

## 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

**Facebook:** Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

**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



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 17, 2023**



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## Mass Intentions

December 17th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

December 24th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### WEEKLY OFFERING

December 10th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	\$1228
Bldg.	\$100
Short	\$488

## Liturgical Ministers

December 24th:

**Lector: Saturday:** Kay Bartel

**Sunday:** Rayna Howard, Monica Wall

**Server:**

**Gifts:** Eleanor Michie, Sheri Parkinson

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Altar Linens:** Anabel Gonzalez, Susan Placencia

**Ushers/Collection:** Joey Wall, Luis Tobar

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.”

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”

It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God’s people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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### Special Collection

Villa Vianney

December 25, 2023

### TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, Eddie McDaniel, James Trim

#### Relatives

#### Friends

### Medjugorje 25th of the month message

*“Dear children! May this time be interwoven with prayer for peace and good deeds, so that the joy of the expectation of the King of Peace may be felt in your hearts, families and in the world which does not have hope. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

### MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

### Coming Events

The office will be closed December 18th through January 1st for the Christmas holidays.

### ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Gospel: Mat 1:18-25

Tuesday: Reading 1: Judges 12:2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Reading 1: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Friday: Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Sunday: Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am

**Tuesday:** Exposition at 6:00 with Mass in Spanish at 6:30

**Wednesday:** 11:30 am

**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Friday:** 11:30 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

**Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday:** 6:00 pm

**Christmas Day:** 9:00 am



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**R. C. I. A.**

Classes will be on Thursdays, at 6:00



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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16