St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM Sunday 9:00 AM

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 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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St Regina Catholic Church

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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 Website: streginacatholicchurch.org Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours: 731-968-7944

Staff

Parochial Administrator: Father Anthony Onyekwe St Andrew: Administrative Secretary: Mary Alyce Fiechtl 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

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Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023





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Mass Intentions

April 16th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

April 23rd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today

through God's strength to pilot me,

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me,

God's hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts. —Anonymous

Líturgícal Mínísters

April 23rd: Lector: Melanie Sadler Server: Eucharistic Minister: Sacristans: Altar Linens: Annabelle Gonzales, Susana Plascencia Ushers: Men of the Parish

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone "out"—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the "doubting Thomas" moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

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WEEKLY OFFERING	
April 2nd	
Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$9780
Bldg.	\$10000
Over	\$17964

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts

(John 20:19-31).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Chuck Amrhein, Cathy Amrhein, Lucien Cravens, MaryAnn Maness, James Trim, Thomas Wall

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

Coming Events

Sunday Scripture Study Group will meet at 10:00 am on April 21st and 28th only.

Deacon Moss will have class on Tuesday, April 18th. At 1:00 pm with a Communion Service at 12:30.

Confirmation: Rehearsal and Confessions on Thursday, April 20th, at 5:30

Confirmation on Saturday,

April 22nd, at 4:30 Mass.

Monday, April 24th, at 6:00 pm: Come and be a part of the reinstatement of our Ladies Guild.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
	1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Mass Schedule Monday: 11:30 am Tuesday: Communion Service 12:30 pm Wednesday: No Mass Thursday: 9:00 am Friday: at 11:30 am Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 9:00 am

Pictures

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

The Parish Council has agreed with Father Anthony that during the week, the Church will remain open for one hour after <u>Mass</u> for prayer.

On Sunday, while students are attending PRE classes, the Church will remain open till 11:30. If, there are no PRE classes on a particular Sunday (such as during the holidays or summer), the Church will be closed after Mass.