

from the *Pastors Desk*

You Built a Neighborhood

You might remember that I mentioned in last week's bulletin that you had given over \$16,000 to the missionary from Jamaica when he was with us the weekend before. Well, in last week's collection you added another (over) \$15,000. Yes, you read correctly. That means St. Andrew's mission collection comes to a total of almost \$32,000 for the poor of Jamaica. Father Wiesman told you that \$2,500 would build a very modest house for a family. You built a whole neighborhood.

They Open the Doors

The cover of our Sunday bulletin boasts, or perhaps better, invites, "The doors of St. Andrew open wide at the very thought of your coming." So, who opens those doors? Yes, a few minutes before Mass as people arrive, it is the ushers. But at the "very moment of their arriving," that is, at the time they register as new members in the parish, it is the St. Andrew "Welcome Connection" who flings those doors wide open. The parish "welcomers and connectors" – they make a connection by a call or a visit with the new parishioners, take them bag of gifts and a bundle of information, and help them to make a connection with me and with any group or ministry that best fits their needs or their talents, thus welcoming them into our parish community – the parish "welcomers and connectors" are the ones who fling our doors wide open. The "ministry of welcome" belongs to all of us, of course, for once visitors or new parishioners are "in the church," it belongs to all of us to include, engage and welcome them "into the parish." Recognizing the role we all play, we are grateful to our Welcome Connection for giving the welcome a good kick start. By the way, the Welcome Connection welcomes new members – to welcome new members!

A Picture Is Worth ...

It is akin to telemarketing, I guess, but they have nothing to sell. Yet they are asking for something: a photo of your smiling face. Our parish database gives us the ability to store a photo of every parishioner. These photos are "worth more than a thousand words" to me and to the parish staff. If you are thinking that we do not have your photo on file, or if you'd like to send us an updated photo, we can work with a printed copy or a digital copy. If someone calls you requesting a picture, please receive their call graciously. I will receive your response gratefully.

Christ Renewing Men (and Parishes)

Next Saturday, October 24, a group of men from our parish and from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be on retreat, some of them "giving" and some of them "receiving." At the moment of my typing there is a cot, five meals and a place at table and in chapel for you – or for your husband, father, son, fiancé, neighbor, barber, mailman – sorry, I got carried away.

Father Rob Waller



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 19, Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving (Ann & Bob Rein)

Tuesday, October 20, St. Paul of the Cross

7:30 a.m. Lydia Medl (Evelyn & Charlie Saffin)

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday October 22

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

Friday, October 23, St. John of Capistrano

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

Saturday, October 24, St. Anthony Mary Claret

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

5:15 p.m. Olivevan Hogan (George & Barbara Baer)

Sunday, October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Davis (Linda Davis)

9:30 a.m. Maynard & Helen Cisar, Wedding Anniversary
Remembrance (John & Susan Sheets)

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

SEM Villa

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

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Louis & Martha Kneipp

Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend were donated by Bruce & Pat Cormier in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Thank you

Vocation View

Whoever wants to be great must serve others. Who are the ones you consider "great?" What can you do to carry on their legacy? (Mark 10:35-45)

Please pray for

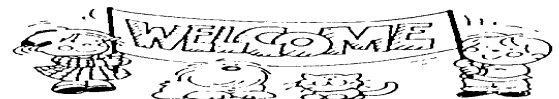
the sick, shut-ins, nursing home residents and hospitalized members of our parish

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Leming, who died October 12 and her funeral Mass was Friday, October 16. Pray for all of our deceased family members, 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.



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

Trish **Niehaus** and children: Lukas & Cassidy
4450 Springfield Court, Batavia 722-6218

Eric **Niehaus** and children: Lukas & Cassidy
276 Indianview Drive, Loveland 485-2293

Mike & Loree **Celebrezze** and children: Rita & Mark
404 Mill Street, Milford 239-6644

Brian & Brenda **Langdon**
1703 Clough Pike, Batavia 843-8629

Matt & Sara **Diepenbrock** and daughter: Addison

1105 Springridge Court, Milford 284-9485

Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible

Join us for "The Great Adventure" Bible Timeline Video Study to get the "big picture" of the Bible story. This exciting study will take your understanding of the Scriptures and your faith to entirely new levels. Begins **today Sunday, October 18 at 10:45 am – noon in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center.** All are invited to attend.

SMILE Youth News

SMILE Meeting: Attention 7th-12th grade students: We will have a SMILE meeting this Sunday, October 18, 7-9 pm in the Church Hall. We have a special guest speaker this weekend. Hope to see you there!

Junior High Lock-in: Just a reminder to all 7th and 8th grade students that the deadline to register for the lock-in is Wednesday October 21. Chaperones are still needed. Please call the Youth Office, 831-8318 if you have any questions or can help.

Senior Citizens Luncheon: The Senior Luncheon is on Sunday October 25, in the Parish Center at noon. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 21. Call Catherine, 831-8318 or email her at smile@cinci.rr.com.

Seniors October Luncheon

will be Tuesday, October 20 at Pinebrook Senior Living on Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road. We will meet there at 12 noon for lunch – cost \$5.00, then we will have a tour of the facility. Please plan to join us. For reservations and more information, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383 or Bernie Muligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office.

St. Andrew Music Ministry

2 DAYS left until we meet in the choir balcony for our first practice! If you have not signed up yet - please call the Parish Office, 831-3353 by Tuesday! Looking forward to seeing you this coming Tuesday at 5:00 pm!

Altar Attendants

Would you like the opportunity to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as an altar attendant? If you are in the 4th grade (SASEAS School, home schooled or PREP program) or older and think you would like to serve your parish, please come to the next training session on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm in Church. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office

Bingo Team #7 Workers for October 20

Chandler, Christoff, Galvin, Loxterkamp, Mueller, Riley, Smith, Stanford, Thaxton, Vilardo & White

Bingo Caller: Terri Morrison

St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch Ministry

Healing sessions will be Saturday, October 24 in the Church Hall. We invite any interested parishioners to receive a prayerful healing experience of mind, body or spirit. It also can be helpful just to maintain wellness. Come and bring a friend or family member. We will start on time so be a few minutes early. Three sessions are scheduled on Saturday, October 24 at 9:30 am, 10:10 am, and 11am. We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Library Open House

SEE THE NEWLY RENOVATED LIBRARY - Come to the Library Open House after all Masses next weekend, Saturday/Sunday, October 24/25 in the Parish Office basement. Enjoy the refreshments and borrow books for your reading enjoyment. Many great books and videos for children, too!

Sweet Memories Cookbook - \$15.00

St. Andrew Ladies Sodality Christmas Ornament - \$8.00

Entertainment Books - \$20.00

Winterfest Raffle Tickets - \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00

Ladies Sodality News

Thanks to all who stopped by our wine table at the Oktoberfest. We'll be back next year!

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Candlelight Dinner on Monday evening, December 7

The St. Andrew Church Christmas porcelain ornament (cost \$8.00) can be purchased in the Parish Office.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 26 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for a pizza social and book exchange followed by our business meeting.

St. Andrew Bereavement Committee

is celebrating their annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 8 at the 11 am Mass for all parishioners who have died since October, 2008. Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate this annual Mass and the memorial ritual of lighting a candle for each deceased person. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

Sharing God's Gifts: October 11, 2009

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection	
Sunday Envelope Collection (347 used).....	\$12,254.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$505.81
Dimes Collection.....	\$9.00

ABITIBI is the company that collects our recycled paper, magazines, thin cardboard (not corrugated), and junk mail. Our three green and yellow recycling bins are on the east side of the school (close to Milford Main School). Not only do we save precious landfill, we make money. Have you 'bin there?

Thank you for the memorials that we have received

In memory of Pat Deem

Janet Borgelt and Lori Bruewer
Lorraine Bohman

In memory of Harvey Mason

Ann Renda

In memory of Jack Roth

Catherine Chandler

In memory of Douglas Gibson

John and Ruth Rugh and family

SASEAS Student Aid Form

Finance aid is available to those who apply before December 1, 2009 for the 2010—2011 school year. To see what is required, go to the school's website. Financial Aid Forms are also available at both campuses and parish offices.

This is an urgent prayer to ask you to pray for the financial needs of St. Peter Claver Latin School for Boys through Father Al Lauer's intercession, saintly founder of the school. In case you don't already know, St. Peter Claver is a wonderful all boys, Catholic school in Over-the-Rhine, the poorest section of Cincinnati, changing the culture down there one little boy at a time. The school is a bright light in the darkness. They have not been able to pay their staff for the last month. Everyone working there has been very patient with the situation so far. Please pray and consider making a donation to: Saint Peter Claver Latin School for Boys, PO Box 14686, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0686

Volunteers for Hope Emergency Program: Come join us on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm at 5333 Kernan Rd., Lynchburg to learn more about HOPE and how you can help, please contact Sr. Lucia, Sr. Sandy or Billie Osborn, 937-364-1055.

The Literacy Network's Volunteer needed. Tutor a child or adult with low level literacy skills. Locations and times to fit



Available in the Parish Office

St. Andrew T-Shirt - \$12.00

various schedules. Call, 621-READ (7323) for information on upcoming training sessions. Change a life through literacy!

Thank You to Our Sponsor of the Week

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444-4985

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 19

9:30 am SALT Meeting Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Parish Library
7:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Tuesday, October 20

Seniors Luncheon at Pinebrook Senior Living
5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
Church
6:30 pm Altar Attendant Training
Church
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #7)
Parish Center
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7
Andrew's House
7:00 pm SASEAS Boosters Coach's Meeting
Church Hall

Wednesday, October 21

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Church
7:00 pm SASEAS School – Finance Committee
Church Hall
7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room,
Parish Center

Thursday, October 22

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7
Andrew's House

Friday, October 23

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library
11:00 pm – 7:00 am SMILE Jr. Hi Youth Lock-in – Countryside Y

Saturday, October 24

Christ Renews His Parish Men's Weekend at Seton Campus

8:00 am SASEAS Men
Andrew's House
9:30 am Healing Touch Ministry Sessions
Church Hall

Parish Library Open House after all Weekend Masses

Sunday, October 25

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes
9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room,
Parish Center
10:45 am Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible MR,
Parish Center
12:00 noon Senior Luncheon Meeting Room,
Parish Center
7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting