

from the *Pastors Desk*

Dinner with Andrew and Dennis

I was 16 years old when I left home. No, I didn't run away. At the sports awards dinner at Elder, the tennis coach told the audience that the only sophomore on the varsity team would not be with them as a junior, because he was entering the seminary. It sounds odd to me now, no high school prom and all. But in 1965 it wasn't all that unusual, and seemed so natural. It seems to have turned out right, at least for me.

My first thoughts of being a priest were in the fifth grade, when I was an altar boy. Sister Agatha gave me the part of the minister in our seventh grade play. Our principal, Sister Melithon, sent a whole bunch of us eighth grade guys to the seminary for a lunch of hot dogs and baked beans, one of what I found out later, the seminarians called, "zoo days." Father Fitz, assigned to our parish as a newly ordained priest, knew of my thinking about being a priest and gave me attention, appropriate attention I might quickly add. Before I knew it, I began my junior year of high school in the seminary, was ordained ten years later, and have been a priest for 34 years.

It doesn't happen that way anymore. But thoughts of priesthood still enter the minds of many a young man. If any of those thoughts are to become intentions, decisions and commitments, the boys must be allowed and encouraged to think those early thoughts.

When Archbishop Schnurr came to Cincinnati, he announced a series of "Andrew dinners." Named after St. Andrew – "our" Andrew – who brought his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus, these dinners provide pastors the opportunity to bring sons of their parish to a casual dinner to meet Archbishop Schnurr, and to hear a short program on the life of the priest. At my request, the Andrew dinner for the east side of Cincinnati is to be, appropriately, here at St. Andrew.

Please help me to decide which young men, high school juniors and older, I should invite to have dinner with our bishop, Dennis.

The Way to Get to Heaven

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on. You don't even know the way to the post office."

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7, Labor Day

9:00 a.m. Bonnie Molitor (Lou & Dolores Johnson)

Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Ann & Bob Rein)

Wednesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver

7:30 a.m. Louis C. Andre (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

7:30 a.m. Bill Little (Eve Van Sickle)

11:45 a.m. Anna Bruce, Birthday Remembrance (Barbara & George Baer)

Saturday, September 12, Holy Name of Mary

7:30 a.m. David Leming (API Employees)

5:15 p.m. James Roberts (Trombley Family)

Sunday, September 13, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mary Howell, Birthday Remembrance (Glenn Howell & Gregory)

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

11:00 a.m. Ty Butler, 3rd Anniversary of Death (Metchy Hance)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Pat Toomey (Milt Binder)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Krimpenfort Family

Altar Flowers

That grace our altar this weekend were donated by Jeff & Becky Christoff in memory of James Christoff. Thank you.

Vocation View

Ask God to open your ears to hear his call. May he also free your tongue to proclaim the good news. Consider serving God as a priest, brother, or sister. (Mark 7:31-37)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, recently hospitalized, shut-ins, nursing home residents and hospitalized. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of Carol Marino on the death of her father, Harvey Mason, whose funeral was Saturday, September 5; to the family of Mary Lou Heinemann, who died August 23 and remembrance of Bishop Carl Moeddel. 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.

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.

Holy Hour at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

During this Year for Priests, we plan to have a Holy Hour at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton each month. For 2009, we have scheduled: September 15, Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows; October 7, Feast of the Holy Rosary; November 18; and December 3, Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Holy Hour will begin at 7:00 pm; we will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the

Rosary and have silent prayer. Please join us if you can for this special time with the Lord.

on Monday at noon e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com

Bingo Parent Team #2 Workers for September
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Ashley, Cunningham, DeJesus, Devolve, J. Evans, Jaspers, Meyer, Miller, Robinson, Wanamaker & Wolfe
Bingo Caller: Roger Buening

SASEAS Boosters News
Winter Sports Registration

Winter Sports Registration (girls' volleyball and boys' basketball) to be held at Seton on Saturday, September 12 from 9 am – noon, and Thursday, September 17 from 6 pm – 8 pm. Spirit Wear will also be available. Information can be found on the Booster's Website.

Baptism Program

Sept. 13 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.

SMILE Youth News



Looking for an early start on service hours? The youth group has two upcoming opportunities to serve those in need: Monday, September 14 join us for a Game Night with the children at the Clermont County Homeless Shelter or Thursday, September 17 join us for a game night with the residents of SEM Villa. Call the Youth Office for more information or to sign up.

Junior High Dance - Join the Youth Group for the first 7th and 8th grade dance of the year! The dance will take place on Friday, September 18 from 7:30 - 10:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Cafeteria. Chaperones are needed, please call Catherine, 831-8318 if you are available. Note that this is a Church-sponsored dance and appropriate attire is required.

Product Study - The Youth Group is in need of about 100 women ages 18-55 to participate in a Product Study on Wednesday, September 30 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.

Seniors September Luncheon

is planned for Tuesday, September 15 at 12 noon the National Exemplar Restaurant in Mariemont. We will order from the menu. For reservations and transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernadine Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office.

Ladies Sodality News

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.

Wedding Banns

I. Samantha Sheets & Tyler Anderson
Wedding, September 26, 2009 at 1:30 pm

Sponsor of the Week
George W. Fels CPA

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Bulletin Announcement
due in the Parish Office



Oktoberfest 2009

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 4. Look for more information later this month in the bulletin.

Sharing God's Gifts: August 30, 2009

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection	
Sunday Envelope Collection (330 of 858).....	\$10,999.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$598.50
Dimes Collection.....	\$2.50
Electronic Fund Transfer.....	\$6,649.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fifth Sunday Collection...	\$3,479.73

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.

"LEAVING A LEGACY OF LOAVES" SOCIETY - Do you want to leave a Legacy to St. Andrew Church? You can do so by leaving St. Andrew in your will; no gift is too small.

Area Festivals

TODAY, September. 6 11 am – 10 pm at St. Angela Merici Parish in Fayetteville. Chicken and Roast Beef Dinners served from 11:30 am – 7 pm.

St. Susanna Family Festival to be held Friday, Sept. 11 (5 pm – midnight), Saturday, Sept. 12 (4 pm – midnight) & Sunday, Sept. 13 (noon - 10 pm.) Rides, games, live music, door prizes, great food and family fun!

Area News

Come Celebrate Family & Friends! – 3rd Annual Rally for Robin on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2-11 pm at Miami Boat Club, Miami (for directions: miamiboatclub.com) Live Music – Pig Roast – Refreshments – Cornhole Tournament from 2-5 pm \$20 team. Texas Hold-em 5-11 pm, OSU vs USC 8 pm. Adults \$20, Children 18 & under Free. Proceeds donated to ACS/Relay for Life. For information: Rick Hogue 248-8072.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: February 22 - March 6, 2010: Join Father George Schommer, O.P. from St. Gertrude and Father Joseph Allen, O.P. following in the "Footsteps of Our Lord." For detailed information contact Fr. George, 561-5954, email: schommer@stgertrude.org or contact Elizabeth Grinder, 1-877-276-7279.

Fundraising Event Supports Moeller/MND LIFE Camp (Living in Faith Experience) at Max & Erma's in Kenwood on Thursday, September 24. By using the Max & Erma's flyer (found at MND's website www.mndhs.org and Moeller's website www.moeller.org), the LIFE Group will receive 20% of sales, valid for lunch, dinner or carryout.

Need Help Discerning God's Plan for You? Single Catholic Women are invited to an overnight with the Sisters of Divine Providence, Sept 26-27. There will be input and activities to help with discernment in general and some input on the vocation to religious life. The event will take place at St. Anne Convent in Melbourne, KY. For more info contact Sr. Fidelis Tracy, CDP, 859-441-0700 ext. 324 or vocation@cdpkentucky.org.

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is hosting its second annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 21 at Grand Oak Golf Club in West Harrison, Indiana. This is a four person,

scramble format with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$120 per person and includes box lunch, cart & greens fee, door prizes, golf package, beverage ticket, contests, and chicken dinner. For info or to register: www.catholiccharitieswo.org or Chris Gramke, 241-7745. All proceeds benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio.

morning prayer, reflections and study of sacred scripture.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Mass at 9:00 am

Parish Office and SASEAS School Closed

Tuesday, September 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Parish Office

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #2)

Parish Center

7:00 pm SASEAS School Advisory Council Seton
Campus

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

Wednesday, September 9

9:30 am Bible Study Meeting Room,

Parish Center

7:00 pm Worship Commission Parish Office,
Room #1

Thursday, September 10

7:00 pm SMILE Peer Ministers Meeting

Church Hall

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 12

8:00 am Christ Renews His Parish Team #1

Andrew's House

9:00 am Healing Ministry Business Meeting
Church Hall

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes

9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room, Parish
Center

12:30 pm Baptism Program Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Ministries Spotlight



St. Andrew Bible Study

*This study group meets every Wednesday morning
from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Together they share*

