

From The Pastor

As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be praying for households #252-281, every day for the next seven days, from February 1-7, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, February 7: Hemminger, Eberle, Huxtable, Hinkle, Brinkman, McClughen, Kiser, Hogan, Holenchak, Bain, Ballachino, Holbert, Evans, Howell, Bodnar, Huber, Dakel, Galocy, Huth, Huxell, Stanula, Krempasky, Hodges, Hofmann, Kaimer and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

Help and Hope for Haiti

We are sending over \$11,000 to the people of Haiti through our archbishop's office. Here is the text of an email that I sent to Archbishop Schnurr: We look forward to welcoming you to our St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton school on Friday, January 29, for the beginning of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Here's hoping that the threat of the "white death" does not come true. We certainly do not want to miss your visit. But I couldn't wait until then to let you know that St. Andrew parish itself has collected over \$11,000 for the people of Haiti – not bad for our little parish of St. Andrew in historic Milford. That's a lot of help and a lot of hope that is being sent. I continue to be the "proud father" of the people of St. Andrew. A giving and caring and out-reaching bunch of folks they are! My appointment here has been a blessing to me – and my staying here is much appreciated ... hint, hint.

An Email from Bethlehem

On Christmas morning I sent a message to Father Ibrahim Shomali, the pastor of our sister-parish in Beit Jala (Bethlehem): Many blessings for your parish! At our largest Christmas Eve Mass – and again at our Christmas Midnight Mass – I spoke about the Christians in the Holy Land and I lit a candle in a "peace dove" that I brought back with me from Taybeh. We prayed "for the Christians in the Holy Land; that they may have peace in their hearts and peace in their land; the peace that the angels sang about on the first Christmas." You and your parish were remembered on Christmas here at St. Andrew in Milford.

The pastor returned an email, assuring us that we were remembered in Bethlehem, too: Thanks a lot for the prayer and for praying for the local community of the Holy Land. We are really in need of your prayers and support. The situation is not easy. But thanks to God we are trying to witness Jesus Christ in this situation. I want to tell you that you were present in our Mass and the parish and especially in the Nativity church in the manger, when I celebrated with some of our parishioners after the Midnight Mass. God be with you and protect you. With all our love and prayer. Father Ibrahim

There's Room in the Inn

A group of parishioners and I are going to the Holy Land from May 5-19. We will sleep four nights in Bethlehem. There is room in the inn for you. If you have even a tingling of interest, let me know soon, so that I can hold a key for you. I'd hate to have to tell you that there was no room for you in the inn in Bethlehem.

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 1

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Mae Proffitt

Tuesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Mark Reckman (The Soellner Family)

Wednesday, February 3, St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

7:30 a.m. Agnes Landon, Birthday Remembrance (Mary Wenstrup)

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5, St. Agatha

7:30 a.m. James Roberts (Trombley Family)

11:45 a.m. Mike Martinelli (Criag & Melanie Faller)

Saturday, February 6, St. Paul Miki & His Companions

7:30 a.m. Betty Edwards (Jim Niemann)

5:15 p.m. Josephine Mehne (Herbert Wottlé)

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Merrill Curless (Allen & Marilyn Birkle)

9:30 a.m. Joseph Bauer (Anna Bauer & Sons)

11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Therese Dobrowalski (Carolyn Siberski)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Louis & Martha Kneipp

Vocation Views

"Love never fails." Trust the love of God and follow your heart. (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:4-13)



PLEASE PRAY FOR all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized

University: Betty Morse Bethesda North: Diane Paul

Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially Joe Ballachino, brother to Carl Ballachino and Lu Johnson, and to Victoria Sickles, who died January 24. Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.

St. Andrew Altar Attendants

Your next two month schedule is being prepared to come out soon. Please call the Parish Office by Monday, February 8 if you know of any particular dates that you will be unable to minister during March and April, 2010.

Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversaries

during 2010 should contact the Parish Office no later than March 1. The 2010 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be Saturday, May 1 at 2 pm. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be the celebrant at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. If you would like to receive a scroll from the Archdiocese for your 25th, 50th, 60th 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary, please call the Parish Office.

Congratulations

to the following students who received honors the second quarter of the 2009-2010 school year from

Mt. Notre Dame High School

First Honors: Abigail Vollmer

Second Honors: Kayla Grome, Lauren Johnston, Madeline Lindner, Heather Moeller, Riley Vollmer, Brennan White, Morgan Wolfe & Sally Yee

Covington Latin School

First Honors: Lorenzo Ortiz

Second Honors: Rafael Ortiz & Tomas Ortiz

Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week

Kid Power Therapy Services

575-5431

Bulletin Announcements need to be in writing in the Parish Office by noon on Monday or e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com

SASEAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education and its role in preparing our children for a life of love and service to their families, their communities, and the Lord. We've planned a variety of events, all of which are listed on the enclosed CSW Schedule. Please join us!

The Family Caregiver Group

If you are responsible for the care of an elderly relative or friend, please join us for our monthly support group meeting in the Church Hall this Tuesday, February 2 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information contact Marcy Schutte, 831-1516 or Mary Schutte, 248-1055.

Bingo Workers: Team #5 for February 2

Biel, Bowling, Cayla, Craig, Heuker, Hofmann, Hogue, Keri, Richards, Sager, Sullivan & Watford

Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist

Wednesday, February 3, 8:00 am - 12 noon. "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of Adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." Pope Benedict XVI

Meeting for Parents

whose children are preparing for First Communion will be Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall or Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

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.

Lenten Black Books Available February 6 & 7

in the Church Hall after all Masses. The Little Black Book will be your Lenten companion, offering a daily buffet of explanations, reflections and timely thoughts. Obtain your new Little Black Lenten Book (suggested donation of \$1.00), enjoy refreshments, and pick-up your box of 2010 parish envelopes.

Christ Renews His Parish Weekends

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.

Susan Bake-Off Benefit

Join us for an evening of delicious desserts, lots of laughter and great company! On Saturday, February 13 at 7:00pm in the St. Andrew Church Basement, we will be holding a Benefit in honor of Susan Wenstrup. This Benefit is combining two of Susan's favorite things – dessert and St. Andrew. All of the money donated at the Benefit will go towards enhancements at the St. Andrew Cemetery. Admittance fee is \$10.00 (or free if you enter a dessert in the Bake-Off). Voting for your favorite dessert will be \$1 per vote. Please RSVP to Jill Rothmeeler, 315-6833 or jrothmeeler17@yahoo.com.

2009 Contributions

If you would like a copy of what you have donated to St. Andrew in 2009, please call the parish office, 831-3353 or e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com.

Junior High Ski Day

Attention 7th and 8th graders: Are you interested in going to Perfect North with the Youth Group on Monday, February 15? You can choose between skiing, snowboarding or tubing! Rentals are \$23, lift tickets are \$30, and transportation (by bus) is \$7. To register, send your money and registration form into the Youth Office by Tuesday February 9. For more information, please call Catherine, 831-8318.

News from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Join us for an Intergenerational Parish Event! Getting to the Heart of Lent - Make this Lent more meaningful for your whole family. Join fellow parishioners for "Getting to the Heart of Lent," an opportunity for adults and children together to grow in their understanding of the three disciplines of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. An interactive presentation and prayer service are followed by activities to help you create a prayer center for your home. Spend time with your family and your faith community learning how to live Lent more fully on February 6, 9:30-11:00 am in the Seton Cafeteria. Please contact us Patty Norris, 575-0119 or pknorris@cinci.rr.com if you are planning to attend and provide us with the total number of attendees from your family. We look forward to seeing you there!



St. Andrew Parish Library Book Reviews

"The Sound of Listening" is a journal by John Dear, the Jesuit priest peace activist, written during a nine day retreat in Thomas Merton's hermitage house at the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky. It includes quotes from Thomas Merton's writings and John Dear's reflections on his own life. He writes of his confessions, inspirations, and prayers that arrived from staying in Merton's house, praying in the same chapel, and walking along the same grounds as Merton. It gives an inward account of those quiet days of solitude, silence, and intimacy with the God of peace. The journal may encourage the reader to pursue an inner recovery and a holy journey into the peace of God. Find it in the Spirituality section of the library.

Thank you for your support of the SCRIP Gift Card Program

during the Christmas season. We hope you continue to purchase gift cards for retailers such as Aeropostale, Kohl's, Macy's, Dillard's and local restaurants through St. Andrew. For each gift card sold, St. Andrew receives a percentage of the sale and they are the SAME gift cards you would purchase at the store. Because of the colder weather, we will NOT be selling after weekend Masses again until April. How do you order? Included in this week's bulletin is an order form listing all participating retailers. Complete your order form and DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET THE WEEKEND OF February 6/7. Mark your envelope to the attention of "Gift Card Order". Orders will be available for pick up after all Masses the following weekend, February 13/14. Gift cards are always available for purchase in the Parish Office. Questions, call Carolyn Wuerfel, 248-9336 or Cheryl Dahling, 722-2539.

Sharing God's Gifts

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection	
For January 17, 2010 weekend	
Sunday Envelope Collection (365 used).....	\$11,654.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$601.87
Dimes Collection.....	\$5.10
For January 24, 2010 weekend	
Sunday Envelope Collection (372 used).....	\$10,705.40
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$556.67
Dimes Collection.....	\$6.40

Dear Fr. Waller, The Archdiocesan Financial Services informed my office of the contribution that St. Andrew Parish has made to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The people of the Archdiocese have given generously in the past. They do **Share in the Care**. The infirmed

and elderly religious serve all of us through their prayer and suffering. These members often show us how to live and how to die. In our society, there is a real value to the witness of our care of the aged member.
Sister Mary Garke, CPPS



St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
OPEN HOUSE
Today, Sunday, January 31
11:30 am – 2:30 pm
at both

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 1

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Parish Library
7:30 pm SMILE Retreat Follow-up Meeting
Church Hall

Tuesday, February 2

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #5)
Parish Center
7:00 pm Caregivers Support Group
Church Hall
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's #7
Andrew's House

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 am – 12:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Church
9:30 am Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room, Parish
Center

Thursday, February 4

7:00 pm Choir Practice
Church
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #8
Andrew's House
7:00 pm Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting
Church Hall

Friday, February 5

5:30 – 8:30 pm – PTO sponsored Spaghetti Dinner Seton
Cafeteria
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library

Saturday, February 6

9:00 am Welcome Connection
Parish Library
9:00 am Healing Touch Business Meeting
Church Hall
9:00 am Volleyball Games
Parish Center

Sunday, February 7

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