

My 59th Birthday and My Lenten Fasting

Catholics of my age and older tell tales of how difficult Lent used to be, "I remember the days when ... We used to have to ..." Today what is "required" by the church is little and easy: "Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Good Friday, April 2, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday." When "what we had to do" was trimmed down, what was highlighted was the invitation and challenge to make some decisions on our own, always striving "to do more than less." Right before Lent, as I read what was required, it dawned on me that I reached my 59th birthday in 2008. Drat! I fasted last Lent, when I didn't have to fast. Now I have to decide on my own whether or not I will fast with the rest of you young people. Maybe, if I fast and if I get a little hungry this year, I won't just get mad at the rule, as I have in the past, but I might just wind up thinking about all the people in the world who are really hungry all the time and not by choice.

What Makes a Difference in the Faith of Young People?

Among the findings of the most research national research: Parents continue to be the most significant factor in the faith lives of young people, even into their early twenties. The best predictor we have of young adult faith is *parents who actively live their faith.*

Olympic Style and Grace

The word "Olympic" is usually, if not always, capitalized, like in Olympic games, Olympic contender and Olympic medals, because it refers back to the Greek god Olympus and Mount Olympia. We don't see the word in all lowercase letters. It is too big to be small. Wouldn't it be something if all the leaders of the nations, and if all the people of all the nations were to have true Olympic spirit and attitude: flag-waving pride in performance and successes of our country, always cheering for a great performance by any nation, and never cheering over the misfortune or the losses of any nation.

As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be praying for households #343-370, every day for the next seven days, from February 22-28, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, February 28: Cooke, Koczwarra, Meisner, Liette, Liming, Mains, Lickert, McCabe, Hyer, Schutte, Brinkworth, Lilly, McEvoy, McGahan, McGuinness, Belisle, McNeal, Bowman, Horn, Covert, Engel, Morrison, Clark, Mann, Gordon and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

Same Numbers Two Months in A Row

Although my calendar and I sometimes get confused as we schedule appointments and enter in February and March with the days of the week having the same number, there is something we get a kick out of, my calendar and I, that is, when there is that order and sameness for at least those (two times) 28 days.

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter

No Mass

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp

7:30 a.m. Special Birthday Intention for Katie Wellman

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mrs. Helen Williams (Mary Armstrong)

Thursday February 25

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

Friday, February 26

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Daniel Wenstrup (Mary Wenstrup)

11:45 a.m. James Roberts (Trombley Family)

Saturday, February 27

7:30 a.m. Wilda Guthrie (Ceese & Bob Belisle)

5:15 p.m. Robert Riesenberger (Phil Groeber Family)

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Carolyn Morford (Treeridge Neighborhood)

11:00 a.m. Al & Anna Beuke (Mary Armstrong)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Mark Reckman (Carolyn Siberski)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Esther Carroll (SEM Laurels Prayer Group)

Vocation View

God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)

Please pray for

the sick, shut-ins, nursing home residents and hospitalized members of our parish.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of our deceased family members, especially Mary Villano's mother, Grace Mladinich, and for Ann Izydore, a former parishioner. May they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Serving in the Armed Forces

Let us offer our prayer 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.

Explore God's call in your life. Discover the richness of Catholic Tradition. Earn a Certificate or Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program. Is it time for you to see how lay ministry formation can transform your life? Join us for free information meetings outlining all aspects of the LPMP: February 27, 10 or March 11, 7 pm at The Athenaeum, 6616 Beechmont Ave. Applications are now being accepted for Fall enrollment. Call 231-1200 for more information or visit our website at www.athenaeum.edu.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The weekend of March 6/7 will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at St. Andrew Parish. The theme for the 2010 CMA is "**Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks.**" As the parish offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish, the CMA is the lifeline of the Archdiocese – so your support is critical. Archbishop Schnurr is inviting every Catholic household to participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

SEM HAVEN HEALTH CARE



2010 Parish Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up your 2010 parish envelopes they will be available in the Parish Center after all Masses this weekend (and during the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday) or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

8th Grade Girls Volleyball

Come help us celebrate our two 8th grade girls Volleyball teams TODAY Sunday, February 21 in the Seton gym starting at 4:00 pm. Both teams are finishing their last games for SASEAS. The 8th grade 'A' team will kick-off the celebration with a game at 4:00 pm followed by the 8th grade 'B' team at 5:00 pm. Bring your friends and help us celebrate!

SMILE YOUTH NEWS

There is a SMILE Meeting this Sunday from 7-9 in the Church Hall. All 7th-12th grade students are invited.

Family BINGO - All are invited to attend our Family BINGO on Sunday, March 8 in the Parish Center. Admission is \$5 per person and we will have prizes for all ages! The doors and snack bar will open at noon and BINGO will start around 12:30. Come join us for a great day out with your family! All proceeds will go to offset the cost of the Youth Group's Mission Trip to Buffalo, NY this summer.

Ladies Sodality News

All ladies of the parish are invited to our February meeting on Monday, February 22 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. We will have a short business meeting and a pizza social. (Inclement weather cancels our meeting). **Our Annual Flea Market** will be Saturday, May 1. Your treasures may be just the thing someone else is looking for. If you would like to sell your own treasures, tables can be rented for \$20.00 each, please contact Janet Hartmann, 248-1844 if interested.

Bingo Worker Team #8 for February 23

Brownfield, Hartwell, Lacey, Lewis, Masterson, Myers, Pearson, Peterson, Renner, Taylor, Virzi & Wolf

Bingo Caller: Keith Phillips

Two New Bible Studies

Choose between two offerings or come to both
 1) **"Open Our Hearts"** a six-week study of the Lenten readings, including daily Lenten reflections. Group discussion of the Sunday readings. Dates: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 14 & 31. Cost: \$6.00 for book. Wednesdays at

10:00 am-11:30 am in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center.

2) **"The Bible in Plain English"** – A bible study by author Bill Huebsch, especially geared for those new to the Bible. We will cover an Introduction, the four Gospels and finish with the Passion Study. Dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25. Thursdays, 1:30-3:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center.

Speaker Joe Schadle will join us on Wednesday evening, March 24 for a Lenten reflection. Detail to follow.

St. Andrew Model Train Show

March 13, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm - Parish Center

Collectors, Buy/Sell Trains

Operating and Interactive Displays (for kids of all ages)

Great Food, Lots of Fun

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.

Holy Name Society Annual Men's Breakfast

Our annual breakfast, prepared by Chris Schmidt and her crew, will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday, March 14 after the 8:00 am Mass. Our guest speaker will be Jerry Doerger, former basketball coach at McNicholas and presently at Clermont Northeastern. **ATTENTION: Male Graduates of St. Andrew;** who played college or professional sports, we would like to recognize you for your achievements after leaving St. Andrew grade school. Men, both young and old, are invited to attend this annual event. Please call the Parish Office, R.J. Vilardo, 831-4389 or Keith Phillips, 831-9037 if you will be attending.

March Baptism Program

March 14 at 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. This program is required for parents of children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Andrew. Both parents are encouraged to attend, along with the Godparents. Many come before their child is born. **Please note** that there are no Baptisms during Lent. Next session: May 16. If you will be attending the March program, please call the Parish Office.

St. Andrew Parish Library Book Reviews

"God Speaks" by Charles Robb is a collection of billboard signs that ran as a campaign aimed at people who have drifted away from their faith. Each page is one billboard of a touching quote of what God might be saying to you, such as; "If you could only see you like I see you", or "You'd be surprised at what I am willing to forget." Leave the book on your coffee table or nightstand and pick it up a couple times to see how a page might affect you. "We are in this together." It can be found in the Spirituality section of the library. "Is this the sign you've been waiting for?"

News from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Lenten Fish Fry - now through March 26, dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Besides fish, shrimp, pizza and salmon dinners, delicious side dishes, desserts and drinks are included. Each Friday, a special additional seafood dish will be offered in limited supplies, for those who would like to try something different. Come enjoy an inexpensive dinner with your friends at Seton.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students from who achieved honors the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year

St. Xavier High School

First Honors: Kienan Adams, Joseph DiSalvo, Brendan Roa & Andrew Majoras

Second Honors: Thomas Rapping

Ursuline Academy

Amanda DiSalvo, Meagan Majchszak, Katherine Masterson & Autumn Grace Peterson

SASEAS School PTO - Grand Event Raffle

Win \$2,500 CASH Or Free Tuition for One Year

SASEAS School students will be on hand after all Masses next weekend, February 27/28 selling \$10 raffle tickets for your chance to win CASH or FREE TUITION. All proceeds will be used to purchase Tablet PC Laptops for student use. Drawing will be held the night of the Grand Event (March 20 in the Parish Center). Winner need not be present to win. Buy your tickets after Mass next weekend and be entered in three early bird drawings of \$100 each to be held March 5, 12, and 19.

The **Moeller Band Boosters** are hosting their semiannual Antique Show and Sale on Saturday, March 6 (9am-4 pm) & Sunday, March 7 (12 pm-4 pm) at Moeller High School, 9001 Montgomery Rd. Admission is \$4.00 and the boosters will be selling their famous baked potato soup and other delicious food items. The band is made up of students from Moeller, Mount Notre Dame and Ursuline Academy. For more information see www.moeller.org or call the band director, 791-1680.

8:30 am -12:30 pm and the cost is \$6 per adult, \$4 for children 10 and under and free for 2 and under. Thank you in advance for your support.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 22

6:30 pm Ladies Sodality
Church Hall
6:30 pm Franciscans Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Parish Library

Tuesday, February 23

3:00 pm Way of the Cross
SEM Villa
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #8)
Parish Center
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7
Andrew's House
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Wednesday, February 24

10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, February 25

1:30 pm Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
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

Friday, February 26

No School for SASEAS School Students
7:00 pm Way of the Cross
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am SASEAS Men
Andrew's House
9:00 am Volleyball Games
Parish Center

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes
11:00 am RCIA Meeting Room,
Parish Center
2:00 Boys Basketball Games
Parish Center
7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting
Church Hall

Pancake Breakfast TODAY, Sunday, February 21

The Youth Group is hosting an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast in support of the Mission Trip to Buffalo, NY this summer. The breakfast will take place in the Parish Center from