

John, Jesus and Tim

When their son, Gabriel Truman, died in his mother's womb at twenty weeks, Tim and Ashley were faced with planning an unexpected and unwelcome burial, instead of the expected and awaited baptism. The choice to sing "Amazing Grace" at the service came automatically from the memory of Ashley spontaneously beginning to hum the hymn as soon as she held her son in her hands. For the scriptures readings Tim had one request, "Can we read the one which says, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased?'" That one has helped me get through a number of hard times in my life." Today we read that scripture, along with all other Catholic parishes around the whole world, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan by John. The memory and impact of that voice from heaven, no doubt, helped Jesus through the hard times of his life.

Magi, Baptism and Cana

Originally, the feast of the Epiphany celebrated three "manifestations" (revelations) of the glory of God in Jesus. You know what those "epiphanies" are, if you remember that last week we read about the magi, note that this week we read about the baptism of Jesus, and know that next week we hear about the wedding feast at Cana.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Speaking of Bethlehem, Cana and the River Jordan, if you or someone you know would like to visit and pray at those places with me, I am leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for St. Andrew parishioners from May 5-19, 2010. Consider it for yourself – and suggest to others – please. There must be at least 15 pilgrims for the pilgrimage to take place. Bringing friends assures that this pilgrimage will be a reality. Upon your request I will send to you the itinerary and the costs.

Van Plan: Cash or Connections

Our parish work van is over 20 years old and is on its last leg (and wheel). We are beginning the pursuit and a fund for a new "used" van. The van is maintained through our cemetery fund, because its main use is the trip back and forth from our cemetery on South Milford Road. If you have some good connections or some extra cash, send them along to Shirley Soellner, our parish business manager.

As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be praying for households #222-251, every day for the next seven days, from January 11-17, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, January 17: Grone, Mayleben, Ames, Gallagher, Jordan, Marraccini, Hooper, Cooper, Conners, Hackman, Cook, Hance, Karl, Forte, Jacobs, Grome, Hartman, Jetter, Gottsacker, Heuker, Heiselmann, Brockman, Diekmeyer, Helwig, Kneipp and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

My Nails, My Hair, My Sins

On New Year's Eve, I clipped my toe nails, got a hair cut and went to confession. I live an exciting life, don't I? But I did feel ready for "twenty-ten" and for "two-thousand-ten."

Father Rob Waller

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 11

First Reconciliation Service at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Ralph Schilling (Deacon Tim & Marcie Schutte)

Wednesday, January 13, St. Hilary

7:30 a.m. Norman Gaetz, Birthday Remembrance (Ed & Barb Schreiber)

Thursday, January 14

7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday, January 15

7:30 a.m. Carolyn Morford (Tree Ridge Neighborhood)
11:45 a.m. Dick Wolf (Fr. Wentzel K of C Council)

Saturday, January 16

7:30 a.m. Harvey Mason (Mike Hazard)
5:15 p.m. Paul Raken (Lu & Don Johnson)

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Wilma Birkle, Birthday Remembrance (Allen & Marilyn Birkle)

9:30 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

11:00 a.m. Joan Bedinghaus (Jim & Sondra Niemann)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Kathy Boland (Colleen Potter)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Clint Andrews (Claire Krimpenfort)

Vocation Views

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent

hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized:

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased family members, especially Paul "Gene" Miller, who died December 26 and his funeral Mass was December 30. Prayers also for Pat Wagner's mother, Esther McFeena, who died December 21, for Kenneth Haikkila, Mary Heikkila's son, who died December 23 and for Kurt Wuerful, brother to Erich Wuerfel. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Serving in the Armed Forces

Let us offer our prayers and our care now, and work to bring all military personnel of all nations back to their families safe and sound and whole. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.

Thank You

Thank you St. Andrew Parish for your prayers for Gene Miller. God Bless you.

Betty Miller & Family

Memorial Fund

Thanks for the honorarium we have received in honor of Francie Pavey from Elizabeth Burress

Thanks for the memorials we have received in memory of Carl Stalzer from Jackie and Chuck Schmidt
William Holtman from Mary Berwanger
Shaikha Hattar from Siham and Said Badawi

Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week

CAPLus

SMILE Youth Group News

SMILE Meeting this Sunday from 7-9 in the Church Hall. All 7th - 12th grade students are welcome. Bring a friend!

High School Retreat: There is still room for High School Students to register for the upcoming SMILE Retreat which takes place January 22-24 at the Milford Spiritual Center. The cost is \$50 per person. This cost is significantly lower than the actual cost in an attempt to make the experience open to more people. If you have any questions or would like to register for the retreat, call Catherine at the Youth Office, 831-8318.

Holy Name Meeting

Attention all men of the Parish: Please join us for a short meeting and our traditional ribs and sauerkraut on Monday, January 11 beginning at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Bring a friend!

Bingo Parent Team #2 Workers: January 12

Ashley, Cunningham, DeJesus, Devolve, J. Evans, Jaspers, Meyer, Miller, Robinson, Wanamaker, Wolfe

Bingo Caller: Roger Buening

Seniors January Luncheon

is planned for Tuesday, January 19 at 12 noon at Cracker Barrel at River's Edge. Need transportation? Please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernadine Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office.

Our Sincere Thanks

Dear Friends at St. Andrew Parish, Thank you so much for your help. Your generosity with the Giving Tree has helped 200 children at Camp Washington Day Care. That's a lot of giving! Support from you and so many others is something we could not do without. May the Lord bless you this Christmas season and in the new year. We will keep you in our prayers.

Fr. James R. Schutte, Pastor

Dear Fr. Rob, St. Vincent de Paul members and all St. Andrew Parishioners, Many thanks to you and all those who collected and delivered the Giving Tree gifts to Hope Emergency Program. We are very grateful and touched by your generosity, especially given the current state of the economy. With your help and those folks such as you, Hope was able to provide food, clothing and gifts to 1000+ children. Please know you are in our daily prayers of thanksgiving and may you be richly blessed throughout the year by the God who makes all our giving possible.

Gratefully, Sr. Sandy Bates, OSU and Sr. Lucia Castellini, OSU



WELCOME

The Following New Parishioners to St. Andrew

Kieran & Jackie Phelan & Sons: Kieran, Ben & Jimmy
744 Park Avenue, Terrace Park 831-5413

Matt & Ginny Rowan & Sons: Timothy & Xavier
113 Marian Lane, Terrace Park 659-5056

Eric & Linda Taylor & Children: Jennifer, Micaela, Jared & Alec
652 Polo Woods Drive, Cincinnati 45244 965-0681

Ryan & Carrie Woodward
7770 Whitacre Road, Blanchester 519-1212

Josh Rhein
109 Concord Woods Drive, Milford 885-1358

Michael & Kristin Lowe & Daughters: Madeline & Catherine
1125 Westchester Way, Cincinnati 45244 248-8877

Shane & Angela Wellman & Daughter: Taylor Elizabeth
2335 St. Rt. 28, Goshen 325-2687

David & Sheila Martin & Sons: Samuel & Benjamin
1426 Windstar Court, Milford 722-4757

St. Andrew Parish Library Book Review

Jacques Shore's beautiful children's book entitled, "Friday Night with the Pope", is another new book in our library, and a major contribution to Catholic-Jewish relations. Jacques Shore shares with us a moving evening....and an extraordinary experience of friendship. This personal little story, so significant for capturing the Great Spirit who was John Paul II, shares the wise words and blessings of the late Holy Father with the children of all ages in the world. **Visit the book rack in the back of our church** to find this wonderfully written and beautifully illustrated book along with many others for both children and adults. Our complete library of books, videos, CDs and DVDs is available through the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Preschool Registration for 2010/2011 School Year

Registration for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool for the 2010-2011 School Year will be held during Catholic School Week Open House on Sunday, January 31, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the preschool office. Your child must be 3-years old by Sept. 30, 2010 to be eligible for the 3-year old classes; 4-years old by Sept. 30, 2010 for the 4-year old classes; and 5-years old by Oct. 31, 2010 for our 5-day morning class. A \$80 registration fee is required at the time of registration. If you have any further questions, please contact the preschool office at 575-9900.

Parish Support

Christmas, 2009.....\$27,005.85

End of Year\$12,390.00

December 27, 2009

Sunday Envelope Collection (304).....\$10,657.00

Sunday Loose Collection.....\$640.50

Dimes Collection.....15.00

January 3, 2010

Sunday Envelope Collection (333)..... \$10,447.25

Sunday Loose Collection.....\$533.30

EFT Transfer.....\$7,294.00

Holy Mary of God\$2,332.00

Dimes Collection.....\$5.00

WINTERFEST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, due to our many volunteers and community donations. The total profit was \$16,629.82 equally divided between the SMILE Youth Group and Preservation of the Beauty of the Church Fund.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS are gratefully accepted at St. Andrew Church. You can even designate a particular fund for your memorial or honorarium. Donor names will be listed in the bulletin, unless otherwise specified. Family members will be notified of the donation, but not the donation amount. Memorial and honorarium envelopes are in the church vestibule, or you may stop in the Parish Office to pick up an envelope.

**Bless the Lord
my soul.**

If you would like a copy of what you have donated to St. Andrew in 2009, please fill out this slip and mail it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

E-mail Address _____
Envelope Number _____
