

## St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

895 North Broad Street

Lexington, TN 38351

**Phone:** 731-968-6393

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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

**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

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

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



## The Ascension of the Lord

### May 21, 2023



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## Mass Intentions

May 20th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

May 21st: Maureen Mills by Mr & Mrs Durfree

May 27th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

May 28th: Kevin Young + (Brother of Khuyen Segerson) by Eleanor Michie

## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Prayer for the Church

We pray you, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ have revealed your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. Amen.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

May 14th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$2591
Bldg.	\$0
Over	\$775

## Liturgical Ministers

May 28th:

Lector: Lois Freeland, J J Broadway

Server:

Gifts: Jim & Lois Freeland

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Sacristans: Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens: Sheri Parkinson, Loretta Yarbo

Ushers/Collection: Emilie Perez, Stephanie Guitierrez

## THE GIFT OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring at the sky wondering where he went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### World Communications Day

In addition to the liturgical calendar, the Church designates various Sundays throughout the year as days to focus on particular subjects. Today is one such day.

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motion pictures, radio, television, and now, of course, the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

The worldwide observance of this day came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, when the Church realized it must engage fully with the modern world. This realization is expressed in the opening statement of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* (The Church in the Modern World), which says: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the followers of Christ as well." In setting up this day, Pope Paul VI wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation.

You can go online to discover the pope's annual message for today: just search on "World Communications Day 2023."

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## TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God ascends amid great cries of jubilation and trumpet blasts (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Parishioners

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

### Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, 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

## Tents for the Homeless

Next Sunday, the 28th, will be the last Sunday to donate money to buy tents for the homeless. Ladies of the Parish, let's see how much we can collect this week so that we may purchase tents for the homeless people in Lexington. Please give the money to Mary Alyce or Kay.

Sample of what we will be purchasing:



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

## Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am  
**Wednesday:** 11:30 am  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am  
**Friday:** 11:30 am  
**Saturday:** at 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am

## Coming Events

**May 23rd:** Office Closed due to training in Memphis

**May 29th:** Office closed for Memorial Day

**June 2nd and the 7th:** The office will be closed.

**June 10th:** Parish Mass and Picnic at Sunset Valley Farm. Starts at 4:00 pm with Mass at 4:30 and meal to follow. Flyer on bulletin board.

## BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

—Anonymous