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**MASS SCHEDULE  
HORARIO DE MISAS**

**Saturday/Sábado**  
5:00 pm English

**Sunday/Domingo**  
10:00 am English  
12:30 pm Español

**Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves**  
8:15 am English

**First Friday/Primer Viernes**  
10:00 am English

**CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:**  
**Saturday/Sábado**  
4:00– 4:45 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/  
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**  
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).  
*Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).*

**BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS**  
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA  
LAS MISAS**  
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN**  
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. *La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:  
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm  
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:  
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**  
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

**EMAUS:** Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-3:00pm

**Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.**

**Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial**

“We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area.”

“Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área”.

**JOIN OUR FIRST THEOLOGY ON TAP!**

Join us Thursday, December 11th from 6pm - 7pm for our first Theology on Tap event! Future Deacon Jim Haston will present a talk on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The event will be held at Briar House Brewery on Broadway here in Monett. Come for fellowship as we learn more about our faith. We hope to do this quarterly.

**ANGEL TREE**

This year, we are collecting toys and gift items for parishioners, local families, and foster families in need of assistance with Christmas gifts for their children. The tree and tags will be up at the beginning of advent. None of the gifts need to be wrapped this year! Please bring gifts to the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for deliveries. If you know of a family who could benefit, please call Michelle Cornell at (417)669-3814.

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

Directory pictures are scheduled for Friday, January 23 & Saturday, January 24th. Volunteers needed to help with appointments-contact the parish office or Michelle Cornell at (417) 669-3814 for more information.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**November 23, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$4,288.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,122.81
Catholic Charities	\$2,051.75
Children's Collection	\$29.65
Votive Candles	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
School Support	\$110.00
Baptism	\$30.00
PCCW	\$70.27
Baptism Class	\$60.00
Christmas Flower	\$10.00
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Total	\$7,822.48

**Fr. Rahab thanks everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- Dec. 25—Seminarian & Diocese Retired Clergy

**Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Feast a success! PCCW met on Nov. 10. Guest Speaker, Rebecca Haine, presented information about the Pregnancy Care Center located in Aurora, MO. The center is in need of volunteers to serve as Mentors to the ladies. If you are interested in being a mentor, contact the center at 417-678-0090. Our collection of baby items concluded and items were given to Rebecca to take to the center. The PCCW Christmas Party will be held at Briar House Brewery on Dec. 8 at 6:00pm. Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be available to purchase. There will be a \$10 ornament exchange. Hope to see you there!

**PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sign-ups are closed! If you have not yet paid your child(ren)'s PSR fees, please do so asap.** This helps cover the cost of the books. Thank you to the people who have donated supplies to PSR this year!

**PSR Supplies Still Needed:**

- Copy paper Klennex
- Lysol Wipes
- Microfiber Cleaning towels

**SCHOOL NEWS**

We had a week long break for Thanksgiving! I hope everyone enjoyed the time of rest and family.

December is chock full of wonderful activities—we have already put our heads together to plan Gingerbread House Decorating, Advent traditions, singing at area nursing home and a posada on our last day of school to celebrate Jesus' birthday! I'm sure it will be a whirlwind.

Information will be forthcoming about our Annual Fund campaign! Thank you for your prayers and support!



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Intimacy, Mission & Miracles: The Life of Adventure in the Holy Spirit**

**Fri., Dec. 5, 4-9pm and Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-8:15pm.**, in St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Nixa. All are invited to a spirit—filled weekend conference sponsored by Revive: Strengthening and Healing Souls Ministry. Experience healing and transformation through inspirational talks given by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Encounter Ministries, celebration of Holy Mass, Adoration, and a healing service. Whether you can only attend one day or you are able to participate both days, you will be blessed!

**Manna App for Eucharistic Resources—Now Free to access!**

*Manna* is the exclusive streaming platform, allowing you to engage with talks from the national Eucharistic Congress and explore a wide range of other digital Eucharistic content from the comfort of your home! From resources on becoming Eucharistic Missionaries to your favorite podcasts, *Manna* is packed with content to support your faith journey. New content is continually added to strengthen your Eucharistic faith, deepen your relationship with Jesus, and foster revival in your heart and in those around you. Sign up for your FREE account at [Access Digital Congress Content 10th National Eucharistic Congress](#)

**Miriam Dinner**

Young single women, ages 14-35 years old, are invited to pray and meet with the School Sisters of Christ the King, **Sunday, December 7th at St. Peter the Apostle Church, located at 812 S Pearl Ave, Joplin.** Holy Hour 4pm; Dinner & Visit 5pm RSVP 417-623-8643

**Eucharistic Reflection**

During this Eucharistic Revival, Father David Coon offers the following quote for reflection on the Eucharist: *“Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love.”*—Pope St. John Paul II

**A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent**

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Oaklee Kay White; Al Fiffe; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson.** To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY**



- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00p.m in the church basement.
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.
- ◆ **December Ladies and Knights meeting will be a pot luck social and start at 5pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come and see what all we do.**

**PARISH MAINTENANCE**

We have received several donations for the maintenance fund! This will cover several more areas in need of repairs.

Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

Financial Corner	Sep 2025	Sep 2024
<b>Regular Operations</b>		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 28,353.16	\$ 27,330.41
Other Income*	\$ 3,712.81	\$ 5,669.11
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,365.04	\$ 1,893.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 2,344.08
2nd Collections/Non-revenue	\$ 2,416.44	\$ 2,508.00
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$ 38,052.45</b>	<b>\$ 39,744.60</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operational Expenses	\$ 8,104.76	\$ 8,766.72
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 34,869.96	\$ 34,650.00
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 2,392.36	\$ 3,050.64
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 45,367.08</b>	<b>\$ 46,467.36</b>
<b>Net Income (Net Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (7,314.63)</b>	<b>\$ (6,722.76)</b>

\*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

**ENGLISH LECTORS****Saturday 5:00pm**

- **November 29th**.....Nikki Pierce
- **December 6th**.....Nikki Pierce
- **December 13th**.....Patricia Randall

**Sunday 10:00am**

- **November 30th**.....Angie Madison
- **December 7th**.....Sonie Probstfield
- **December 14th**.....Youth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Saturdays 5:00pm**

- **November 29th**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- **December 6th**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- **December 13th**—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashely Ceselski, Geri Carey

**Sundays 10:00am**

- **November 30th**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell
- **December 7th**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell
- **December 14th**—Youth

**SERVERS 10AM MASS**

- **November 30th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johann Piedra
- **December 7th**—Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos
- **December 14th**—Youth

**November 30, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 2:1-5; **Psalm:** Psalm 122:1-9;  
**2nd Read:** Romans 13:11-14; **Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

**December 1, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 4:2-6; **Psalm:** Psalm 122:1-9;  
**Gospel:** Matthew 8:5-11

**December 2, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 11:1-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; **Gospel:** Luke 10:21-24

**December 3, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 25:6-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 23:1-6;  
**Gospel:** Matthew 15:29-37

**December 4, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 26:1-6; **Psalm:** Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27; **Gospel:** Matthew 7:21,24-27

**December 5, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 29:17-24; **Psalm:** Psalm 27:1,4,13-14; **Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-31

**December 6, 2025**

**1st Read:** Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; **Psalm:** Psalm 147:1-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 9:35

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/  
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 29TH: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 5:00 pm Mass - Monett—+Edmond & Margaret Ceselski and Special Intention  
 6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30TH: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
 10:00 am Mass - Monett—+Jerry Monto and Alejandro Rivera  
 11:00 am PSR - No Class - Thanksgiving Break  
 12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish—+Maria Clementina Gaucin, Matilde Martinez, Jose Mendoza, Leticia Lara, Lordes Lara, Pablo Lara y Holly Hernandez

**MONDAY, DEC. 1ST**

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**TUESDAY, DEC. 2ND**

8:15 am Mass - Monett—+Glen and Barb Monto, Lizzy Herzog and Healing for Loretta Hurlbut

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3RD: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
 6:30 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm PSR

**THURSDAY, DEC. 4TH: ST. JOHN DAMASCENE**

8:15 am Mass - Monett—+ Souls in Purgatory, Pelage laquerre Isidore and Moviette Sylvain Isidore

**FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH: FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
 10:00am First Friday Mass—+Jerry Monto, Todd Storms, Alberto Sr and Amparo Montellano  
 5:00pm Benediction  
 1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

**SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH: ST. NICHOLAS**

4:00 pm Confessions - Monett  
 5:00 pm Mass - Monett—+ Jim Ceselski, John and Helen Brown  
 6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
 10:00 am Mass - Monett—+ Doris Case and Alejandro Rivera  
 11:00 am PSR - 1st-6th grades  
 12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish

## NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

¡Tuvimos una semana de vacaciones por Accion de Gracias! Espero que todos hayan disfrutado de este tiempo de Descanso y en familia.

Diciembre esta replete de actividades maravillosas: ya nos hemos puesto a planificar la decoracion de casitas de jengibre, las tradiciones de Adviento, cantar en un asilo de ancianos y una posada en nuestro ultimo dia de clases para celebrar el cumpleaños de Jesus. Estoy seguro de que sera un exito.

Pronto les daremos informacion sobre nuestra campana del Fondo Annual. ¡Gracias por sus oraciones y apoyo!



### Oracion para el Primer Domingo de Adviento

Dios de luz y vida, danos esperanza mientras esperamos tu regreso. Cuando sintamos la tentación de agradecerte por haberte encontrado mientras otros están perdidos, envíanos a la oscuridad en busca de quienes mas te necesitan. Amen.

#### 30 de Noviembre de 2025

**Primera:** Isaias 2:1-5; **Salmo:** Salmo 121:1-2,4-9;  
**Segunda:** Romanos 13:11-14; **Evangelio:** Mateo 24:37-44

#### 1 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** Isaias 4:2-6; **Salmo:** Salmo 121:1-9; **Evangelio:** Lucas 10:21-24

#### 2 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** Isaias 11:1-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:2,7-8,12-13,17; **Evangelio:** Lucas 10:21-24

#### 3 de Diciembre de 2025

## MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido varias donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! Esto cubrira varias areas mas que necesitan reparaciones. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a las necesidades de nuestra parroquia y escuela!

## ANUNCIOS DE PSR

**Las inscripciones están cerradas para 2025-2026. Si aún no ha pagado las tarifas de PSR de su(s) hijo(s), por favor hágalo lo antes posible.** Esto ayuda a cubrir el costo de los libros.

Gracias a quienes han donado útiles escolares a la PSR este ano. ¡Se lo agradecemos mucho!

### **Materiales necesarios para la PSR:**

Papel para fotocopias    Toallas de microfibra  
Pañuelos desechables    Toallitas húmedas lysol

## ARBOL DE LOS ANGELES

Este ano, estamos recolectando juguetes y regalos para feligreses, familias locales y familias de acogida que necesiten ayuda con los regalos de Navidad para sus hijos. El árbol y las etiquetas estarán listos al comienzo del Adviento. ¡Este ano no es necesario envolver los regalos! Por favor, traigan los regalos a la oficina lo antes posible para que podamos organizar la entrega. Si conocen a alguna familia que pueda beneficiarse, llamen a Michelle Cornell al (417) 669-3814.

## DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Las fotos del directorio están programadas para el viernes 23 y el sabado 24 de enero. Se necesitan voluntarios para coordinar las citas. Para mas informacion, contacte con la oficina parroquial o con Michelle Cornell al (417) 669-3814

**Primera:** Isaias 25:6-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 22:1-6;  
**Evangelio:** Mateo 15:29-37

#### 4 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** Isaias 26:1-6; **Salmo:** Salmo 117:8-9,19-21,25-27; **Evangelio:** Mateo 7:21,24-27

#### 5 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** Isaias 29:17-24; **Salmo:** Salmo 26:1,4,13-14; **Evangelio:** Mateo 9:27-31

#### 6 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** Isaias 30:19-21,23-26; **Salmo:** Salmo 146:1-6; **Evangelio:** Mateo 9:35

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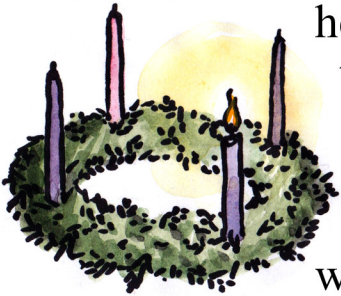
# It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



Answer to puzzle on front page: armor of light  
Answer to Fill in the Blanks: Be ready!

# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent  
November 30th, 2025

Sort the letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom

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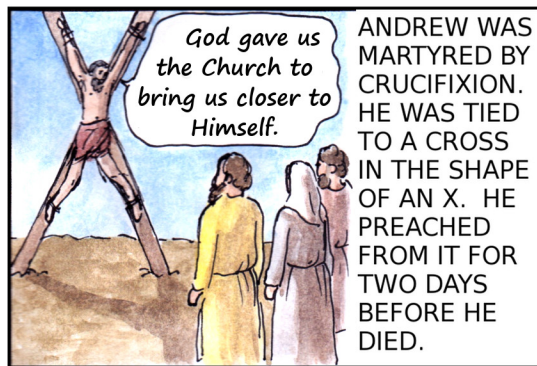
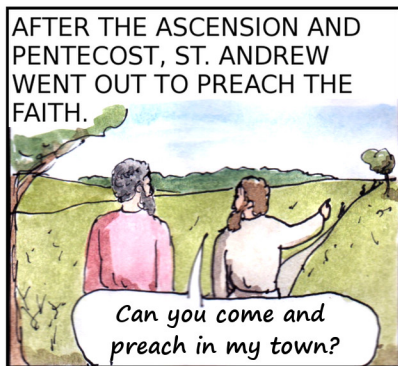
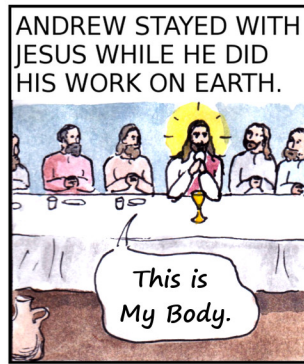
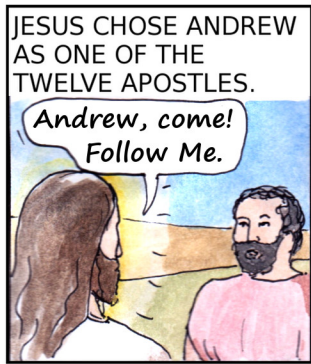
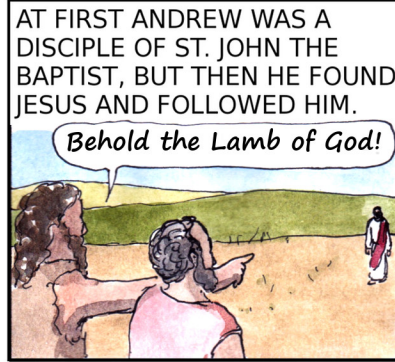
Romans 13:11-14

In today's second reading Saint Paul tells the Romans to throw off the works of darkness and put on the

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# SAINT ANDREW

## NOVEMBER 30



WE DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW EXCEPT THAT HE WAS A FAITHFUL APOSTLE OF JESUS AND ONE OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH. HE BEGAN AS A POOR FISHERMAN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS STORY THAT JESUS CALLS US ALL TO BE SAINTS, NO MATTER WHERE WE'RE FROM.

# Fill in the Blanks: The Lord is Coming!



Use the words in the list at the bottom to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Matthew 24:37-44 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days  \_\_\_\_\_ the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah

\_\_\_\_\_ the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and  \_\_\_\_\_ them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two  \_\_\_\_\_ will be out in the field; one will be  \_\_\_\_\_, and one will be left.

Two women will be

\_\_\_\_\_ at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore,  \_\_\_\_\_ awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

\_\_\_\_\_!

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