

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The New "Old" Stain Glass Windows

Last August in our school attic we found a set of stained glass windows. No one around here has any recollection of where they came from or how long they have been up there. Thanks to the generosity of two of our parishioners – and the skilled craftsmanship of another parishioner – the windows have been restored and put in place on the back walls of our church.

We cannot have certainly, but everything points to the fact that those windows were in our first church down on Water Street in old Milford. In our parish archives we find that in January of 1897 the Reverend George F. Hickey was appointed pastor. On March 5 of that same year high waters flooded and badly damaged the church. The people generously came to the rescue [editors note: as you still do today] and restored the church. Shortly thereafter, the history records in our parish archives tell us, "... beautiful stained glass windows were donated and installed."

A drawing of the church in flooded waters at Elm and Water Streets shows two windows over the front doors, with regular glass in them and the shape of the windows that we found in the attic. A stained glass expert told us that the windows we found in the attic were created in the 1800s or the early 1900s. Again, there is no certainty, but things point in the direction of those windows we found in the attic being over the main doors of that first church. When asked, I will say, "We can't be sure that they are from our original church, but it seems very likely." That is my story – and I am sticking to it.

Ten "Free" Tickets

Truly I am befuddled with how positive the response has been to our "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes." As of this past Tuesday, there was \$15 over \$40,000 in ticket sales. That is two weeks – just two weeks – since you received my letter in the mail, along with your tickets and your coupon. In two weeks over \$40,000 in ticket sales: remarkable!

Not wanting you to have all the fun, I wanted to have fun contributing, too. This announcement is fun for me to make. The winners of the "ten" free sweepstakes raffle tickets are: Jay and Teresa Porcaro, Delmar Mann, Vicki Shearman, Juli Riley, Phyllis Thompson, Neil and Alison Hantak, Jeff Read, M/M William Eggers, Doug and Angela Dennis, and Fran Kelly.

Under the Tent

Barb Aluotto, our Director of Religious Education, and Kathy Bitzer, the Assistant to the Director of Religious Education, are outside under the "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes" tent. They are there to thank you for your appreciation and gratitude for what they and those in their educational, formational, sacramental and justice ministries. Because of you, these ministries – and all the ministries of the parish – will prosper and flourish. Barb, Kathy and their friends will have tickets for you to buy or sell.

Father Rob Waller



Monday, June 15

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Matt Soellner (Family)

Tuesday, June 16

7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rein (Ann & Bob Rein)

Wednesday, June 17

7:30 a.m. Joan Hauck (Tree Ridge Neighbors)

Thursday, June 18

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

Friday, June 19, Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Saturday, June 20, Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

5:15 p.m. Dorothy Berns (SASEAS School Staff)

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mary G. Kane (George & Barbara Baer)

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

11:00 a.m. Goldena Thacher (Metchy Hance)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Louis & Martha Kneipp

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Millie Cooper (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Leguillon)

Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend are for a Birthday Remembrance for Bernice Bitzer from Ed and Charlene Fischer. Thank you.

Vocation View

By sharing the body and blood of Christ we are sealing our covenant with God. We are given the gift of life and asked to share it with others. Give thanks for this sustaining gift.

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 Jerry Beck may he 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 for the memorial we have received

In memory of Mary Strunk

From Alice Rushing for the Choir Hand Bell Fund

REMINDERS

During the summer months, the Parish Office will close at 4 pm on Friday

First Communion Pictures can be picked up in the Parish Office during office hours.

Bulletin deadline is Monday at noon in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com



St. Andrew Library News

For your summer reading and convenience - Many books from St Andrew Parish Library are available in the bookrack in the vestibule, along with a "Return Box" for returning borrowed

books. A greater selection of books, tapes and CDs is available in the Parish Library during regular office hours. Call 575-2116 for help in locating a particular library item.

**God's Big Backyard - VBS Team Meeting
Reminder**

Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Seton School in classroom 5A (older school wing). Please enter at the door near the church. In this meeting, station leaders will overview their area for the entire team to see and understand. We'll also update on the service project for each day, room logistics, volunteer updates and assignments, etc. Please RSVP to Julie George: Julie@thejagwiregroup.com

**Families enrolled in the VBS program - God's
Big Backyard**

Please pick up your VBS information packet and music CD in the tent outside today! The information in the packet describes the program, daily service projects in more detail, and gives the children a head start on the music for the week. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Birkle, 831-6488 (carrie@reachouttechnologies.com).

Bingo Workers: Team #6 for June 16

Chandler, Christoff, Galvin, Loxterkamp, Mueller, Riley, Smith, Stanford, Sullivan, Thaxton, Vilardo & White
Bingo Caller: Terri Morrison

 **Wedding Banns**

III. Katherine Slusher & Christopher Schaefer
Wedding, June 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Seniors June Luncheon - Tuesday, June 16

at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Newtown. **Lunch at 12 noon.** Need transportation? Please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernadine Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office, 831-3353.

Parish Support June 7, 2009

We need an average of **\$14,900** per week in our Sunday collection.

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| Sunday Envelope Collection (358)..... | \$10,925.10 |
| Sunday Loose Collection..... | \$454.09 |
| Dimes Collection..... | \$16.40 |
| St. Vincent de Paul 5 th Sunday Collection | \$3,923.63 |

'Bin There? Don't forget to save your papers, junk mail, and thin (not corrugated) cardboard to toss in our recycling bins. Not only do we save landfill, we make money. Thanks for your continuing to be good stewards.

**The St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch
Ministry**

is happy to report that we have served about 70 people since beginning this ministry in January 2009. Our monthly healing sessions were held on Saturday mornings. People overwhelmingly reported a very favorable response to this very prayer filled experience. The benefits were physical, mental emotional and spiritual. Due to vacation schedules of team members, we will not be holding monthly healing sessions. We are however available for private sessions which are offered by appointment. We encourage anyone interested in receiving healing touch during the summer months to call the parish office, 831-3353 or Ceese Belisle, 576-1883 to schedule an appointment. Team members will arrange to meet you at the parish office at a suitable time.

FOR THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH...

TAKE A BREAK FROM YOUR HECTIC LIFE - Christ Renews His Parish will host a very special women's retreat weekend at

St. Andrew, August 1 – 2. Take advantage of this unbelievable opportunity to take time for yourself, meet other women of the parish, strengthen your spiritual side, and listen to other women speak about their life experiences. You will come away from this weekend feeling renewed and refreshed! Please contact us to add your name to the guest list. For additional information or to register, please contact Melissa Hudson, 575-1826 or Laura Hogue, 248-8072.

"Buy It In Milford" Coupon Books are now available.

Each book costs \$20.00 and you receive a \$10.00 Savings Card free with purchase. All proceeds go toward the **SASEAS School 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.** in the spring of 2010. Books are available in the St. Andrew Parish Office.

KNIGHTS ASSIST - IN JOB SEARCH

The Father Wenzel Council of the Knights of Columbus here at our parish would like to assist with finding jobs for any of our parishioners who are unemployed. If you would please submit a brief description of the job you are looking for (not a complete resume, just a short summary), along with your name, phone number and/or email address to the parish office, this information will be forwarded to the Knights. We will post job requests (without names), and they will then assist you with your search for employment.

Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign

Receive your special baby bottle and fill it with your spare change, dollars or a check. Respect Life committee members will be passing the bottles out next weekend, June 20/21 and ask that you return them by July 4/5. All monetary gifts benefit A Caring Place – a nonprofit, privately funded pregnancy help center located in the Eastgate area. Your partnership allows this life affirming ministry to provide practical help, hope and loving support to hundreds of young women. Your spare change can change a LIFE.



If one of our new parishioners lives in your neighborhood, stop and say HELLO and WELCOME them to St. Andrew

Sharon Teece and Children: Eric, Carissa & Kelly
9581 Loveland Madeira Road
Loveland 793-5751

David & Diane Frazier and Children: Chad & Mary
1257 Rosetree Drive
Milford 722-1964

Tim & Claire Oliver and Children: Samuel & Nora
209 Laurel Avenue
Milford 831-5908

Rosemary Lyon
5877 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road #205
Milford 965-3480

DO YOU FEEL GOD CALLING YOU?

Come and see what a lay ministry formation can do for you. The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program allows busy men and women to study theology and ministry while maintaining current work and family schedules. Classes will be starting in the Fall of 2009 at the Athenaeum of Ohio on Beechmont Avenue. For more information call, 231-1200 or email kboss@athenaeum.edu. Visit our website at www.athenaeum.edu.

Inspiring Catholic CD's

The Body and Blood of Christ – Dr. Scott Hahn. In this informative presentation, Scott provides the biblical basis for the Catholic teaching regarding the Holy Eucharist as the Body,

Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. In particular, Dr. Hahn shows the significance of the great liturgical feast of Corpus Christi that provides us with a greater understanding and appreciation of Jesus' Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in the Church itself as the Mystical Body of Christ, and in our vocation as baptized believers intended to be the living presence of Christ in our world. This CD can be found in the wall rack in the Church Vestibule.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #7)
Parish Center

Wednesday, June 17

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
6:30 pm Men's Softball SEM
Villa Fields
6:30 pm Altar Attendant Training
Church
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Thursday, June 18

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,
Room #1
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7
Andrew's House

Saturday, June 20

7:00 pm Katherine Slusher & Christopher Schaefer Wedding

This Is My
BODY.
This Is
My
BLOOD.

