

from the
Pastor's desk 

Looking for Four-Leaf Clovers

With me writing these words at my computer before I leave for Ireland, and with you reading them in this bulletin after I have already returned, I could have become a victim of writer's block. Kissing the stone or not, I have not been known for my lack of blarney nor for my lack of the gift of gab. Words often come to me without my asking or seeking them, not from within me but from others. Someone writing an email to me about a matter unrelated to the Emerald Isle or Celtic Woman had a quote after her signature: "Many an opportunity is lost because a man is out looking for four-leaf clovers." Those words get me away from my computer and send me off to Ireland, and also are a summary of the chief learning of the trip and of life itself. Seeking the extraordinary thing that is thought to be able to bring delight and charm to life, we can sometimes miss all the chances to be delighted and charmed that are always at our feet and within our grasp.

Preaching at St. Gertrude

Last weekend Deacon Tim Schutte spoke at all the Masses at St. Gertrude on behalf of the Christian children of the Holy Land. Through him and through our parish volunteers who were on hand to sell Holy Land gifts and to give out information on Child Sponsorship our concern for the children – and for their education, welfare and freedom – was extended beyond our own parish boundaries and beyond our own resources to help. As the word of salvation was first spoken in the little town of Bethlehem but has spread to all corners of the earth, so the word about the needs, the sorrows and the hopes of the children in the Holy Land has gone out from our little town of Milford.

Retiring in Milford

Every ten years since I was ordained in 1975 I have taken advantage of the archdiocesan policy that allows priests to take a three month sabbatical. I have already picked out the theme of my next sabbatical in 2015: "The transition from a workaholic father to a loveaholic grandfather – the presence of a retired priest in a Catholic parish." I have heard grandfathers say two things: that they are busier retired than they were when they were working, and that one of the most enjoyable things is spending time with their grandchildren. This westside boy can easily see himself retiring on the eastside, right here in Milford. Someday, retired from administrative duties, I think I could thrive in being the grandpa priest, helping out at the parish, spending time like a grandfather, busier than ever, loving the grandchildren and letting someone else worry about the discipline. Places where I might live are already catching my attention.

Appearing in the Catholic Telegraph

Our diocesan newspaper carried an article and photograph about the success of our Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes. Deacon Tim and I enjoyed talking to the reporter about how good you are. That "RTS" was remarkable. It was fun. It worked. It had good side effects that might be called collateral benefits. And we get our name and face in the paper as well. It doesn't get much better.

Father Rob Waller



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 3

7:00 p.m. Richard Miller (Dee Songy)

Tuesday, August 4, St. John Mary Vianney

7:30 a.m. Joe Tone (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)

Wednesday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

7:30 a.m. Millie Cooper (St. Andrew Choir)

Thursday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Friday, August 7, St. Sixtus II & Companions

7:30 a.m. Ron Peters (Jan Peters)

Saturday, August 8, St. Dominic

7:30 a.m. Carl & Marie Stalzer & Willard & Frances Wisby (Carl Stalzer)

5:15 p.m. Betty Wottlè (Herb Wottlè)

Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Wilma Birkle, Anniversary of Death (Allen & Marilyn Birkle)

9:30 a.m. Michael Stefani (Pat Seipelt)

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

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Kathy Boland (Colleen Potter)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Joseph Higgins (Family)



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend are from Drs. Ben & Mary Lee in Thanksgiving. Thank you

Vocation View

We are challenged today to seek what will last. Give Jesus, the Bread of Life, your priority and you will always be satisfied.



PLEASE PRAY FOR our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized and for all who

are ill in our parish: Anderson Mercy: Donna Mersch

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased family members, especially George Baer's sister, Agnes Haselhorst. May all of our deceased 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 with their address so we can send them a note of thanks for serving their country.



The "SALT" Shaker

Facts about the Uninsured

One out of three Americans under the age of 65 went without health insurance for some period of time during 2007 and 2008. Of these, four out of five were from working families. Sixty-four percent of the uninsured are employed full-time, year-round. An estimated 14,000 persons a day are now losing coverage as a result of the recession. The poor are more likely to be uninsured. Thirty-four percent of non-elderly persons below the poverty line are uninsured, compared to twenty-one percent of non-elderly persons earning two to three times the poverty line.

The Lord gave them bread ⊕ from heaven. ⊕

Bingo Parent Team #5 Workers for August 4

Biel, Bowling, Cayla, Craig, Heuker, Hofmann, Hogue, Keri, Richards, Sager, Sullivan & Watford

Caregiver Support Group

If you are concerned about a parent, child or other loved one you are a caregiver! Consider coming to our Caregiver Support Group on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. You will receive valuable information, support and encouragement when it comes to caregiving. If you are interested in knowing more and of the resources available, please call Mary Schutte, 248-1055 or Marcy Schutte, 831-1516 for more information.

Junior High Dance for 7th & 8th grades only

Date: Friday, August 7
Time: 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Place: Seton Cafeteria
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Proceeds going towards the Teen Basket
Chaperones Needed! Please contact Kim Rack, 617-4747



Wedding Banns

III. Catherine Quatman & Eric Yakes
Wedding, August 8, 2009 at 2:30 pm

I. Ashley Cecil & Thomas Liette
Wedding, August 22, 2009 at 1:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Festival - August 14, 15 & 16

The major award raffle at this year's Seton festival is \$10,000 in cash. Tickets are \$50, and just like last year, if you buy two tickets at the same time, the total cost is only \$75. If you buy your tickets on or before August 3, you will be eligible for an additional drawing with an award of one full year tuition at SASEAS School or \$1500 in cash. Don't delay: tickets are available in the parish office.

Sharing God's Gifts. July 19, 2009

Sunday Envelope Collection (334).....\$9,710.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....\$642.87
Dimes Collection.....\$14.80

MATCHED GIFTS - Did you know that some employers will match your donations to St. Andrew? Over 500 companies in Cincinnati will match your gift. Some of the larger matching companies include GE, Abbott Laboratories, Procter & Gamble, PPG Industries, and US Bancorp. If you need assistance, please contact your Human Resource Department, or call Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353. **REILLY CHIROPRACTIC**, 1139 Main Street, 831-3800 - Get fit and help the parish earn cash back! Special offer to St. Andrew parishioners 10% of monthly membership dollars will be reimbursed to the parish. Additionally, bring this bulletin to Reilly Chiropractic for your personal discount - Individual, \$25/month; 2 people, \$40/month; \$10, additional family member; Seniors, \$20/month.



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

Nick & Joy McClughen & children: Sammantha & Tyler
6117 Guinea Pike, Milford 575-5716

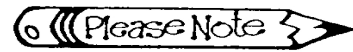
Michael & Cheryl Eckelman & children: Alexander & Camille
1128 Glen Echo Lane, Milford 575-2877

Chris & Francesca Padjen & daughter: Emme
411 Western Avenue, Terrace Park 248-2508

Mary Ann Silvati
1200 Cobblestone Ct. #103, Milford 831-4041

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Seton's Preschool staff would like to extend a thank-you to the many friends, parishioners, businesses, and family relatives who supported the "Christi Schwieter Memorial Benefit Dance" last Saturday. Your thoughtfulness made a difference. Thanks!



PREP Registration for 2009-2010

Registrations are due TOMORROW, Monday, August 3rd. Forms are available in the Vestibule, on the Parish web site (www.standrew-milford.org) and in the Parish Office. Classes begin Sunday, Aug. 23rd.

During the summer months

the Parish Office will close at 4 pm on Friday

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 Picture Packages & St. Andrew First Communion Pictures

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

New Ministry Schedules

are being created for September, October, November and December. If you are going to be away or not available during these months, please call or e-mail (standy@cinci.rr.com) the Parish Office, 831-3353 before Tuesday, Aug. 11th. Thank You.

Thank You to Our Sponsor of the Week
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HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Heart to Heart

Are you interested in hearing great homilies on the radio each weekend? Heart to Heart was founded by the late Fr. Jim Willig in 1991, with a mission to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation". Father Jim's daily example of what it means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ has led many others to join him on his faith journey. Heart to Heart presented a new program titled the "Great Preachers Project." This program is aired the first weekend of each month on WDJO 1480AM on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Information: please call the Heart to Heart office, 791-9700 or www.hearttoheart.org.

The Comboni Missionaries Auxiliary

will hold its bi-monthly rummage sale on Friday, August 7, 9 am to 2 pm at the Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Road. Large selection of clothing, toys and household items. \$5 bag sale. Proceeds benefit the Comboni Missionaries.

Habitat for Humanity

You are invited to Habitat's celebration of 20 years in Clermont County. It is August 9 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at Veterans Memorial Park in Union Township. Please join us as we celebrate twenty years of building affordable, decent homes for families in Clermont County. Refreshments will be served

The Recession - Coping Skills in Uncertain Times

The tough economic times can bring insecurity, grief, and anxiety for many people. If you have been affected by

downsizing, layoffs, the loss of a home or income, you are invited to attend a free workshop designed to assist you in addressing the many feelings that accompany these losses. Some of the topics include how to move forward, what to say to the children, and much more. This program will be offered August 18, at St. John Fisher Parish in Newtown from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For further information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities at 241-7745.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #5)
Parish Center
7:00 pm Caregivers Church
Hall

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

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

Friday, August 7

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Quatman & Yates)
7:00 pm Junior High Dance: 7th & 8th grades only Seton
Campus

Saturday, August 8

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Team #1
Andrew's House
2:30 pm Catherine Quatman & Eric Yates Wedding

Ministries Spotlight

Religious Education

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

For preschoolers, ages 3 & 4 – Our preschool program meets during the 11:00 am Mass. Lessons involve a variety of crafts, music and other hands-on activities.

For Kindergarten through 8th grade – Our grade school PREP Program meets from 9:30 am – 10:45 am on Sunday mornings. In addition to the graded curriculum, the program also included liturgical celebrations and seasonal activities. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their children's religious