

Coming Events

Stations of the Cross will be held each Fridays during Lent. Join us this Friday, February 27, at St Andrew at 5:30 PM. Following Stations, all are invited to a simple meatless supper. Those who wish to participate are asked to bring a meatless dish to share. Kindly refer to your Easter Schedule for all important Lenten dates, times and locations.

Get ready for our St Patick's Day Ruben Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser!

Join us on Tuesday, March 17, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM for great food and fellowship. We need your help to make this event a success! Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex for items needed, volunteers for decorating, set-up, cleanup, day-of-event volunteers, and ticket sales. Flyers are also available for distribution.

Your generosity and participation will truly make the difference as we work together to support our church and its ongoing needs.

Please see Mary Alyce to get your packets of tickets to sell or from Father Anthony on Saturdays. All tickets must be returned March 8th at the latest.



Prayer during Lent

Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to return to you.
As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and
resurrection of your Son, our Savior and
Redeemer.

He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.
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For the parish news and upcoming events, visit and share our Facebook page.

Our monthly Snack Program supports local school children. Donations of snacks are always appreciated. A collection basket is located in the Narthex.

Looking for a way to illuminate your Lenten journey? Join us for **St Mary's Light of the World** annual retreat weekend Friday, February 27—Sunday, March 1, 2026. For more information and to register, contact St Mary's Catholic Church at 731-669-2596. For questions please see Kathy Oszkinis after Mass.

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 am, Thursday 9:00 am

Tuesday: Exposition 6:00 pm, Mass in Spanish 6:30 pm

Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Website: saintandrewcatholicchurch.org

1st Sunday of Lent

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”



First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026



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Staff

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Pastoral Emergency outside of office hours: 731-968-7944

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am
Tuesday: Adoration 6:00 pm 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
Sunday Spanish: 5:00 pm

Mass Intentions

February 21st: Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry
 February 22nd: For the Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina
 February 23, 24, 26, 27, and 28th: Intentions of the Catholic Extension Ministry
 March 1st: For the Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Join us in prayer as we pray the rosary before Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM.
 All are welcome, and those who feel called to lead are invited.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Chuck and Kathy Amrhein, Deacon Jim Moss
 Juan Plascencia, James Trim

Relatives

Alicia Castellanos, Emily Royal, Salvador Valdivia,
 Mike Greteman

Friends

Andrew Morlan, Teresa Palmer, Judy Stanfill,
 Finace Williams

Liturgical Ministers

March 1st
Lector Saturday: John Butler
Lector Sunday: Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Fatima Hayden
Gifts: The Luis Gutierrez Family
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Patricia Hudson, Johnny Wall
Sacristan: Kevin Ernst
Altar Linens: Maura Rowdy and Lucia Tobar
Ushers/Collections: William Cobb, Bryant Pedraza
Collection Counter: Jim Freeland, Tommy Page



OCIA class Thursday
6:00-7:00 PM

TODAY'S READINGS Year A

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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Fasting and Abstinence

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards for Ash Wednesday, the Fridays during Lent, and on Good Friday.

Weekly Family Rosary

Each Sunday, a PRE student and family are invited to take home the parish rosary, pray together during the week, and return it the following Sunday so another family may do the same. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,15; G Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; G Mt 6:7-17
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; G Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: Esther C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-2a,2cde-3,7C-8; G Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8; G Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; G Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a(25A); Ps 33:4-5,18-19,2-,22; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; G Mt 17:1-9

Sunday Collections

Collection	Weekly	Year to Date
2/15/2026	\$1,22.00	\$60,757.65
Budget	\$2,201.92	\$47,708.31
Difference	(\$981.92)	\$13,049.34

National Collection

Home Missions

February 22, 2026

Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

February 28th and March 1st

Look for your commitment letter in the mail.

Please be generous.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

Donating **Alter Flowers** is a lovely way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the sanctuary. Flowers can be donated in honor of a living person, in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or simply for the Glory of God. The honoree will be named in the weekly bulletin. Contact the Parish Office for assistance.