

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

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Staff

Pastor: 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



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023



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Mass Intentions

July 16th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

July 23rd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 9th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$1383
Bldg.	\$10
Short	\$423

Liturgical Ministers

July 23rd:

Lector: Saturday: John Butler

Sunday: Lois Freeland, J J Broadway

Server:

Gifts: The Jose Palomino Family

Eucharistic Minister:

Sacristans:

Altar Linens: Rayna Howard, Patty Wall

Ushers/Collection: Jose Palomino,

Jim Freeland

THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE SEED

Here in the middle of summer, many people grow vegetable and flower gardens, or appreciate the work of others by buying produce from roadside stands and farmer’s markets. All our readings today embrace one of God’s smallest but most common miracles as a metaphor: the seed and its cycle, and all that it stands for. Isaiah reminds us that just as God waters the earth and cares for it so that seeds may grow, so the Word of God will come and not return to God until it has borne fruit. Psalm 65 describes the cycle of growth and personifies fields that “shout for joy.” Romans has “creation groaning in labor pains” as it waits for its seed to come to fruition, redemption of the body. Similarly, Jesus teaches the crowds by using the parable of the sower and the seed.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Second Vatican Council—By Whose Authority?

There have been twenty-one ecumenical (or “universal”) councils in the history of the Catholic Church. The canons, constitutions, and decrees that they produce are to be recognized by all members of the Church. All the documents of the Second Vatican Council were passed by the Fathers of the Council and promulgated in the Pope’s name. Thus they carry the authority of the Pope himself. Four of the Vatican II documents are “constitutions.” They bear the highest degree of papal authority; this kind of document can define dogmas, create or change Church law, or establish Church structures. Nine of the conciliar documents are “decrees.” They are authoritative pronouncements on specific areas of Church life, and derive their authority from the four constitutions. Three of the Council’s documents are classified as “declarations.” They can be seen as position statements on certain topics, urging the clergy and the faithful to action in those areas.

The Second Vatican Council has been called a “pastoral” council, in part to distinguish it from other councils whose work has been seen by some to be more theological or juridical. This does not in any way diminish the authority or theological weight of Vatican II’s pronouncements, which are equal to those of any other ecumenical council in the history of the Church.

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LISTEN

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

—St. Benedict

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — Much fruit is produced by the seed that falls on fertile soil (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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

Coming Events

July 16th –July 30th: PRE registration. Information in on the table in the Narthex.

July 17th-July 21st: VBS at St Regina from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

July 18th: Exposition at 6:00 pm and Mass in Spanish at 6:30 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am
Tuesday: Exposition at 6:00 and Spanish Mass at 6:30 pm
Wednesday: 11:30 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 11:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.

—St. Camillus de Lellis



PRE
Registration
through
July 30th

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Thursday: St. Apollinaris
Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene