

FROM THE PASTOR

Second Sunday of Lent - Penitential Rite(s)

The Penitential Rite of the RCIA is designed to help those who are already baptized and are now seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, like our Jennifer Cunningham and Sandra Hardin, to overcome their areas of weakness, and to strengthen their areas of goodness. We join in prayer with them at the 8 o'clock Mass, asking God to purify them and help them be ready to receive Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season: "God of pardon and mercy, you reveal yourself in your readiness to forgive and manifest your glory by making us holy. Grant that we who repent may be cleansed from sin and restored to your life of grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

At all the other Masses this weekend, we kneel and sing the penitential rite of the Mass, hoping that this song and posture, different from how we pray the penitential rite throughout the rest of the year, will add a certain Lenten character to the prayer: "Lord Jesus, well of salvation, quenching fountain and life-giving stream, Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, light in our darkness, sight for the blind and power of God, Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, hope in our doubt, consolation in our grief, resurrection and life. Lord, have mercy. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life."

Confessions are scheduled for every Saturday afternoon, beginning at 4:15 p.m. The joint St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Penance Service is on Monday, March 29 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 7:00 pm. With a call to the parish office, you and I can arrange to meet at church at just about anytime you like.

Always and Everywhere Give Thanks Catholic Ministries Appeal

Giving and giving thanks are part of who we are every day, wherever our lives take us. Always and everywhere we give thanks. In our Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we have a once-a-year opportunity to participate in that mission of the Church in a special way, by giving and giving thanks through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Why Make A Financial Gift? The Catholic Ministries Appeal invites us to participate in the Church's mission by sharing our financial resources. Our gift makes a real difference, always and everywhere: always ... when there's food on the table for a hungry family ... when a young man called to priesthood has help with the costs of seminary education ... when retired priests are supported in continuing their service – and everywhere ... in our parishes, where clergy and lay ministers share the gifts of their formation in faith ... on college campuses, in hospitals, and in jails, where chaplains bring faith and hope ... throughout the Archdiocese, wherever people are in need.

What Makes a Difference in the Faith of Young People?

Among the findings of the most recent national research: Young people who pray, who have a regular, personal relationship with God and exercise that relationship in personal prayer, are highly likely to carry that faith and prayer into their twenties and beyond.

Father Rob Waller

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 1

7:00 p.m. Jean LaBar (Pete & Kathy Holenchak)

Tuesday March 2

7:30 a.m. Frank Besl (Eve Van Sickle)

Wednesday, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel

7:30 a.m. Dick Wolf (Fr. Wentzel K of C Council)

Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir

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

Friday, March 5

7:30 a.m. Jeanette Rozzi (Pete & Kathy Holenchak)

11:45 a.m. Rose Grueninger (Scott & Tammie Barton)

Saturday, March 6

7:30 a.m. Mildred Hamel (Steve & Kathy Singer)

5:15 p.m. Gene Miller (Joyce Bramble)

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ballachino (Connie Ballachino & Family)

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

11:00 a.m. Grandpa Victor (Krempasky Family)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Anna & Joseph Urban (Carolyn Siberski)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. William Tatem (Mary Wenstrup)

Vocation View

Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)

Please pray for

our parish, our shut-ins, our nursing home residents, our hospitalized parishioners and everyone who is ill

Remember in your prayers

all of the faithful departed, especially Diane Paul, who died February 17. Diane's funeral Mass was Monday, February 22. Prayers also for Barb Russell's mother, Gertrude Hatke, who died February 13; William Moroney, who died February 13, Janet Hartmann's mother, Grady's Hornback, who died February 18 and Rose Henry's sister, Betty Sizemore, who died February 21. May they rest in the peace of our Risen Lord and Savior.

An Aid to Our Worship

As an aid to our worship experience, we like to add new songs for the church's special seasons. Last weekend we sang two new songs not from the hymnals but rather printed and placed at the ends of the pews. These are our Lenten worship aids and they are meant to aid us in our worship experience. To keep our Church tidy and have the worship aids available for the next Mass, please return them to the end of pew at the conclusion of Mass. Thank you for keeping our worship space neat. Let's worship the Lord in song! ~ from the Music Ministry

PREP & SASEAS School - Operation Rice Bowl

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sister in need.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

Are you looking for a great Lenten project for your family? On Monday, March 22, SASEAS will be hosting several homeless families at the First Milford UMC. Volunteers are needed to serve as dinner hosts and activity hosts. These are great volunteer opportunities for families! Also, overnight hosts are needed for Monday evening only. This is a great volunteer opportunity for

retired couples! If you are interested, please contact Monica Cooper, 967-7450.

SASEAS School PTO - Grand Event Raffle

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

SASEAS School students are selling \$10 raffle tickets for your chance to win CASH or FREE TUTION after all Masses **today**. Proceeds will be used to purchase Tablet PC Laptops for student use. The drawing will be held the night of the Grand Event (March 20 in the Parish Center). and the winner need not be present to win. Buy your tickets today and be entered in three early bird drawings of \$100 each to be held March 5, 12, and 19.

Bingo-Parent Workers (Team #1) for March 2

Becker, Dundon, Grome, Koop, Limberg, Radloff, Shooner, Stahanczyk, Stanula & Veneziano

The Family Caregiver Group

will meet on Tuesday, March 2 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Church Hall. If you are responsible for the care of an elderly loved one, please join the group.

ADORATION Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 3, 8 am-12 noon. Come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."I am as truly here, as you are truly there." Millions of people have made arduous journeys across the world to outlandish places in order to be present where the Blessed Mother may be appearing. Would you want to be present there if you were absolutely certain that Jesus was present waiting there to share His love for you and with you? Would you make it there if it were close at hand and you were a hundred percent certain that He would be there? Would you make it there if it were just for one hour? Would you make an effort to be there if it could change your life and help you in any difficulties you may be encountering? Then come to Eucharistic Adoration...where Jesus will be truly there! Interested in becoming an adorer for one hour a month? Call JoAnne Lacey, 831-8318 or Jerry O'Toole, 831-2707

Two Bible Studies

“Open Our Hearts” a study of the Lenten readings, including daily Lenten reflections. Group discussion of the Sunday readings. Wednesdays at 10:00 am, Meeting Room of the Parish Center.

“The Bible in Plain English” – A bible study especially geared for those new to the Bible. We will cover an Introduction, the four Gospels and finish with the Passion Study. Thursdays, 1:30 pm, Meeting Room of the Parish Center.

Friday Night Fish Fry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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.

St. Andrew Model Train Show

Saturday, March 13, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm in the Parish Center - Collectors, Buy/Sell Trains - Operating and Interactive Displays (for kids of all ages) - Great Food, Lots of Fun

SMILE Youth News

SMILE Product Study - The Youth Group is in need of at least 75 women ages 18-55 to participate in a product study on March 24 between 3:30-6:30 pm. This will be a fundraiser for our Mission Trip. If you are available to help this will take between 20-30 minutes of your time. Please call the Youth Office to sign up for a time slot. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

Attention All Men and Young Men of the Parish Holy Name Society Annual Men's 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 Philips, 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. Next session: May 16. If you will be attending the March program, please call the Parish Office.

SASEAS Alumni Database Update

We are in the process of updating our SASEAS Database before we send out our Annual Newsletter. Have you recently moved? Have you been missing your SASEAS Alumni Newsletter? We are asking all SASEAS Alumni to please send any address changes to Jill Rothmeeler jrothmeeler17@yahoo.com. Please Save the Date for our next Alumni Event on Fri., June 11, 2010!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Next weekend, March 6 & 7, will be Catholic Ministries Commitment Weekend here at St. Andrew. We ask every Catholic household to participate. Every registered parish household should receive a letter this week from Archbishop Schnurr. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelope next weekend or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Thank you! If you do not receive a letter in the mail this week, we invite you to pick up a pledge packet from the poster display in the vestibule next weekend.

Sharing God's Gifts

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection

February 14, 2010

Sunday Envelope Collection (357).....	\$11,394.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$536.56
Dimes Collection.....	\$3.50

February 21, 2010

Sunday Envelope Collection (357).....	\$10,951.70
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$702.80
Dimes Collection.....	\$1.00

SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS!

Meijer Gift Cards are now available through our gift card program. They are in stock at the Parish Office and available in \$25 and \$100 denominations. For each Meijer gift card sold, St. Andrew receives 3% of the sale and they are the SAME gift cards you would purchase at the store. For those unfamiliar with the program, St. Andrew purchases cards at a discounted rate but sells them for FULL face value! The profit made depends on the retailer and ranges anywhere from 2% - 16%. 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 NEXT WEEKEND: March 6 & 7. Mark your envelope "Gift Card Order". Orders will be available for pick up after all Masses the following weekend, March 13 & 14. Gift cards are always available for purchase in the Parish Office. Questions, call Carolyn Wuerfel, 248-9336 or Cheryl Dahling, 722-2539.

7:00 pm SMILE Youth Meeting
Church Hall

Thank You to Our Sponsor of the Week
Evans Funeral Home



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 1

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Parish Library

Tuesday, March 2

3:00 pm Way of the Cross at SEM Villa
5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
Church
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #1)
Parish Center
7:00 pm Caregivers Support Group
Church Hall
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's #8
Andrew's House

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 am – 12:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Church
10:00 am Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Thursday, March 4

1:30 pm Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
6:00 pm Stewardship
Parish Office
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, March 5

7:00 pm Way of the Cross
Church
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library

Saturday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes
10:00 am RCIA Meeting Room,
Parish Center
12:00 pm SMILE Youth sponsored Family Bingo
Parish Center

Second Sunday of Lent
