

FROM THE PASTOR

We Finished Strong – and We Won!

On a professional baseball team's roster of pitchers there are starters, relief pitchers and closers. Closers are called on to pitch in the last couple innings to the last 5 or 6 batters. They come in strong, pitch hard, and secure the win. Our "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes" was our closer! In our last push to financial victory at the end of the fiscal year, in the pitch of the last 5-6 weeks of the game, RTS came in strong and secured our win.

In the "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes" the total tickets sales – the total "contributions" – were \$55,055. After the prizes were distributed, that is, after we "reverse tithed" eleven of those who made contributions, giving the first prize winner 10% of the total and giving ten more winners 1% of the total, the parish was able to apply \$44,044 to our deficit for the year. That is a lot of money that you gave, in six weeks! That is almost a whole month of Sunday collections. It was like we had a 13th month, with only income but no expenses, quite an extra month!

Because of the Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes, as we closed the fiscal year and began a new fiscal year, that is, as of June 30, 2009 ... we have paid all our bills ... we have no debt ... we have more "cash on hand" than we did at this time last year. On July 1 there were no unpaid bills on my desk. We didn't – and don't – owe anybody anything. And we have more in our checkbook and reserves (savings), although not a lot, but more than we did a year ago. Given the state of the economy this past year and the uncertain economic times, this is remarkable. The community of St. Andrew is remarkable. Enjoy and rejoice! Thank you for the contributions – and for the affirmation. I am grateful.

The initial idea and inspiration came from the mind and imagination of our deacon. The idea seemed to take on a life of its own as it was massaged and developed into what became the "Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes." The parish staff was enthusiastically supportive. Individuals and local businesses paid the costs of printing and postage. The volunteered marketing and administration of the sweepstakes was as professional as we could have bought. Eight parish organizations purchased twenty-two tickets with the intention of returning the tithe back into their ministries, in what our athletic boosters called a "double reverse." The music provided and the reception prepared for the evening of the drawing was sweet! Everyone went home with a smile. No face looked as if it had lost. In the Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes everybody won. We were all winners.

Some ask whether or not we will do a Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes again next year. Certainly it was financially beneficial. But was it satisfying? Was it fun? Answers to those two questions will be the most convincing.

Father Rob Waller

*LORD, Let Us See Your
Kindness And Grant Us
Your Salvation.*

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INTENTIONS

Monday, July 13, St. Henry

7:00 p.m. Kimberly Ann Schreiber, Birthday Remembrance (Mom & Dad)

Tuesday, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30 a.m. Thomas James (Soellner Family)

Wednesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure

7:30 a.m. Ann Donahue (Holy Name Society)

Thursday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

Friday, July 17

7:30 a.m. David Fredwest (Rose Fredwest)

Saturday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis

7:30 a.m. Charles Jocelyn (Lola Lamprecht)

5:15 p.m. Ethel Kirchner, Birthday Remembrance (Her Family)

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Corey Nickell

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

11:00 a.m. Ty Butler (Alice Rushing)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Willard Baudendistel (Edna Baudendistel)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Percy & Peggy Myers (Pat & Earl)



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend are from Ed & Barb Schrieber in memory of Kim, a Birthday Remembrance. Thank you

Vocation Views

God will provide for you on your journey. Trust that you will receive the grace to carry out the mission. (Mark 6:7-13)

Prayer Requests

Pray all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized: Hospice of Cincinnati: Mary Fran McGuinness

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased family member, especially Theresa Wissman, who died Sunday, July 5, and for Annette Scardina, may they 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.

St. Andrew Memorial Fund

**Thank you for memorials we have received
In Memory of Joe Tone**

Gene and Eileen Armstrong Phil and Becky Groeber
Dorothy and Ed Hahn Francis and Jane Osterholz
Dave and Gayle Radlinski

Thank you for the honorariums we have received

In honor of Madeline Mae Boggess' baptism
from Tom & Carolyn Strotman

In honor of the baptism of Peyton Walker



Reborn in the Waters of Baptism

During June the following children received the Sacrament of Baptism:

Conor John Flynn
Son of Cornelius & Elizabeth

Jack Ryan Carnahan
Son of Shane & Christi

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 St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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!

Bingo Parent Team #2 Workers for July 14

Ashley, Cunningham, DeJesus, Devolve, J. Evans, Jaspers, Meyer, Miller, Robinson, Wanamaker & Wolfe

Bingo Caller: Roger Buening



Wedding Banns

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

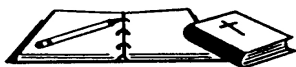
I. Erin Johnson & Tim Finley
Wedding, August 1, 2009 at 2:00 pm

Seniors July Luncheon - Tuesday, July 21

at Cracker Barrel, Rivers Edge at 12 noon. For reservations or transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office, 831-3353.

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.



Religious Education News

PREP Registration for 2009-2010

PREP registration forms are available in the Vestibule, on the Parish web site and in the Parish Office. Please return completed forms and payment to the Parish Office, Attention: Kathy Bitzer. Classes begin Sunday, August 23rd.

The Foreclosure Crisis

Are you concerned about the mortgage crisis? Have you seen more empty houses in your community? Do you know of

someone who is behind on their mortgage payments or in danger of foreclosure? The Cincinnati Parish Collaborative of the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office and Working In Neighborhoods will sponsor forums on Tuesday, July 28th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church - Hyde Park (Robisch Hall- Undercroft, 2853 Erie Ave.); Thursday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. at St Ann Church - Groesbeck (2900 W. Galbraith Road); and Thursday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary (7820 Beechmont Avenue). For further information, contact Working In Neighborhoods, 541-5109, ext. 105 or the Catholic Social Action Office, 421-3131, ext. 2660.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

During the summer months

the Parish Office will close at 4 pm on Fridays

Bulletin deadline

Is Monday at noon in writing to the Parish Office or you can e-mail your information to: standy@cinci.rr.com

SASEAS 8th Grade Graduation Packets and First Communion Pictures

can be picked up in the Parish Office during office hours. You can also call the Parish Office, 831-3353 to make arrangements to obtain your pictures/packets after office hours.

Thank You to our Sponsor of the Week

ULMER'S Auto Care Center

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Parish Support July 5, 2009

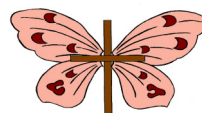
Sunday Envelope Collection (358).....	\$11,476.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$493.92
Dimes Collection	\$12.50

DONATING STOCK GIFTS TO ST. ANDREW CHURCH -
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has simplified the process of donating stock to St. Andrew. We now have a separate account at Fifth Third for stock transactions. Our account number is 0104471751AT, DTC number is 2116. Please contact Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353 when you transfer stock, so that you can promptly receive credit. St. Andrew can accept stock donations for operating funds or specific projects. SCRIPS - Besides buying St. Andrew gift certificates for birthdays and special occasions, you can purchase our gift certificates to use when you go to dinner and the movies, and to buy clothing, groceries and gasoline. You can add additional income to our parish just by using our gift certificates for your everyday needs.

Dear Fr. Waller,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your parish family for your generous donation of \$1370.50 to Catholic Relief Services, given at the annual Archdiocesan collection for CRS on April 25/26th. Catholic Relief Services will use your donation to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters throughout the world. CRS works through the local church, government and social structures and in cooperation with sister organizations when possible to foster greater prosperity, dignity and self-sufficiency among low-income groups in the Third World. Donations from your parish allow our Church to be present among millions of poor throughout the world.

Pam Long, Regional Director, Catholic Social Action



A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer, in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means...walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect and

concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer, every day and in every situation. Talking with God means...praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions, expressing your sorrow when you have failed. May you walk with God every day. Amen.

Enjoy the Heat! Heat up your relationship with your spouse and God this summer! Make your good marriage a GREAT one with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is July 17-19 at the Comfort Inn in Erlanger, Ky. For more details call: Keith & Lori Maurmeier, 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 - or on the web at www.esharing.org

parish as sponsors, teachers and witnesses to the catechumens.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 13

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 House
7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Parish Office

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #2)
Parish Center

Wednesday, July 15

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
5:00 pm Grounds and Facilities Committee Meeting
Parish Office
6:30 pm Men's Softball SEM
Villa Fields
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Thursday, July 16

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,
Room #1
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7
Andrew's House
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #6
Parish Office

Friday, July 17

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Hittner & Woodward)

Saturday, July 18

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Reunion
Church Hall
9:30 am Memorial Mass for Annette Scardina
7:00 pm Jamie Hittner & Phillip Woodward Wedding

Ministries Spotlight

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

R.C.I.A., or the catechumenate, is a year-long ongoing process through which adults and children of catechetical age are brought into full communion with our church. "The initiation of the catechumens takes place step by step in the midst of the faithful. Together, with the catechumens, the faithful...renew their own conversion and...lead the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously." This program involves members of our