

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
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

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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

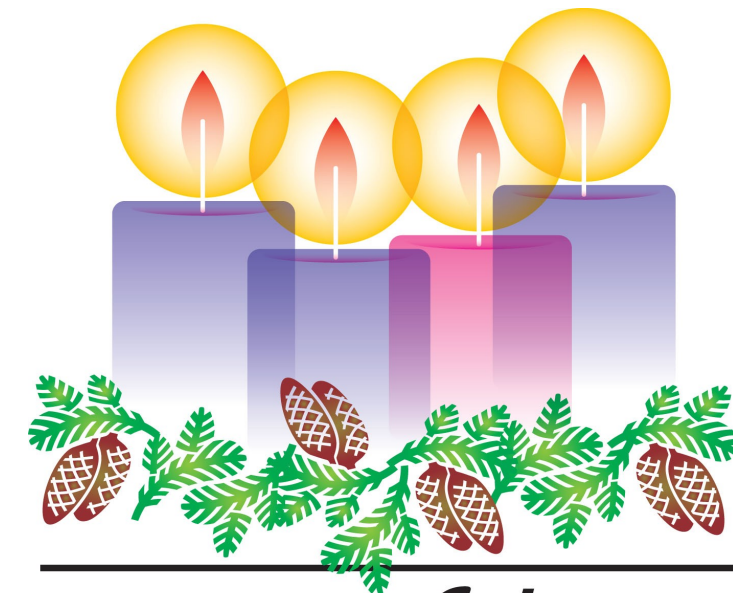
Financial Secretary for both Parishes: Mary Alyce Fiechtl

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023



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Mass Intentions

December 24th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

December 31st: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 17th

Budget	\$1816
Actual	Not Available

Liturgical Ministers

December 31st:

Lector: Saturday: John Butler

Sunday: Lois Freeland, J.J. Broadway

Server:

Gifts: The Brian Muetze Family

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen McDaniel

Sacristian: Carmen McDaniel

Altar Linens: Anabel Gonzalez, Susan Placencia

Ushers/Collection: Jose Palomino, Jim Freeland

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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Coming Events

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

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil; Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5; Reading 2: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Day: Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-6; 52:7-10; Reading 2: Hebrew 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: Reading 1: 1 John 1:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1a & 2-8

Thursday: Reading 1: 1 John 1:5-2:2
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: Reading 1: 1 John 2:3-11; Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

Saturday: Reading 1: 1 John 2:22-28; Gospel: John 1:19-28

Sunday: Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Kathy Amrhein, MaryAnn Maness, Eddie McDaniel, James Trim

Relatives

Friends



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

R. C. I. A.

Classes will be on Thursdays, at 6:00

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday:

6:00 pm

Christmas Day: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

There will be no weekday Masses during the month of January. Father Anthony will be on vacation.



Special Collection

Villa Vianney

December 25, 2023

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving