

## 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  
Sunday 9:00 AM

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 AM  
Tuesday: Exposition 6:00 pm , Mass in Spanish 6:30 pm  
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

**Email:** finsecstandrew@outlook.com

**Website:** saintandrewcatholicchurch.org

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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

**Pastor:** Father Anthony Onyekwe

**St Andrew: Administrative Secretary:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**St Regina: Secretary:** Pat Humble

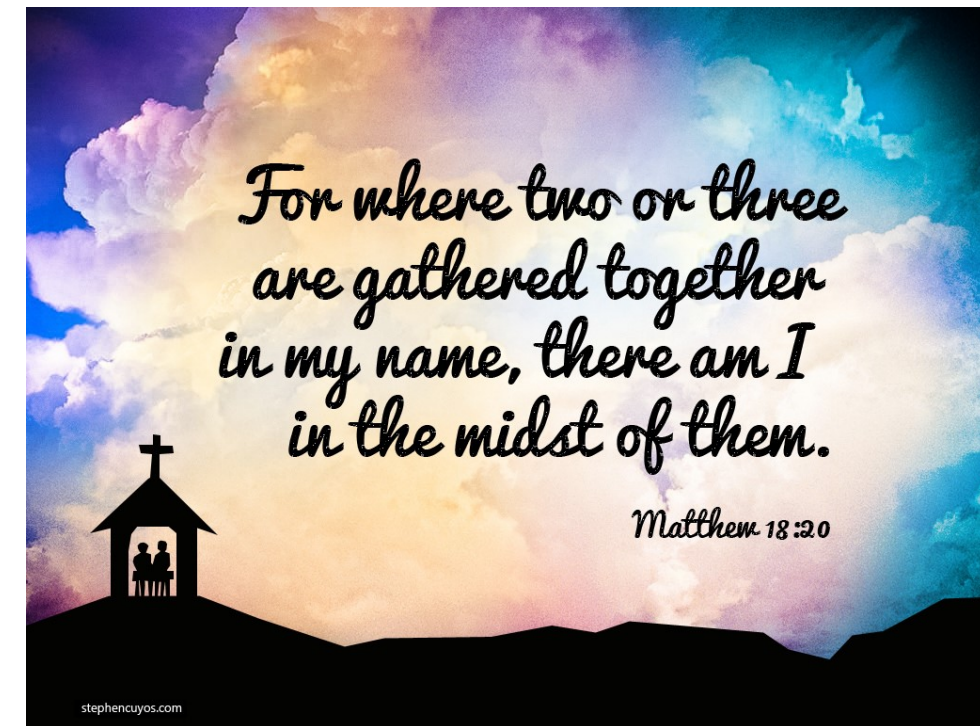
**Financial Secretary for both Parishes:** Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**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



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## September 10, 2023





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## Mass Intentions

September 10th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

September 17th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

## GOD'S WATCHERS

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today's readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God's ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions—love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love.

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### The Documents of Vatican II—Three Declarations

The Declaration on Christian Education (*Gravissimum Educationis*) asserts the baptismal right of every Christian to be educated for their role in the liturgy, the community, and the world. It emphasizes that parents are the primary educators of their own children, and it charges the Church especially with seeing to the education of those who are poor and disadvantaged. The Church must also see to the proper formation of teachers as witnesses to Christ.

The Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to non-Christians (*Nostra Aetate*), the shortest of all the Vatican II documents, is a landmark in interfaith relations. It urges Christians to seek out commonalities with members of other religions before addressing obvious differences. While continuing to uphold God's perfect revelation in Jesus Christ, it specifically mentions Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism as each bearing truth and holiness worthy of reverence, since whatever is true finds its source in the one true God. *Nostra Aetate* stresses God's continuing special love for the Jewish people, and condemns every form of persecution and discrimination against them.

The Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*) asserts the dignity of all human persons and their freedom of conscience to come to faith without the burden of any coercion. The baptized faithful throughout the world must be free to follow their Christian beliefs, and all others must be equally free to pursue their own religious practices.

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## TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, James Trim

### Relatives

### Friends

## Coming Events

**Sunday Scripture Study Group:** Will meet on Fridays at 10:00 am. The September meeting dates are 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Everyone is welcome!

Mary Alyce will be out of the office Friday, September 22nd till Tuesday, September 26th. She will be in the office on Wednesday, September 27th. Then, she will be out Friday, September 29th till Monday, October 2nd.

## Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Tuesday:** Exposition at 6:00 and Mass in Spanish 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

## R. C. I. A.

Classes will start on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 pm

Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please return the paper by next Sunday.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: Patriot Day

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross;

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows; Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year 5784) begins at sundown

Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

## WEEKLY OFFERING

September 3rd

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$1316
Bldg.	\$647
Over	\$147

## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Praying the Rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the first bead, say one Our Father.

3. On each of the next three beads, say the Hail Mary.

4. On the next bead, say one Glory Be.

5. Think of the first mystery in the group of mysteries

selected for meditation for the day

and say one Our Father on the same bead.

6. On each of the next ten beads, say one Hail Mary.

Follow these with one Glory Be.

7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for each of the five mysteries.

## PATIENCE

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese proverb

## Liturgical Ministers

### September 17th:

**Lector: Saturday:** Mark Bartel

**Sunday:** Rayna Howard, Monica Wall

**Server:**

**Gifts:** The Alejandro Gonzales Family

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Jim Moss

**Sacristans:** Melanie Sadler

**Altar Linens:** Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

**Ushers/Collection:** Shawn Wall, Kevin Ernst