Welcome to St. Andrew Parish! We are glad you are here for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Please take note of the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion: Prior to receiving Communion, Catholics should have fasted for one hour; water and medicine excepting. Catholics aware of grave sin (e.g. intentionally missing Mass on Sunday/Holy Days, abortion, theft, sexual sin, etc.) should go to Confession prior to receiving Communion. Because of our belief in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Christ, reception of Communion is reserved to Catholics. There may exist circumstances in the lives of some individual Catholics, which may not facilitate immediate participation in receiving Communion. A priest would be happy to assist you in rectifying these situations. We come together to worship God in spirit and in truth.

PARISH LIFE

MENS BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m., contact Reg Konrade, #263-1570.
MENS BREAKFAST GROUP
Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., contact Tim Johnson #200-0734.
MOMS GROUP
Tuesdays, 8:15 a.m., contact Cynthia Deters #479-0048
WOMENS BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., contact Theresa Brierton #479-6559
WEDNESDAY NOON HOUR BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m., call Debbie Wickersham #280-9229

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays at 6:40 a.m.
Fridays at 6:40 a.m.
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

ADORATION

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. – Thursdays 8:00 p.m. except during Mass on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. school Masses on school days.

RCIA is open to all who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Topics for the next two weeks:
September 30 – Who Shepherds the Church?
Holy Orders
October 7 – The People of God
The Church as Community

Now Hiring: Development Coordinator – Salina

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is seeking a full-time Development Coordinator to join our team in Salina. We're looking for someone who loves both people and data — a hardworking, detail-oriented professional with strong organization, follow-through, good business sense, and a passion for our mission. This position helps manage donor records and gifts, prepares donor acknowledgments and mailings, and provides administrative and logistical support for fundraising campaigns, events, and stewardship activities. Full-time benefits include health coverage, paid time off, and a retirement plan. Learn more and apply at www.ccnks.org/careers. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is easy and secure. You can go to our website and make one-time or more than one-time donations to the church, cemetery and special collections.

sacabilene.com
Online Giving

Our sympathy and prayers
to the family and friends of
Jim Anderson
Husband of Phyllis Anderson
Step-father of Chadra (Leonard) Schmitz

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.

LADIES OF ST. ANDREW HAM LOAF DINNER

Ham Loaf Dinner is Tuesday, October 20
Watch for your mailing to arrive the week of September 28.

NEW FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

In keeping with our mission of lifelong learning, St. Andrew Church is excited to offer two new opportunities to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith.
On Sunday nights, beginning October 4 at 6:30 p.m., Pat Martin will lead the adult Bible study; *Lectio: The Case for Jesus.* The study is open to all adults and will include a 30–40-minute video from Formed.org. Please see insert for more information.
Beginning on Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m., Fr. Kade will lead an adult study on Catholic apologetics. Catholic apologetics is the formal defense, explanation, and logical reasoning behind the teachings, traditions, and authority of the Catholic Church. Apologetics is the rational case we build for our Catholic faith – explaining and defending the truth of Christianity and more specifically, Catholicism. Classes will be on October 8 and 22 and November 5 and 19 and will meet in the Parish Hall. All adults are welcome.

ST. ANDREW SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. Andrew's School is in need of substitutes for all positions. We provide competitive pay based on hours and position. Contact Principal Whitehair for details.

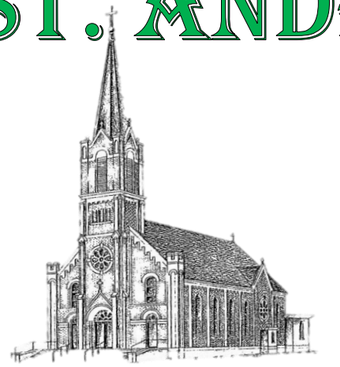
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join us on Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 p.m. on the east side of the Parish Hall to pray for the unborn, our Church, community, county and world. Question? Contact Sharon Wilson at 280-0304 or swilson@sasabilene.com

Welcome to our Parish!

Thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Mass. If you would like to register, please call #785-263-1570. We are happy to meet you! Registration forms are also available at the east church entrance and sacabilene.com

ST. ANDREW PARISH



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Council	Mary Zey, President
School Council	Cassy Wilson, President
Finance Council	Courtney Miller, President
Buildings and Grounds	Kevin Herrman
Home & School Association	Ann Strunk, President
Family Life	Sarah Geiger, Director
R.C.I.A.	Kristi Anguiano, Director
C.Y.O.	Jenny Brooks
Ladies of St. Andrew	Chris Osterman, President
Daughters of Isabella #393	Debbie Baier, Regent
Knights of Columbus #1661	Kurt Wassenberg, Grand Knight
Mount St. Joseph Cemetery	Marc Anguiano

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m.
First Saturday, 7:00 a.m.

SCHOOL MASS

Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
When school is in session

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Friday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. – Thursdays 7:00 a.m.
Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m., Thursday

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 6:40-7:00 a.m.
Or by appointment, call office

BAPTISM

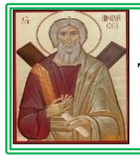
Contact parish office for information and appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact parish office in advance.
Marriage preparation classes required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish priest or call the parish office.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Andrew's Catholic Church is to provide a spiritual home by cultivating holiness, faith, and love for Jesus Christ; we do this through lifelong learning, sacramental worship, and serving the needs of all people, body and spirit.

Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week *(✝ repose of the soul)*

MONDAY **September 28**
7:00 a.m. ✝Marian Heine

TUESDAY **September 29**
7:00 a.m. ✝Ed & Betty Krenger
2:00 p.m. ✝Jack Olson

WEDNESDAY **September 30**
7:00 a.m. Seminarian Phong Tran

THURSDAY **October 1**
7:00 a.m. ✝Val Rohleder
2:00 p.m. ✝Jan Konrade

FRIDAY **October 2**
7:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Ladies of St. Andrew

SATURDAY **October 3** First Saturday
7:00 a.m. ✝Jane Foltz
5:00 p.m. ✝Bill Fueser

SUNDAY **October 4**
7:30 a.m. ✝Fr. Tekle
10:30 a.m. ✝Francis Steiner

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 3, 5:00 p.m.
Lector Kristi A.
EMCs Debbie B., Mandy D., & Julia W-V.
Ushers Marc A. & Kenton C.
Servers Easton H. & Koleson H.
Musicians Theresa B. & Joseph T.

Sunday, October 4, 7:30 a.m.
Lector Ben I.
HB EMCs Sarah G., Tony G., & Mike W.
Ushers Jim F. & Butch M.
Servers Ella S. & **Volunteer**
Musicians Diane M. & Lee Anna H.

Sunday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.
Lector Shawna L.
EMCs Donna B., Angie E., & Lisa S.
Ushers Isabella M. & Jayce W.
Servers Jeff C. & Kurt W.
Musicians Cyndy C. & Jenell H.

*If you are **unable to serve** at your assigned time, please find a substitute.*

Thank you.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive is today. Look for the Knights in the yellow vests after the Masses handing out Tootsie Rolls. They welcome your donations which go to help support individuals with intellectual disabilities and Special Olympics.

Stewardship Reflection

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe that in **stewardship** everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

September 27~ *the week ahead*

SUNDAY (27)
- KofC Tootsie Roll Drive

MONDAY (28) No School-In Service
- Ladies of St. Andrew dinner mailing prep 6:00 p.m., P. Hall

TUESDAY (29)
- Mom's Group, 8:15 a.m., Basement

WEDNESDAY (30)
- Confessions, Fr. James, 6:40 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Parish Hall
- Catholic Charities Dist., 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
- Noon Bible Study, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Adoration, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Thursday
- CRE, 6:30 p.m., School
- CYO, 6:30 p.m., Basement
- RCIA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

THURSDAY (1)
- Adoration 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Church
- Women's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m., Church
- Daughters of Isabella, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

FRIDAY (2)
- Confessions, Fr. Kade, 6:40 a.m., Church

SATURDAY (3) First Saturday
- Men's Group, 7:30 a.m., Basement
- Confessions, Fr. Peter, 4:00 p.m., Church

SUNDAY (4)
- DofI Breakfast after Masses, Parish Hall
- Baptism of Sayler Zawacki after 10:30 a.m. Mass, Church
- **Life Chain, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church**
- Adult Bible Study "Lectio: The Case for Christ", 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

OPEN ADORATION HOUR

Thursdays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Please contact the parish office if you can help with this hour.

Please pray for our sick:

Drew Darnall, Jason Simpson, Henri Smith, Katie Lovelace, Janet Bower, Ted Sexton, Fr. Michael Morris, Iris Schmitt, Tim & Amy Vogel, Susan Nyreen, Leonard Schmitz, Bob Smidt, Linda Vinneau, Peyton Dugan, Paige Connell, Cindy Cassanova, Lynn Sumners, Lee Davis, Oaklie Turnbaugh, Shannon Eastman, Angela LaBouchardiere, Jane Hight, Sandy Ines, Madison Vinduska, Sherri Ahlberg, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller, Kenny Klosterman, Kurstin Markley, Eldon Woellhof, Betty Nebelsick, Dan Morton, Kathy Dobkins, Brittany Anguiano, Patti Anguiano, Michaela Braun, Maria McCullough, the unborn and homebound.

Please pray for our priests, seminarians and our religious.

Stewardship *of Treasure*

Sept. 20, 2026 ~ MONTHLY GOAL: Church $25,167; School $18,750:

Wkly Envelopes:	$ 5,659.00	Monthly Goal:	$43,917.00
Wkly Loose Plate:	554.00	Sept. to date:	24,506.76
Wkly Online:	1,469.00	Amount under goal	$19,410.24
Children's plate:	14.00		
Total:	**$ 7,696.00**		

Your gift is a blessing to us!

FROM THE PASTOR

*Starting this Thursday, **Fr. James Alaya** will be covering the weekend Masses and the daily Masses in **Clay Center** and Miltonvale. This is during the month of October, except for Wednesday mornings. This is temporary until they receive their priest from Uganda (there are delays due to immigration) or until the bishop decides on another arrangement. Fr. John will be covering the Sunday Mass in Solomon during the month of October. This allows Fr. Kade and I to cover in Abilene, Junction City, and Chapman. Fr. James covering Masses and priestly duties in Clay Center is **temporary**. Clay Center is not becoming part of this cluster of parishes. Thank you for your understanding and patience. This came from an agreement that was reached in a conversation involving Bishop Vincke, me, and Fr. James. Clay Center has had substitute priests since July 1st, so this is a more stable setup, but still temporary.*

*The goal of disclosing the visuals of the **church painting project and gathering space expansion** will be next weekend or the weekend of October 17th/18th, depending on the timing of receiving the updated rendering from the painters.*

This week I'll be here on Monday morning, Wednesday afternoon and evening, and quite a bit of next weekend. I'll be away on Thursday after Mass until Saturday morning. I'll be visiting a cousin in Sioux Falls, South Dakota who just had a baby. I'll also visit with a priest friend whom I knew in seminary.

***Life Chain** is next Sunday at 2:00-3:00 at 16th and Buckeye. Please join us as we pray and as we witness to the value of human life. Next Sunday at 7:00-9:00pm at St. Mary's Cemetery in Junction City is **"Adoration Under the Stars."** You are all welcome to participate even if it's for a portion of that time.*

~ Fr. Peter

LIFE CHAIN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 2:00 P.M.

Please join us in standing one hour for life

Meet at Faith Lutheran Church
1600 Buckeye Ave, Abilene

The National Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life public witness in the world. Be a part of it.

LADIES OF ST. ANDREW

The Ladies of St. Andrew will be preparing the mailing of the Annual Ham Loaf Dinner packets on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. Many hands are needed to prepare the packets for mailing.

PARISH MENTORS FOR RCIA

Our RCIA class is looking for Parish Mentors who can attend classes with our RCIA participants as an alternative sponsor. Please contact Kristi Anguiano for more information at 785-479-6097.

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

Webpage standrewsabilene.com
Email standrews@sasabilene.com
Mrs. Whitehair #785-250-9129
School Office #785-263-2453

School Masses this week are on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00. Please join us if you can. Collection for school Masses in September go to the Adopt-a-Student Fund.

Thank you to all who attended our family picnic day on Friday. It is always fun to have guest join us for lunch!

There is no school this Monday, September 28. Teachers will have more Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training.

We are needing substitutes in all positions. Thank you for considering this important opportunity to support our school!

Thank you to all who have designated part of their 2026 Kansas income tax to the **tax credit scholarship fund** in support of our students. For more information on how you can participate, please contact Principal Whitehair.

Grades 3, 4, & 5 will attend a **field trip** to Maxwell Wildlife Refuge this Friday, October 2. Thank you to all who plan to drive. Students should wear their orange shirt with uniform bottoms. They will need a sack lunch, or they can order one from the lunchroom.

Thank you for using **SCRIP Cards** – don't forget to use SCRIP for all your shopping. It is fun and EASY! We are AMAZED by the support this program has provided for our school and encourage you to learn more if you are not using SCRIP for your shopping/gas/groceries, etc.

September-
28 - No School, In-service

October –
2 – Grades 3, 4, & 5 to Maxwell Wildlife Refuge
5 – Fire Safety Talk, 10:15 a.m.
8 – Little Ike Storytime
9 – Flu Shot Clinic, Fifth Grade Bingo at Village Manor
13 – BOB; School Council Meeting
16 – Reading Party; Family Picnic Day, 12:00; Dismiss 1:00
20 – Classroom Visits with Bishop Vincke, 1:00; Mass at 2:00
21 – No Afternoon Bus Service
22 – Dismiss 11:00; Conferences 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.
23 – No School
26 – Picture Day
30 – Tiger Day Hosted by Grades 1 & 5

Christina L. Whitehair, *Principal*

ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Evelyn Arnberger is currently with family out of state. Her address is:
Evelyn Arnberger
50 Woodsmill Rd
Sherman, IL 62684

Prayer of Abandonment

Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
Do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do,
I thank you;
I am ready for all,
I accept all.