

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH
see or talk to:
Elizabeth Bates, DRE (info page 2)
Classes Have Begun
but it is NOT too late!
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
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If you are a social worker, please contact
Judy Elliott, 529-429-4581
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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.

PANTRY HOURS

Now Open from 9 am to noon
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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday October 25, 2026



Love: The Vertical and
Horizontal Dimensions

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 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflections

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

Today is the thirtieth Sunday of ordinary time. Today, the church reminds us of the most important theological virtue, love. Most especially, Jesus gives us the two dimensions of love. The vertical love of God and the horizontal love of neighbor. When these are perfectly lived, a Christian can conveniently say, I have lived well.

In the first reading of today, through Moses, God warns us: "You must not oppress the stranger or molest him...not be harsh with the widow or with orphans." Of course, God reminds us that such acts would attract his wrath upon the oppressor. Therefore, the lesson here is that we must treat others justly and with love. God hates oppression and injustice, especially against the weak, the poor, and the defenseless.

In the second reading, Paul reminds the Thessalonians community of their former status as pagans and how they were liberated through the power of the good news. Their liberation was a sign of God's love for them. Their acceptance of the good news was equally a sign of their love for God. Thus, Paul praised their effort and encouraged them to endure in love until the coming of the Lord.

In today's gospel, the Pharisees posed Christ another "difficult" question: "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" As usual, this was in order to test him. A close look at Jesus' response today reveals that Jesus presents us with the vertical dimension of love: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul..." It is important to note that to love God with one's body and soul requires a lot of sacrifice and humility. To love God is an essential prerequisite for being like him.



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PARISH INFORMATION

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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.
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
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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!

As you probably heard, the Knights of Columbus
bowed out of the Lester Platt celebration,
due to weather concerns. Plans are in the works to
get the lumpia out to all!



THE NEXT HOSTED MEALS ARE NEXT
WEEKEND,
OCT 31 & NOVEMBER 1
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!



LET'S GET READY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY!

We will be collecting names of those who have passed in
the past year, or thereabouts.

Please send names to:

Sondra Tersigni at: bulletinsacc@gmail.com
or text her at: 931-256-0803

The list will be on the altar throughout all of November.



ALSO



if you are having a Mass said for someone,
please email the office with the information
that you put on the form. I say this because
some names are hard to read and we want to
be sure that they are spelled correctly.

"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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Sherry and Sondra at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, In Chattanooga.



Beginning the weekend of October 24 and 25, the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel will be recited after the first verse of the closing hymn. Please stay for it!

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by Sondra Tersigni
Servants of Mary Shrine,
Windsor, Ohio

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

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The second dimension of love is horizontal. "You must love your neighbor as yourself?" This is more difficult than the first. This is because we neglect and take it for granted. This is by thinking that we can love God alone without loving our neighbors.

Hence, Christ reminds us that: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1Jn 4, 20). So, the best way of expressing our love for God is through our neighbors. We must affect others positively in order to love God well.

Therefore, in talking about love, the charity must begin at home, with your neighbor, your friends, and those around you. Saint Augustine admonishes us: "Love and do whatever you will. Whether you hold your peace, through love, hold your peace; whether you cry out, through love cry out; whether you correct, through love correct; whether you spare, through love you must spare. Let the root of love be within. Of this root, can nothing spring but what is good." This is right because it is through our neighbors that we worship and love God. When we find God, we find our peace and love.

Finally, those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well too. The value of one's life is measured by the lives it touched positively. So, with the psalmist, let us proclaim: "I love you, Lord, my strength."

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!

MINISTERS IN SERVICE TO THE LORD ... WE NEED:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers

For Saturday, 4:00pm mass, contact

Sondra Tersigni, 931-256-0803, spartatn147@gmail.com

For Sunday, 8:00am mass, contact

Monica Jicha, 931-267-7747, doghousemom@benlomand.net

Can you say YES to working in the vineyard of the Lord? Matt. 21:28-32

Blessing for Harvest
Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known. Your pruning be sure. Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness.
Amen.
(CLPI)



Virtues Explained

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit which sustains moral life.

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PRAYER FOR FAVOR

Eternal Father, You alone grant us every blessing in Heaven and on earth, through the redemptive mission of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and by the working of the Holy Spirit. If it be according to Your Will, glorify Your servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, by granting the favor I now request through his prayerful intercession (intention your request here)

I make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN

ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday October 24, 2026

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

4:00 Mass **MARIE WANDREY R.I.P.**

Sunday October 25, 2026

8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**

Religious Education Classes
10:00 OCIA 11:00

Wednesday October 28, 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 October 29, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m. **MIKE HASSETT SPECIAL INTENTION**

Saturday October 31, 2026

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

4:00 Mass

Ministry Schedule

October 31/ November 1

Sondra Tersigni

Joanne Morris

Ronnie Cupec
Cathy Clayton

Branton Ferris
Barbara Leblanc
Monica Jicha



Tony Tersigni
Vols, Knights

Luke Hudachec
James Hudachec
Sam Baird

Ray Jicha Kevin Faust
Knights of Columbus

Month of the Holy Rosary OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Bob & Linda McGraw, Oct 1
Joseph & Diane Buccilli Oct 6
Michael & Barbara McCarthy Oct 12
Shannon & Katie Charfouros Oct 13
Jonathan & Clair Srour Oct 21

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Amy Flach - 2
Victor Vale - 6
John Blumer -6
Linda Wankel -9
Diane Buccilli -10
Anthony Helmer -10
Andrew Gauvin -14
Mary Grey -14
William Swartz -16
Kevin Faust -17
Joe Buccilli -17
Marcy Fleck -19
Jon Hoagland -19
Diana Mario -19
Laureen Santini -20
Nick Troutman -20
Bryan Helm -20
Doris Grimes -21
Chickeze Emeghara 22
Eugene Gray -26
Margaret Cullen -31



OCTOBER MASS INTENTIONS

Clara Maguschak R.I.P. - October 1, 8, 15
Margaret Alameda - Special Intention - October 10
Susan Boutin R.I.P. October 21
Mel Goggins R.I.P. October 22
Marie Wandrey R.I.P. October 24
Mike Hassett Special Intention - October 29

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions Prayer Requests October 19-25

Monday, October 26, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Ephesians 4: 32 - 5: 8
Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Alleluia: John 17: 17b, 17a
Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Ephesians 2: 12-22
Psalm: Psalms 85: 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Alleluia: Luke 21: 36
Gospel: Luke 12: 35-38

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Simon and Jude, Apostles Feast

1st Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22
Psalm: Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5
Gospel: Luke 6: 12-16

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20
Psalm: Psalms 144: 1b, 2, 9-10
Alleluia: Luke 19: 38; 2:14
Gospel: Luke 13: 31-35

Friday, October 30, 2026

Ordinary Weekday

1st Reading: Philipians 1: 1-11
Psalm: Psalms 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Alleluia: John 10: 27
Gospel: Luke 14: 1-6

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Philipians 1: 18b-26
Psalm: Psalms 42: 2, 3, 5cdef
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 29ab
Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-11

Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saints

1st Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
Psalm: Psalms 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
2nd Reading: 1John 3: 1-3
Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

****Mike Popa**
***Catherine Young**
***Katie Charfauros**
****Lois Gilbert**
***Payton Newman**
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Danny Gutierrez Art Gutierrez
Linda McGraw Elaine Garrett
Diane & Tom Barry
John Barry
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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