

Upcoming Events

**Chili dinner &
Bingo Fundraiser
February 7
Details inside**

**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
BACK IN PROGRESS
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 (or
Communion service) and
ends at 7:00 pm. All men of
any age are welcome.



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**ST.
ANDREW**
CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday February 1, 2026

Reflection's

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



On this fourth Sunday of ordinary time, the church reminds us of the important fact that God delights in the humble. He draws near them, gathers them to himself, and blesses them. He looks at the meek and lowly and fills them with his wisdom, virtue, and the holiness of Christ. Therefore, only in God do the humble and the righteous depend on and boast.

In the first reading from the book of Zephaniah, God promises to preserve a remnant for Israel. However, one remarkable thing about this promise is that this group would be made up of only humble and lowly people. Through the church, God has invited us to form part of these humble people that put their confidence in Him. He invites us to be part of this remnant through integrity, honesty, humility, and obedience to God. We sometimes try to resist this prestigious rest to which God has invited us. This is because we often think we can get it only with money, fame, and power. Let us not deceive ourselves but continue to follow the permanent values that radiate from the person and life of Jesus Christ.

In our second reading, Paul reminds us that God delights in the humble heart. Although He does not discriminate, he often chooses the lowly and poor in spirit. So, Paul encourages us not to be ashamed of the Christian community because of its composition of members of little human wisdom, intelligence, power, and material wealth. Most of our communities are made up of the poor of the world. This is the will of God manifested in Christ Jesus and testified in the rest of the revelation.

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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday January 31, 2026

4:00 Mass KATHERINE MANTHEY, R.I.P.
RONALD MANTHEY, R.I.P.

NO ADORATION OR CONFESSION

Sunday February 1, 2026

NO ADORATION IN JANUARY
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Wednesday February 4, 2026

COMMUNION SERVICE- 5:00
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30

NO ADORATION OR CONFESSION

Thursday February 5, 2026

COMMUNION SERVICE- 9:30 a.m.

Month of the Passion of the Lord

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

 Tony and Sondra Tersigni 4th

Birthdays



Cathy Clayton 1st
Terri Sergio 9th
Carole McLeod 11th
Marcisa Geer 19th
Jordyn Tamez 21st
Janice Clement 22nd

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY

Mary Tersigni R.I.P. 7th
Vincent 12th
Walter Manthey R.I.P. 14th
Anna Tersigni R.I.P. 18th
Vera Bouton R.I.P. 21st
Theresa Tersigni R.I.P. 25th
Audrey and Steve Stevens R.I.P. 28th



Ministry Schedule

February 7/8

Jim Spa	Monica Jicha
Jim Spa Sondra Tersigni	Branton Ferris, Sondra Tersigni Barbara Leblanc
Jim Spa, Vols, Knights	John Hawco, Luke Hudacheck James Hudacheck, Samuel Baird Ray Jicha, Don Baird Knights of Columbus

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions Prayer Requests

February 2-8

Monday February 2, 2026

Presentation of the Lord Feast

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm: Psalms 24: 7, 8, 9, 10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Alleluia: Luke 2: 32

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 or Luke 2: 22-32

Tuesday February 3, 2026

Blaise, Bishop, Martyr/ Ansgar, Bishop, Missionary

First Reading: Second Samuel 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25a, 30 - 19: 3

Psalm: Psalms 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Alleluia: Matthew 8: 17

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

Wednesday February 4, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

First Reading: Second Samuel 24: 2, 9-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7

Alleluia: John 10: 27

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

Thursday February 5, 2026

Agatha, Virgin, Martyr Obligatory Memorial

First Reading: 1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12

Psalm: 1 Chronicles 29: 10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd

Alleluia: Mark 1: 15

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Friday February 6, 2026

Paul Miki, Priest, Martyr, and Companions,

Martyrs Obligatory Memorial

First Reading: Sirach 47: 2-11

Psalm: Psalms 18: 31, 47 and 50, 51

Alleluia: Luke 8: 15

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

Saturday February 7, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 4-13

Psalm: Psalms 119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Alleluia: John 10: 27

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

Sunday February 8, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

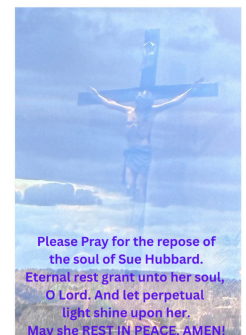
Psalm: Psalms 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Alleluia: John 8: 12

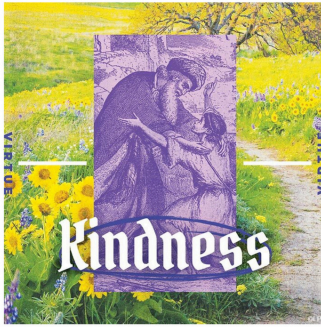
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Katie Charfauros
Payton Newman
Jim Winton
Janny Gutierrez
Art Gutierrez
Linda McGraw
oseanna 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



Please Pray for the repose of
the soul of Sue Hubbard.
Eternal rest grant unto her soul,
O Lord. And let perpetual
light shine upon her.
May she REST IN PEACE. AMEN!

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VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

IN THE MODERN LEXICON, THE QUALITY OF "KINDNESS" IS OFTEN EQUATED WITH POLITENESS. BUT REAL, VIRTUOUS KINDNESS IS SO MUCH MORE. VIRTUOUS KINDNESS IS A WAY OF SEEING OTHERS THROUGH THE EYES OF GOD.

GOD IS NOT POLITE. - GOD IS KIND, AND HIS KINDNESS IS ABUNDANTLY EVIDENT IN ALL OF CREATION. IT WAS SUSPICION OF THIS DIVINE KINDNESS THAT PRECIPITATED THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE (CCC 274), AND IT WAS THIS UNFAILING KINDNESS THAT FACILITATED OUR OWN ADOPTION AS GOD'S CHILDREN, CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON (CCC 257).

ALSO KNOWN AS BENEVOLENCE OR BENEFICENCE AND DERIVED FROM THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUE OF CHARITY, KINDNESS IS A FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (GALATIANS 5:22) AND IS A CENTRAL THEME IN THE FAMOUS PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. IN PRACTICING KINDNESS AND SEEKING THE GOOD OF ANOTHER WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR CONDITION, THE SAMARITAN REFLECTS GOD'S OWN PLAN OF LOVING KINDNESS FOR US.

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9: a.m. - 12 p.m.

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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.

**HALTED IN
JANUARY**



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)
931-738-2140

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
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**Any parish
members
who wish to join
the Knights are
welcome to talk
with any active
member to sign
up.**

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Hence, Paul reminds us that God called us to form part of the remnant even when we were not wise in the ordinary sense of the world. He did this to realize His Plan. He did not choose us because we were wise or rich. Instead, He chose us because of our lowliness. Through this, God has become our wisdom, virtue, and holiness. These are the qualities he really desires in his people. All those who have these are blessed.

The gospel of today is from the sermon on the mountain. Christ recounts and reminds us of the most important Christian virtues that will help us become part of this remnant God promises to elect for himself in our first reading. If we meditate on this, we will see that the poor in spirit, that is, those who suffer, those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty for justice, those who work for peace, the merciful, the pure in heart, the insulted and persecuted are living a voluntarily stripped life that draws them closer to God.

They are the living blessedness we see in the saints of all times. Saint Francis was stripped in poverty, saint Ignatius in obedience, saint Augustine preferred the love of God, saint Thomas Aquinas embraced the wisdom of God, and saint Theresa of Avila soaked herself in prayer. These and other saints are reflections of the same Christ. They are blessed. Today the church reminds us that we could also be part of them if we persevere. Today, they are the full members of the remnants of God's eternal kingdom. They pray and wait for us to join them. "How happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God."

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!



Below are:
Annette and Marcelo Gallardo
with Father James.



Above- The Hagey Family and friends:
Peter, Tommy, Father Tran,
Margaret, Emma Claire, and Leo.

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

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THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



The Rosary will be led
by the
Knights of Columbus
NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday, February 7 at 3:30
Sunday, February 8 at 8:00



ST ANDREW'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**CHILI
COOK-OFF
& BINGO**



Bring a Prize worth \$10 or more
& eat Free! (Must be New)

\$10 includes Chili dinner, and a Bingo Card
(9 chances to win a prize). \$2 for an extra
Bingo Card

Saturday, Feb. 7th, 2026. 5pm

The Knights of
Columbus are
sponsoring
breakfast
Sunday,
February 1,
with the
monthly
meeting to
follow!



"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.

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