



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Into Our Hands

A youngish girl comes to communion, and as she has been taught and is accustomed, she places her left hand in her right hand to receive. As the priest says, "The Body of Christ," and as she says, "Amen," both sets of eyes look into her left palm and see that she has a telephone number written on her hand. She quickly switches and puts her right hand on top.

One could say, "Young lady, out of respect for the Eucharist, please wash your hands before coming to communion." Or one could wonder whose number that was, and whether she wanted to call it, could hardly wait to call it, hesitated to call it or was afraid to call it and thus, didn't call it yet.

Those of us who distribute communion see all kinds of hands: soft and manicured hands that look like they have never seen a concern, a scrub bucket or an hour of work; others roughed up and mangled hands that look like they have endured every kind of work, worry and war. But we never really know, do we?

All those people in church with us on any Sunday – we are clueless about what is at hand for them. We have no idea what each of them is handling in life. We do not know what they are dealing with, we do not know what they need, and even if we did, we probably could not provide it for them anyway. But the Lord does, can and will. It is into all those hands, and into whatever is at hand for them, and into whatever they are handing at this moment that the Lord wants to come.

All those hands to which you are invited to extend your own in a sign of Christ's peace – you are clueless about what they might be handling in life. You do not know what would give them peace, and you yourself cannot give them the peace they need anyway. But the Lord can and will.

Into the Lord's hands we place ourselves. And into our hands, into their hands, and into whatever each of us is handling, he comes himself.

Father Rob Waller

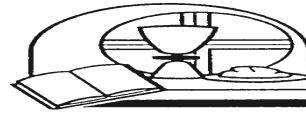
Be sure to place your prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Book located in the alcove by the candles. Each week these intentions will be included with our prayer intentions at Mass.

You cling



to what is

**HUMAN
TRADITION.**



Mass Intentions Of The Week

Monday, August 31

7:00 p.m. Special 63rd Wedding Anniversary Intention for Jack & Ruth Rugh

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 a.m. Mildred Cooper (Larry & Carol Grace)

Wednesday, September 2

7:30 a.m. Don Chandler (Soellner Family)

Thursday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great

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

Friday, September 4

7:30 a.m. Joe Tone (Dave & Gayle Radlinski)

11:45 a.m. Ruth Janice Creahan (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)

Saturday, September 5, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

7:30 a.m. Gino DiMario (Shirley Soeller)

5:15 p.m. My Benefactors (Herbert Wottlè)

Sunday, September 6, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

9:30 a.m. James F. Keim (Keim Family)

11:00 a.m. Herbert L. Schultz (Kathy & Jim Emerson)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Mary Jo Newport (Ann Early)

Altar Flowers

that grace our altar this weekend were donation by Jack and Ruth Rugh in celebrating of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary. Thank you.

Vocation Views

You are called to be a person of integrity. Live in a way that shows that God is your center. (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, recently hospitalized, shut-ins, nursing home residents and hospitalized: Anderson Mercy: Gene Wolf

Prayers for our recently deceased family members, especially Jim Keim's father, James F. Keim, who died this past week. May he rest in the peace of the risen Lord.



St. Vincent de Paul News

This weekend, August 29 & 30, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is having its regular Fifth Sunday Collection along with its Loaves and Fishes Shopping Bag handout. Our Loaves and Fishes Program was originally intended for children only. However, adults have asked if they can also be involved. Our conference certainly feels that it is a great idea. Anyone, young or old, who feels inclined to help us feed the poor, please pick up a bag after Mass this weekend. We can use all kinds of non-perishable food and/or paper products. Bags should be returned next weekend, September 5 & 6. Our conference wishes to thank the parish once again for the great support it has given us.

You can listen to Fr. Jim Willig's homilies "The Gospel Today" every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on 1480am (WDJO) in Cincinnati or

on the web www.oldies1480.net; and on each Saturday at 9:30 a.m. on www.RadioMaria.us.

Caregiver Support Group

If you offer assistance to an aging parent, have a member of your family who needs special care or if you have a friend who needs help, you are a caregiver! St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton sponsor a Caregiver Support Group that meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall at 7:00 pm. **At our meeting, this Tuesday September 1st Gene Bishop will be present to speak about Medicare fraud.** Pro Seniors has asked us to acquaint our caregivers with this problem and with possible solutions. Gene will present his program from 7:00 – 7:30 pm and then our regular session will be until 8:30 pm. If you have questions or need more info, please call Mary Schutte, 248-1055.

Bingo Parent Team #1 Workers: September 1

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

SMILE YOUTH NEWS

Junior High Dance - Join the Youth Group for the first Junior High Dance of the year on Friday, September 18th from 7:30-10:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Cafeteria. All 7th and 8th grade parishioners are welcome. Many chaperones are needed. Please call Catherine at the Youth Office (831-8318) if you can help.

Product Study - The Youth Group is in need of about 100 women ages 18-55 to participate in a Product Study on Wednesday September 30th in the Parish Center. This is a major fundraiser for the Youth Group. Time slots are available starting at 3:00 pm and ending at 6:30 pm. Please call the Youth Office if you would like to sign up for a slot.

Credo: I Believe—September 25-27- Credo is a Eucharist-centered retreat that takes place at Moeller High School. This event is open to ages 13 and up and costs \$35 per person (cost includes food for the weekend). For more information, check out the website, www.CredoIBelieve.org. Please call Catherine at the youth office, 831-8318, if you are interested in attending. Anyone who registers by September 1st will get a free t-shirt! The number of youth permitted to attend will be limited if we do not have enough chaperones. Please consider joining us!

Baptism Program

Sept 13th 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: November 8. If you will be attending the Sept. program, please call the Parish Office.

Ladies Sodality News

Did you notice the new plants in the sanctuary? Ladies Sodality purchased them with leftover money from the Christmas/Easter Flower/Plant fund. Thank you for your donations! Don't forget we still have the St. Andrew Church Christmas ornaments for sale. They can be purchased in the parish office. Proceeds benefit sanctuary needs. Cost \$8.00. Our fall meeting is Monday, September 28 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Mark your calendar. Hope to see some new faces

Entertainment Books

are now available in the Parish Office. Same Price as Last Year!! \$20.00. **You can begin using them immediately.** NEW THIS YEAR: Bonus Cards worth \$20 in extra savings. If you register on the web-site (information in book) you can receive still more special offers. If you are unable to obtain a book from the Parish Office during office hours, they are also available at Valetone Cleaners or by calling Steve Singer, 732-2793.

Bulletin Announcement

due in the Parish Office
on Monday at noon e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com



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

David & Michele **Buck** & Daughters: Kara & Molly
1032 Westchester Way, Cincinnati 965-0502

Terence & Dorothy **Langdon** & Daughter: Sara
1172 Ronlee Drive, Milford 831-4261

Michael & Bonnie **O'Brien** & Daughter: Alexa
5848 Price Road, Milford 831-1230

Larry & Susan **Luke** & Son: Joseph
745 Mendon Hill Lane, Cincinnati 444-4756

Jason & Molly **Shuluga** & Daughters: Riley & Violet
1160 Falcon Ridge Court, Milford 722-1537

Robert & Heather **Salvucci** & Children: Sarah & Michael
693 Kennecot Court, Cincinnati 248-4267

The St. Andrew &

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Seniors

wish to thank the St. Andrew Holy Name Society for their contribution to our recent summer gathering. We would also like to thank Don Johnson for his expertise in bringing everything together, Dave Slusher and Mike Hazard for their grilling experience, to all who helped set up and clean up and to those who brought delicious dishes. Thank you.



Sharing God's Gifts: August 23, 2009

Sunday Envelope Collection (377).....\$10,509.00

Sunday Loose Collection..... \$557.11

Dimes Collection.....\$8.50

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER – EFT is easy, convenient and safe. You can make your Sunday offering, offerings to Preservation of the Beauty of the Church, SVDP and SALT through your EFT form. You can obtain a form on our website www.standrew-milford.org, or call the Parish Office for a form
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.

St. Andrew SCRIP Program

AEROPOSTALE IS NOW AVAILABLE!! Thinking about all the Back to School shopping you have to do? Gift cards for retailers such as Aeropostale, American Eagle, Gap, Old Navy, Kohls, Dicks and more are available for purchase through St. Andrew Church. See the order form inserted in this week's bulletin. Every purchase helps St. Andrew and is money you would normally spend for a movie, dinner, shopping, etc. We will be selling cards after all masses next weekend, September 5 and 6. If you would like to place an order for cards not carried in inventory, your order may be placed next weekend as well and your gift cards will be available for pick up after all masses the weekend of September 12 and 13. Thanks for your support. Questions, call Cheryl Dahling, 722-2539 or Carolyn Wuerfel, 248-9336.

Sponsor of the Week

SEM Villa Retirement & Congregate Living

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He who does JUSTICE
will live in the presence
of the LORD

*THIS WEEK IN OUR
PARISH*

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

7:00 pm Caregivers
Church Hall

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

Wednesday, September 2

9:30 am Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center

7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Thursday, September 3

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.

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am Welcome Connection
Parish Library

Ministries Spotlight

St. Andrew Connection...

The welcome ministry for new parishioners
The St. Andrew Connection ministry has two goals – to extend a welcome to every new member of the parish and to assist new members to integrate into our community life. Each newly registered family is assigned a parish sponsor who extends a personal welcome, answers questions and delivers a gift from the parish. The Parish sponsor continues to follow up with the new members, extending an invitation to parish events and helping them connect with ministries and organizations until they are comfortable in their new parish home.