

Church Activities and Holy Days

Church Activities	February 1 and 2	The Holy Rosary	30 minutes prior to Mass
	Jan 11 after dinner	First Adult Bible Study	
	Jan 25	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	after the 4:00 Mass
	Knights of Columbus	February 5 after	February Chapter Mtg 5:00 Mass

Adult Bible Study begins this Saturday 5:30

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Please extend your appreciation to Save a Lot, Kentucky Fried Chicken & Publix for their contributions to the St. Andrew Outreach.

Please see inside for our report on the year as an outreach team!

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Nick Prall has offered our parish a referral bonus of \$200 each time someone calls, chooses to use them, and mentions St. Andrew Church.

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ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH



829 Valley View Dr. Sparta TN. 38583

Sunday January 19, 2025

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE ON TEMPORARY HOLD

CONFESSION TIMES

CONFESSION IS ON TEMPORARY HOLD

ADORATION TIMES

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FILL THE JARS WITH WATER- John 2:7

Reflections

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

Today is the second Sunday of ordinary time, year C. On this Sunday, we rejoice in God who never abandoned us. He allowed his son to come to our aide. He also blessed us with different gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that we could participate in the ministry of Christ.

The first reading of this Sunday is from "third Isaiah." Through prophet Isaiah, God assures us of his willingness to continue to protect us, his people. Therefore, it is a message of hope and restoration. So, God reminds us today that he has not abandoned us.

The tone here is very romantic and reminds us of how much God loves and cares for us. So, like a man or woman who vowed to protect his beloved, God vowed to save us at all cost: "About Zion, I will not be silent. About Jerusalem, I will not grow weary until her salvation flames like a torch." The reason is simple. We are his chosen ones.

So, Isaiah exalts us today that God is ready to sacrifice anything for our sake and salvation. This is exactly what he has done by sending us his only son Jesus Christ in order to accomplish this mission.

Also, in our second reading today, Paul reminds us that because of his love for us, God has generously endowed us with gifts. In other words, God did not stop at sending us his only son, He also anointed us with the same spirit with which he anointed Christ.



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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am English

Weekday Masses:

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ADORATION

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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) 264-4859

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) 264-4859.

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 Andrew Catholic Church Sparta TN



SAY CHEESE!
SIGN UP FOR YOUR PHOTO OPP!



THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

The Knights lead the Rosary before mass on the month's first weekend. The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before the Mass Saturday Vigil and the Sunday morning Mass.

Saturday, Feb 1 @ 3:30pm

Sunday, Feb 2 @ 7:30am

Next meeting: Feb 5, 2025 after the 5:00 Mass

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

Knights Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser
Jan 25th following the 4:00 Mass.
The cost is \$10 a plate. Under 12 eat free.
Comes with bread, salad, beverages and desserts!



January 25, 2025
Just After the 4:00 pm Mass in Graham Hall

Please join us at the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



with Table Service

\$10 per person
12 & under eat free

price includes: spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and desserts.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS SATURDAY, IN THE HALL 5:30

If you aren't Registered, you are still welcome.

UPCOMING PICTORAL DIRECTORY

The dates for picture taking are:
Feb 13 from 2- 8:30, Feb 14 from 2- 8:30;
Feb 15 from 10- 4

The best part is that you will receive a complimentary 8 by 10 portrait and a church directory. You will see the pictures right away and you will be able to order.

Sign up after Mass. Questions?
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"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.

SHARING OUR RESOURCES

From the Desk of Marleen Loff:

As we close out 2024, we have much to be thankful for the blessings and growth of St. Andrew's Catholic Church Outreach Ministry Program. We work with 2nd Harvest Food Bank, whose Mission Statement is, "To nourish and empower people so they can thrive". In 2024 we received from 2nd Harvest of Nashville 10 orders - total cost including freight = \$1,678.69.

These orders provided 17,338 pounds of nourishing food that were distributed to those in need in our community.

We have now been blessed with FDC, Food Donation Connection. This is an approved program that encourages local restaurants to donate their surplus food to local non-profit organizations that feed those in need. St. Andrew's Outreach Ministry has been awarded to receive KFC of Sparta, Kentucky Fried Chicken, surplus food. From 12/13/24-12/31/24 we have already received 657.7 pounds. This food along with the 2nd Harvest food is distributed to those in need in our community 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am to noon.

Should you or someone you know be in need of food, The Outreach Ministry of St. Andrew's CC is here to help. We wish to welcome all that maybe in a position of needing "a hand up". Parishioners may reach out to me and I will have a prepared food box for them to pick up after Mass, on Saturdays. Please continue to pray for our Ministry and Volunteers who work hard in doing Our Lord's work - Feeding Those In Need. God Bless you.

Please keep in mind that the second collection at the Masses are always for the OUTREACH, unless noted otherwise.

Reflections

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Paul equally reminds us that the gifts that we have received comes from the same Holy Spirit. They are given to us for a purpose. That is, in order to participate in Christ's mission. They are for the edification and growth of the church of Christ. They are given to us generously. So, we must also use them generously, sincerely and cheerfully in serving the church.

Today's gospel from John is centered on the first miracle of Jesus Christ. This miracle was a product of Christ's generosity. Although, it was not yet time for Christ to commence his public ministry, he generously accepted to help out with his gift of miracle. Through this, Christ taught us that we should use our gifts for the good and growth of God's people.

Also, another important lesson we should learn from today's gospel is the role the Blessed Virgin Mary played in this miracle. She had the gift of intercession. She knew that her son will not refuse her anything good. So, she interceded on behalf of her people. The only price she demanded was their obedience to the commands of Christ.

She did not need to demand for anything more than this, because, she knew that her gift of intercession and position as the Mother of Christ was a free gift from God for the edification of her people. Therefore, by using her position and gift of intercession very well, Mary participated effectively in the mission and ministry of Christ.

Finally, today we are called to emulate both the example of Christ and Mary who used their gifts for the growth and edification of the people of God. Also, we must constantly ask Our Lady for her intercession as those at the wedding feast did. Most importantly, we must be ready to take her advice: "Do whatever He tells you to do!"

Peace be with you!

Maranatha!



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OUR GUEST PRIESTS AT WORK!



FATHER JAMES



FATHER JERRY

ST ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Sunday January 19, 2025

8:30 - Mass

FOR OUR PARISH

9:30 - Breakfast in Graham Hall

10:00 - Religious Education

Thursday January 23, 2025

OUTREACH

NO WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday January 25, 2025

Mass. 4:00

Spaghetti Dinner in Graham Hall

Adult Bible Study:

Meet in the hall about 6:00

(THIS TIME ONLY)



K-8 grades Sundays at 10:00 am (after Mass and breakfast)

RCIA

11:00 - 12:00

Young Adults (18 and older)

Sunday Eve at 6:30

High School Group
2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm
Graham Hall

Ministry Schedule

January 25/26

4:00 pm

8:30 am

Lector Marleen Loff
Eucharistic Ministers Cathy Clayton
Ronnie Cupec

Servers

Ushers (Both Collections)

Jim Spagnolo
Tom Sergio
2 Volunteers

Justin Acharya
Barbara Leblanc
Victor Vale
Branton Ferris
Lynnleigh Masters
Parker Masters
June Acharya
Candice Adare

Don Baird
Ray Jicha

Dinner for January 25th

Please Join Us!



Prayer Requests

Please remember these persons during your personal prayer time this week.

Danny Gutierrez
Art Gutierrez
Linda McGraw
Cathy Correll
Elaine Garrett
Heidi Holland
Diane Barry
Verne & Bernice Clapp
John Barry
Clara Magushak
Arlene Ellis
Harry Dennis
Tony Lombardi
Pat Wilson
Pam Pescevic

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED! MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

January 20-26

20 January 2025, Monday.

Fabian, Pope, Martyr/ Sebastian, Martyr

1st Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Psalm: Ps 97: 1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

21 January 2025, Tuesday

Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Hebrews 6: 10-20

Psalm: Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c

Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

22 January 2025, Wednesday

Day of Prayer For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17

Psalm: Ps 110: 1, 2, 3, 4

Gospel: Mark 3: 1-6

23 January 2025, Thursday

Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr/ Marianne Cope, Virgin

1st Reading: Hebrews 7: 25 - 8: 6

Psalm: Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Gospel: Mark 3: 7-12

24 January 2025, Friday

Francis De Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder, Doctor Obligatory Memorial

1st Reading: Hebrews 8: 6-13

Psalm: Ps 85: 8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Gospel: Mark 3: 13-19

25 January 2025, Saturday

Conversion of Paul, Apostle Feast

1st Reading: Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22

Ps: Ps 117: 1bc, 2

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-18

26 January 2025, Sunday

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15

2nd Reading: 1Corin 12: 12-30 or 1Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

