodness Lord, bless us.  
Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts.  
Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance.  
Help us remember what You have done, and look forward to what You will do.  
Amen.