

### Ordered Time

We are now out of "poinsettia time." We are not in one of the special liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. It is Ordinary Time, not boring time or routine time, but "ordered" time, "numbered" time. Our Sundays and weeks will have numbers, and the color will be green until February 17, when Ash Wednesday arrives. In God and with God all time is ordered, no matter how much chaos seems to exist. Yes, our days are numbered and we count the days as they are spent, but God's graces are countless, God's blessings are without number, and God's mercies are never spent.

### Children at Sunday Mass

It seems to me that there are a multitude of children in church. I love it! As a pastor, I get a kick out of seeing kids at Sunday Mass with their siblings and friends. I suspect that, as a parent, you appreciate that your children see their classmates from school, too. It all makes such good sense - and it makes coming to Mass more fun. I am pleased when I think that we are creating memories for our children that will last a lifetime. It is so-o-o-o good to think that they feel at home at St. Andrew and like being here, with me and with you. As they grow older, they will remember and will be grateful. I am grateful now.

### Baby Teeth and Cock-Eyed Halos

Monday evening forty-eight of our children, in their last months of remaining in their pews without receiving communion, celebrated the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), or as is commonly said, made their first confession. It is quite the treat for us priests to spend a few godly moments with little ones, some still losing their baby teeth, some proudly proclaiming that they don't need the paper to say their act of contrition. When their halos begin to slip off their heads, may they catch them quickly and push them back into their angelic place.

### Asterisk Rob

Bishops put a cross in front of their name. The (previous) archbishop would sign a letter with "+Daniel E. Pilarczyk" or with the more informal "+DEP" initialed in the signature place. A couple of us took to referring to him as "plus Dan." When I would write to him, I would playfully sign my name, "-Rob," figuring that if he was "plus Dan," I could be "minus Rob." I never received any indication that he caught the humor. Testing the waters with the new archbishop, I wrote an email to him, addressing him as "+Dennis" and signing myself as "-Rob." His response came back to "Fr. Rob" from "Archbishop Schnurr." Hmm. In the meantime, I stumbled on another playful something to do: signing my name or preceding my initials with an asterisk. As the "+" is a cross, so the "x" is the saltire, the diagonal cross, the kind of cross on which our St. Andrew is said to have been martyred. Look at the statue or the stained glass window of Andrew in our church, and you will see him holding an "x" cross. The "+" with the "x" superimposed becomes an asterisk. So, now I will intrigue the bishop and others with an "\*" in front of my name, signature or initials, while saying to myself, "Blessings "I" on you "-" through the introduction "/" and intercession "\" of St. Andrew.

\*Father Rob Waller

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 18

7:00 p.m. John Settelmayer (Betty Surkamp)

### Tuesday, January 19

7:30 a.m. Gene Miller (The Soellner Family)

### Wednesday, January 20

7:30 a.m. Carl Stalzer (Janet Griebel)

### Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes

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

### Friday, January 22, St. Vincent

7:30 a.m. Mildred Cooper (Phyllis & Jim Cafferky)

11:45 a.m. Mary Burkhardt (Bob & Ruth Meisman)

### Saturday, January 23

7:30 a.m. John Carney (Dave & Gayle Radlinski)

5:15 p.m. Carolyn Morford (Treeridge Neighborhood)

### Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

9:30 a.m. Raymond Andrews (Raymond & Bonnie Braig)

11:00 a.m. Kurt Wuerfel (The Lacey Family)

### SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Carl & Marie Stalzer & Willard & Frances Wisby

### SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Dolores Rumpel (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mass)

### Vocation Views

God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

### Altar Flowers

That grace our altar this weekend were donated by Ted Ringwald in celebration of six birthdays in January of the Ringwald family. Thank you.

## Please pray for

**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 deceased family members, especially Donna Huxell's mother, Laverne Kuhnell, who died January 11 and her funeral Mass was Friday, January 15. May she 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. This week we feature: Adam Theuring - A Co. 725 (TFATTACK HLZ) - FOB Salerno - APO AE 09314. Adam is serving in Afghanistan and really appreciates short notes from people. No Food, just notes. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.

### Christ Renews His Parish Weekends

#### COME AND SEE...

Calling all women of the parish, you are invited to our next Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Weekend!

Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

When: February 13-14

For more information and to register, please contact:  
DeAnn O'Toole, 831-2707

### Volunteers Needed

To help plan for Lenten Programs here at St. Andrew. Please call the parish office if this sounds something you would be interested in.

*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.

*Bingo Workers: Team #3 for January 19*

Berns, Eckelman, A. Evans, Farlow, Gleim, Holbert, Potter, Randolph, Steffen, Wenstrup & Woodard

**Bingo Caller:** Terri Morrison

*Healing Touch Ministry*

The St. Andrew Healing Ministry looks forward to welcoming you to the first healing sessions of the New Year, scheduled on Sat., Jan. 23; 9:30, 10:10 & 11:00 in the Church Hall. This experience of God's love and healing is open to parishioners, their families and friends; no appointment is needed.

*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.

*SMILE Youth News*

**High School Retreat** - There is still time to register for the High School Retreat which takes place January 22-24. The cost is \$50. Call the Youth Office for more information. **SMILE Game Night** - Join the Youth Group for a Game Night at SEM Villa this Thursday from 6:30-8pm. We will play various games with the residents. Call the Youth Office, 831-8318 with any questions or to sign up. **High School Ski Trip** - The High School Ski trip to Mansfield, OH will take place February 5-7. Flyers were in last week's bulletin. Register early to guarantee yourself a spot!

**Cast Your Nets** - is an Archdiocesan program put on for all High School Students. It takes place on January 31, 5-9pm at Good Shepherd Parish. The event is FREE but teens are asked to bring a canned good to donate to St. Francis Seraph Food Pantry. The Youth Group went to this event last year and had a great time. Hope you'll join us this year! You must pre-register for this event to assure we have enough transportation. Call the Youth Office to do so. **Junior High Ski Day** will take place on Monday February 15 at Perfect North Slopes. Flyers were sent home through the School and PREP classes. Call the Youth Office if you need more information.

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*SASEAS BOOSTER NEWS*

Mail Registration for SASEAS Baseball, Softball, and Boys Volleyball is open until January 30. For information and forms please go to [www.SASEASBoosters.org/registration.htm](http://www.SASEASBoosters.org/registration.htm). Any registration received after that date is subject to a \$10 late fee and may not guarantee placement on a team.

*Sharing God's Gifts, January 10, 2010*

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection	
Sunday Envelope Collection (342 used).....	\$9,910.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$473.82
Dimes Collection.....	\$6.40

Dear Fr. Waller, These difficult economic times certainly make it more difficult for our parishioners to sacrifice for our mission church. The Mission Office is especially grateful for your parish's recent World Mission Sunday donations of \$1195.00. "Your

spiritual and financial scarifies you made on World Mission Sunday are deeply appreciated by our sisters and brothers in our 1,150 mission dioceses around the world. For more information visit [www.onefamilyinmission.org](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org) or visit our Mission Office website at [www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission).

*SASEAS School News*

Registration for new families wishing their child(ren) to attend St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Sunday, January 31 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Seton Campus. Parents planning to register their child must do so on Sunday, January 31 since failure to do so may cause the family to be placed on a waiting list. Parents are requested to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal record, social security number, as well as, the \$125.00 registration fee. If you have any further questions, please contact the Seton Campus school office, 575-0093.

*The SASEAS School PTO invites*

the St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Community to our annual Catholic Schools Week Family Spaghetti Dinner Celebration! Friday, February 5 in the Seton Cafeteria.

*CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE*

In two weeks, we will begin our Catholic Schools Week observance. Catholic schools across the nation set aside this week every year to focus on the gift that a Catholic education provides to America's young people. At St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School we reach out to the community beyond our classroom doors to build awareness of what our school has to offer. To this end, Open Houses will be held on both of our campuses on Sunday, January 31, from 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Please stop by and visit with our teachers, students, and parents to see first-hand the benefits of a Christ-centered education. **We also take time during Catholic Schools Week** to thank those who work hard every day to make SASEAS School an excellent example of how Catholic schools provide "dividends for life." At the top of the list of those we wish to thank are the parishioners of St. Andrew. Join us to close Catholic Schools Week on Friday, February 5, in the Seton Cafeteria for our annual Family Spaghetti Dinner, which is always a great community-building event. **See next week's bulletin** for details about these two events and a complete schedule of activities. You can also visit our website, [saseasschool.org](http://saseasschool.org) or contact Justine Lakatos, 248-8815.

*St. Andrew Parish Library Book Review*

Two beautifully illustrated books for children (and all ages!) have been written by Jeanne Perego and are now in our library. In "Joseph and Chico", Chico (the cat) describes the life of the young Joseph Ratzinger all the way up to his election as Pontiff on April 19, 2005. This children's book gives us an insight into the casual side of this man as seen by the little yellow cat who sat on the lap of the man who would become Pope Benedict XVI, an extremely busy man who learned to relax with a four-legged friend. "Max and Benedict" is a charming sequel to Joseph and Chico and takes up the story of Benedict XVI's new life as the Pope, as seen by Max, a sparrow who lives in the Vatican gardens. Max tells readers about the private and public activities of our Pope. Did you know he often plays the piano, and his favorite dessert is apple strudel? **Visit the book rack** in the vestibule to find these wonderfully written and beautifully illustrated books 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.

*Thanks for the memorials we have received*

In memory of

**Mahlon Smith and Mahlon C. Smith, Jr.**

from Kimberly Smith for the Education Endowment Fund

In memory of

**Carl Stalzer**

from Janet Panning, Ross and Carmella DeJohn

*Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week*  
Little Caesars'  
815 Main Street

## *THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*

**Monday, January 18**

*Parish Office Closed*

*No SASEAS School*

9:30 am SALT Meeting Room, Parish Center  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul  
Parish Library  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #6  
Andrew's H.  
7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 19**

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #3)  
Parish Center  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7  
Andrew's H

**Wednesday, January 20**

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
5:00 pm Cemetery, Ground & Facilities Parish  
Office Kitchen  
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room, Parish Center

**Thursday, January 21**

6:30 pm SMILE Games Night at SEM Villa  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
Parish Library  
7:00 pm Choir Practice Church  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #8  
Andrew's House

**Friday, January 22**

SASEAS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
Parish Library  
SMILE High School Retreat Weekend

**Saturday, January 23**

8:00 am SASEAS Men  
Andrew's House  
8:00 am Girls Volleyball Games  
Parish Center  
9:30 am Healing Touch Ministry Sessions  
Church Hall

**Sunday, January 24**

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes  
9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
2:00 pm Boys Basketball Games  
Parish Center

