



Still in the Game

On June 20 I passed a milestone. Born in 1949, I am 60 years old, which is a significant point in anyone's life. But in my life it means that I have lived longer than any of my brothers. I was son #4 for mom and dad. Number two was stillborn. My other two brothers never lived to see their 60th birthday. I stood at graveside with my mother as she buried two of her boys – brothers #1 and #3 – when they were each 59.

When the family gathers now, there is me and my two sisters. The girls, Lee Ann and Peggy, are both younger than I am. Peggy doesn't usually mind, if I call her my "baby sister." Lee Ann will either ignore me or hit me, depending on who is present, when I say that she is my "older sister." (She is, indeed, the older of the two girls, but is younger than I am.) While mom was still living, I was convinced that I was safe, because God could not ask mom to bury all of her sons. When mom passed, I would mention teasingly that I was now free game.

In the current parish newsletter there is a photo of mom and dad's three boys in their baseball uniforms. Ron and Rick both died of lung cancer. They were both heavy smokers, which I am not, so I plan to stay in the game a lot longer. I have more at bats than either of them already. As each new inning begins, I find some new thrill, although I do seem to be constantly outgrowing my uniform.

The Year for Priests

When I last spoke with Father Don Behler in his dying bed under the care of hospice, I was not able to say to him the things that I wished that I had had the courage and the emotional maturity to say. As I uncomfortably prepared myself to even more uncomfortably leave his room, I touched his hand and tried to say them, but all that would come out of me were tears. He patted my hand. Disappointed in myself, and feeling sad for me and not for him, I kissed the tips of my fingers, touched his forehead, squeezed his hand, and turned away. As I turned back at the foot of his bed to wave goodbye, he waved first, and with a kindness in his eyes and a smile on his face, without any hint of disappointment in me or uncomfortableness in himself, simply said, "Goodbye, Rob." Before I could visit him again, Don died on June 17, two days before the beginning of the Year for Priests.

Father Don was my mentor, my friend. Once at supper, much to the amusement and entertainment of the other priests who were at table with us, I slipped and called Don, "Dad." When the oils of ordination were still wet on my hands, and when I was still wet behind the ears, he was patient with me, and showed me the way to be a priest. He taught me a lot about faithfulness, hospitality, affection and laughter. In his 62 years as a priest he did the same for a lot of other people – and for lot of other priests. On this, the 17th day of the Year for Priests, I pray that this priest will share fully in the Priesthood of the eternal Priest, Jesus Christ.

Father Rob Waller



The winners of the Reverse Raffle

\$5,500: Carol Marino
\$550 each: Dan Muenzer, Chris Clark, Christine Becker, Matthew Belisle, Bob Brinkman, Sylvia Tone, Brian & Emily Sullivan, Mary Wenstrup, John & Jean Gries and Nancy Chandler.

Congratulations!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti

7:00 p.m. Wanda Turner

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 a.m. Robert Hartman (DeJesus Family)

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 a.m. Robert Chambers (Martha Riehle)

Thursday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong

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

Friday, July 10

7:30 a.m. Robert Phillips, Birthday Remembrance
(Deacon Tim & Marcy Schutte)

Saturday, July 11, St. Benedict

7:30 a.m. Robert Steinkamp, Jr. (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)
5:15 p.m. Arlene & Jim Niekamp, Anniversary Remembrance
(The Henkel Family)

Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Guy Agnor, Anniversary of Death
(Allen & Marilyn Birkle)
9:30 a.m. Mary Kemen (Carolyn & Paul Richards Family)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish
SEM Villa
10:00 a.m. Louis & Martha Kneipp
SEM Terrace
11:00 a.m. Joseph Higgins (Family)

Vocation View

Who should you encourage to think about a religious vocation? What would people think if you became a priest/brother/sister? (Mark 6:1-6)

PRAYER REQUESTS

for all the sick of our parish, shut-ins, nursing home residents, recently hospitalized and hospitalized:
Bethesda North: Catherine Moorman

Remember in your prayers

all of our faithful departed, especially, Rose Gruening, Chris Swing's mother, may she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.



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.



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.

Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign

Don't forget to return your baby bottles to the basket by this weekend July 4 & 5 even if empty. Thank you for helping us save precious lives with your spare change. Need it to be picked up? Call 575-0138.

Bingo Parent Team # 1 Workers for July 7

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



Wedding Banns

III. Amanda Pendergest & Tommy Begley
Wedding, July 11, 2009 at 2:00 pm

II. Jamie Lee Hittner & Philip Steven Woodward
Wedding, July 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Baptism Program - Sunday, July 12

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 13th. If you will be attending the July program, please call the Parish Office.

Mission Trip Welcome Home Event

Come join the Youth Group's Chicago Mission Trip Team on Sunday, July 12th at 7pm in the Church Hall. We will have cake, cookies, and soft drinks along with a slideshow of pictures from the trip. The team will also share some of their experiences of serving the people in Chicago. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP by emailing Catherine, smile@cinci.rr.com by Wednesday, July 8th.

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.

God's Big Backyard - THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the over 165 children and their families for participating in God's Big Backyard this year. The VBS program would not be possible without the generosity of the many adult and teen volunteers from both the Seton and St. Andrew parishes. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with the children at VBS! Special thanks also to all parishioners who provided donations and prayers for our program. This year's daily themes focused on "celebrating service". Over the week, through the generosity of the children's families, we supported these ministries: Crayons to Computers, Clermont County Children's Services, St. Vincent de Paul, and Toylab Inc. Please look for pictures of the week's activities in the vestibule. Thanks again to all those who volunteered as station leaders, teachers, crew leaders, assistants, etc. You are truly a blessing!



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

First Communion & SASEAS 8th Grade Graduation 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 you can e-mail your information to: standy@cinci.rr.com



to the following Mt. Notre Dame students who achieved Honors during the 4th quarter of the 2008-09 academic year:

First Honors

Lauren Johnston, Abigail Vollmer & Morgan Wolfe

Second Honors

Kayla Grome, Lauren Lacey, Katherine Lindner, Heather Moeller, Lacie Oliver, Riley Vollmer, Brennan White & Sally Yee

to the following St. Ursula Academy students who achieved Honors during the 4th term of the 2008-09 academic year

First Honors

Jena Nicole Moeller & Mary Elizabeth Mueller

to the following Ursuline Academy students who achieved Honors during the 2nd Semester of the 2008-09 academic year

Freshman-Sophomore Honors

Meagan Majchszak & Hanna Sherman

Parish Support June 28, 2009
We need an average of **\$14,900** per week in our Sunday collection.

Sunday Envelope Collection (331).....	\$8,607.40
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$427.13
Dimes Collection.....	\$2.80
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$6,649.00

KROGER GIFT CERTIFICATE MONTHLY WINNER
Congratulations to card number **345 652 506** who is this month's winner of a \$25 Kroger gift certificate. May's winner, **367 806 527**, has still not claimed their \$25 Kroger certificate. Please contact Shirley, 831-3353, to receive your gift certificate. If you need a Kroger's Reward card, please call the Parish Office. It is easy to use and earns money for the parish.

WATER WORKS CAR WASH (5872 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road) – Each time you wash your car, take our bulletin with you. St. Andrew will receive a \$2 rebate. You can use any St. Andrew bulletin; one bulletin per car wash, please.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR WEBSITE LATELY? Our web address is www.standrew-milford.org. We try to keep it updated with current activities.

Thank you to our Sponsor of the Week
Valetone Cleaners

Weekend Masses While Traveling
If you are traveling away from home any time this summer, please check the Mass times at your vacation destination. You may check at www.masstimes.org.

Little Sisters of the Poor
invite parishioners to their 2nd Annual "BBQ Cook-off and Family Night" on Saturday, July 18th from 6 to 10 pm at their home - 476 Riddle Road in Clifton. All proceeds from the evening will directly support the elderly poor in their care. Summertime is extremely difficult for the home, this year even more so. This event will provide immediate and necessary support for daily operations.

Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford Retreat Information

A Thomas Merton Retreat – Jonathan Montaldo, former president of the International Thomas Merton Society, will lead a *Living and Loving* retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center July 10-

12. The retreat will focus on what Merton called "contemplative living," a way of responding to our everyday experiences by consciously attending to our relationships and being mindful of our connectedness and communion with others. For more information, or to register, call 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 6

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

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

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #1)
Parish Center

7:00 pm Caregivers
Church Hall

Wednesday, July 8

9:30 am Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center

6:30 pm Men's Softball SEM
Villa Fields

Thursday, July 9

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

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

Saturday, July 11

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Team #1
Andrew's House

2:00 pm Amanda Pendergest & Tommy Begley Wedding

Sunday, July 12

12:30 pm Baptism Program Meeting Room,
Parish Center

7:00 pm SMILE Mission Update
Church Hall

Ministries Spotlight

Christ Renews His Parish

Is a joint offering of St. Andrew and St. Elisabeth Ann Seton parishes. This retreat brings together men or women for a weekend (one overnight) of fellowship and connecting with our faith. It is a place where one can hear how others balance the demands of their lives with the faith experience the church offers. For many it has proven to be a life-changing experience; for others it has been a means of making friends and coming to feel welcomed and at home in the parish.