

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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Lexington, TN 38351

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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 AM

Sunday 9:00 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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**Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours:** 731-968-7944

## St Regina Catholic Church

108 Skyline Lane

Parsons, TN 38363

Phone: 731-847-2054

**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 11:00 AM

**Weekdays:** Wednesday 5:00 pm

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

**Office Hours:** Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Email:** saintreginaTN@gmail.com

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**Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours:** 731-968-7944

## Staff

**Parochial Administrator:** Father Anthony Onyekwe

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**St Regina: Secretary:** Pat Humble

**Financial Secretary for both Parishes:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**DRE for St Andrew:** Lois Freeland

**DRE for St Regina:** Christina Hammond

**Maintenance and Grounds for St Andrew:** Joey Wall

**Maintenance and Grounds for St Regina:** Jim Molitor



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023





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## Mass Intentions

February 19th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

February 26th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### Prayer for Family and Friends

Loving God, hear this prayer,

which I offer on behalf of my family and friends.

Keep them safe in your care.

When they are in trouble, be with them.

When they despair, bring them hope.

When they are joyful, help them share their happiness.

Help us all to realize that we are your sons and daughters

and that you love us more than we can imagine. Amen.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

February 12th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$2027
Bldg.	\$20
Over	\$211

## Liturgical Ministers

February 26th:

Lector: Lois Freeland

Server:

Eucharistic Minister:

Sacristans:

Altar Linens: Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

Ushers: Men of the Parish

### DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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### THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous

### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Chuck Amrhein, Cathy Amrhein, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness, Jeanette Thiele

#### Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk, Joe Wall

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Ceren James, Sunny Maness, John Henry Maness, Glen Melton, Fr Robert Ponticello, Park Mi Kung, Na Song Ae



AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE  
PRESENTED BY JOURNAL EDITORS FOR THE FOOD BLOG

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY  
GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAYS IN LENT

WHO

CATHOLICS 14+ ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-59 ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

### Mass Schedule



Monday: 9:00 am  
Ash Wednesday: 11:30am  
Thursday: 9:00 am  
Friday: 11.30 am  
Sunday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am

### Coming Events

Office closed Monday, February 20th for the holiday.

Tuesday, February 21st: Deacon Moss will not have class.

### Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 4:00 pm



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



R.C.I.A.

February 9th

At 6:00 pm