

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Food for Sinners, not Reward for Saints!**

"O Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." The Eucharist is not a reward for saints; it is food for sinners. Jesus did not die on the cross for us, because we deserved it, but so that we would be deserving. He did not allow his body to be broken for us on the cross, he did not pour out his blood for us because we were worthy, but to make us worthy. When we are weary, worn, worried and worn – when we know, really know, that we are not worthy – it is then that the Lord wants most to give himself to us. On occasion, in confession or in conversation outside confession, someone will bear their soul about a burden that they are carrying because of something that they have done. When they say that they "went to communion last Sunday anyway," they often wince, expecting to be scolded. But I like to say, "Good! You needed communion then, maybe more than you ever needed it before. Maybe at that moment you were more worthy to receive than you have ever been before. It is good that you received communion. The Lord wanted to feed you" The Eucharist is not a reward for saints; it is food for sinners. "Take, and eat. Take, and drink, all of you."

### **Everybody Has Fun; Everybody Wins!**

Our men of the Holy Name Society were the first. At their last gathering they passed a hat, out of which came the money to buy two "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes" tickets with the intention, not to split up any winnings among themselves, but to spend it as they do all the rest of the group's money - on the parish! The athletic boosters in a to-be-expected spirit of competition, and not wanting to allow the men's group to have all the fun, have issued a "we'll match any group, up to five tickets" challenge. This is too much fun! If Holy Name or the Boosters win, we all win! They give to us, in hopes that we might give back to them, so that they might give to us. That sounds like "Double Reverse Tithing."

### **Befuddled, Affirmed and Grateful**

As of five days before you read this, there are 923 tickets sold for a total donation of \$46,235. I am truly befuddled that this "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes" has had such a positive response. People seem to be having fun with it. It is very affirming for me and the rest of the parish staff. We are very grateful, for the money, yes, but more for the affirmation.

### **A Day, a Week, a Lifetime of Blessings**

May the best of attention, appreciation and affection be yours today, dads! May it last through the coming week and until you meet the Father in heaven.

This "Father" is on a week's vacation as of yesterday. The sign at a local bank revealed why I left town yesterday, "Lordy, Lordy, Father Rob is 20 plus 40." The theme of my vacation this year is, "The Old Man at the Sea." I'll be back in time to draw the Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes winners after 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, June 29. Good luck – and God's blessings!

*Father Rob*

## **MASS** **SCHEDULE**

**Monday, June 22**

No Mass today

**Tuesday, June 23**

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

**Wednesday, June 24, Nativity of John the Baptist**

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

**Thursday June 25**

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

**Friday, June 26**

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

**Saturday, June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria**

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

5:15 p.m. Jeanette & Joseph Ballachino (Carl Ballachino)

**Sunday, June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Cheryl Schneider (Charles & Evelyn Saffin)

9:30 a.m. Special Intention for Brother Stephen (Eve Van Sickle)

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

**SEM Villa**

10:00 a.m. Joseph Higgins (Family)

**SEM Terrace**

11:00 a.m. Mary Jo Newport (John & Loretta Holden)

### *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend were donated by the St. Andrew Ladies Sodality in honor of all fathers, both living and deceased. Thank you.

### *Vocation Views*

"Why are you terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?" If God is calling you, don't let fear stop you. (Mark 4:35-41)

## **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 Earl Liming's sister, Wanda Turner, Marie Kammer's niece, Judy Saalfied and Angie Voss's grandfather, Edwin Reiners may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

### *Prayer Intention Book*

Be sure to place your prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Book located in the alcove by the candles. Each week these intentions will be included with our prayer intentions at Mass.

### *Sponsor of the Week*

Mark Moeller Remodeling

Thank You to our sponsors who make this bulletin possible



*A chance to receive 10% back of what everyone gives!*

Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes prizes continue to climb! Tickets sales as of June 15th total \$46,235, meaning that the grand prize winner will win at least \$4,624! This grand prize (10% of total ticket sales) will be awarded as well as ten 1% prizes on Monday, June 29th after the 7PM mass. You can return your tickets to the parish office or in the collection basket. If you need additional tickets, please contact the parish office. Thank you again for your response and generosity. We hope

to eliminate/reduce the \$58,000 parish deficit as a direct result of this special event.

**God's Big Backyard -Vacation Bible School**

VBS 2009 begins tomorrow morning. We are excited to have a FULL crew this year and many exciting NEW features. We ask you to keep our young campers and the volunteers in your prayers for a fun, safe, and faith filled week! Thank you to all the parishioners who donated items for the success of our program. It's great to have your support. (Due to the wonderful response this year, VBS is full and no more registrations will be taken at the door.) All parishioners are invited to attend the camper's Closing Program on Friday June 26 from 11:00 - noon in the Seton Cafeteria.

**Bingo Parent (Team #8) Workers for June 23**

Brownfield, Hartwell, Lacey, Lewis, Masterson, Myers, Pearson, Peterson, Renner, Taylor, Virzi & Wolf  
Bingo Caller: Keith Phillips



I. Amanda Pendergest & Tommy Begley  
Wedding, July 11, 2009

**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.

**Baptism Program**

July 12, 2009 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: September 13. If you will be attending the July program, please call the Parish Office, 831-3353.



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

**Bulletin deadline**

at noon in writing to the Parish Office  
or e-mail: [standy@cinci.rr.com](mailto:standy@cinci.rr.com)

**First Communion Pictures**

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

**"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 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C.** in the spring of 2010. Books are available in the St. Andrew Parish Office.



To the following students from Moeller High School who made honors for the fourth quarter of the 2008-09 academic year.

**First Honors**

Gregory Heiremans, Michael Periat & Lawrence Sherman

**Second Honors**

Bryan Bain, Greg Leksan, Alex Lilly & Joseph Veneziano

**Parish Support June 14, 2009**

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

Sunday Envelope Collection (331).....	\$9,420.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$613.50
Dimes Collection.....	\$2.80
St. Vincent de Paul 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection .....	\$3,923.63

**BLUE STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** - Located at the end of every pew are available for your use if you forgot your envelope. If none are in your pew, they are in the church vestibule. Visitors can use them to express interest in the Church.

**ST. ANDREW CEMETERY**, located on South Milford Road, is a beautiful cemetery for members of St. Andrew and their families. It is quietly nestled between SEM Villa and SEM Terrace and originates circa 1854. There are over 200 grave sites available. We offer convenient payment plans. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to purchase lots.

**8' CAFETERIA TABLES FOR SALE** - We have a few more tables we are selling for \$10. They are great for family dinners and garage sales. If you are interested, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353.

**Peter Pence Collection Next Weekend**

This collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week's Peter Pence Collection.

**Get Involved - Several volunteer super-receptionists needed** to answer the phone, and perform light office work. Data entry and running errands would be a plus. If you would like to be one of the team of Gal (or Guy) Fridays for the West End Center, contact Mike or John at Catholic Charities RSVP program. Phone, 241-7745 or email [rsvp@CatholicCharitiesSWO.org](mailto:rsvp@CatholicCharitiesSWO.org).

**Raising Responsible Children** - Do you sometimes wonder if you are on the right track as a parent? If so, get support for what you do well, and learn how to raise likeable, responsible, and respectful children by attending, "How Much is Enough? Learning When to Say 'Yes' and When to say 'No'". This six week class begins July 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on Beechmont Avenue. (no class July 23 or 30) The fee is \$70.00 per person. For more information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities, 241-7745.

**Elizabeth's New Life Center** currently seeking volunteer nurses or RDMS in the following area: 1. Limited OB Ultrasounds (training will be provided by ENLC) Elizabeth's New Life Center currently has job openings in the following areas: Full-time (200 days per year) Abstinence MS/HS Presenter, degree and experience working with teens required. Part-time Clinic Coordinator; 5-8 hours per week, RN degree required. For info about these current job openings, please visit our website & click on Employment Opportunities: [www.elizabethnewlife.org](http://www.elizabethnewlife.org).

**Tri-State Eucharistic Festival of Praise** - The next Eucharistic event in the Cincinnati tri-state area will occur on Saturday, June 27, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. St. Ignatius is located at 5222 North Bend Rd, We will have Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, and opportunities for confession. <http://www.eucharisticfop.org/> for more information. A reception will follow.



*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.

## *THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*

### *Monday, June 22*

Vacation Bible School begins

9:00 am – 12 noon at the Seton campus

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office,  
Room #1

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's #6  
Andrew's House

### *Tuesday, June 23*

9:00 am – 12 noon Vacation Bible School Seton  
Campus

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #8)  
Parish Center

### *Wednesday, June 24*

9:00 am – 12 noon Vacation Bible School Seton  
Campus

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

6:30 pm Men's Softball  
SEM Fields

### *Thursday, June 25*

9:00 am – 12 noon Vacation Bible School Seton  
Campus

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,  
Room #1

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7  
Andrew's House

### *Friday, June 26*

9:00 am – 12 noon Vacation Bible School Seton  
Campus

### *Saturday, June 27*

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Team #/  
Andrew's House

### *Sunday, June 28*

11:00 am RCIA Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

