

FROM THE PASTOR

Whatever We Say ... What Difference Will It Make?

What we say to our elected officials in the Senate or in the House of Representatives, does it really make any difference? If nothing else, what we say reminds us of what we believe. Remembering what we believe makes a difference.

Decisions on health care reform are reaching decisive moments. Congress is preparing to debate legislation on the House and Senate floors. Votes may take place soon. Policies adopted today will have an impact – for good or for ill – for years to come.

The United States Conference of Catholic bishops has concluded that all current committee-approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

Genuine health care reform needs to protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. There must be decent and affordable health care for all. Health care reform cannot be used as a vehicle to advance abortion or the mandated funding of abortions. Catholic hospitals should never be forced to do things that are against the teachings of our Church.

In your bulletin today you will find an urgent appeal from the bishops of our country, asking you to contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix the current versions of legislation with pro-life amendments. There is a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button.

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We pray that Congress will act to ensure that needed health care reform will truly protect the life, dignity and health care of all, and that we will raise our voices to protect the unborn and the most vulnerable and to preserve our freedom of conscience.

My Computer Homepage

Whenever I open my computer and go online, the website of "Catholic News Service" pops up as my homepage. On the site recently:

- "Crunch time nears for health reform, but hurdles remain for Catholics"
- "Not all solutions to infertility problems are moral, bishops say"
- "Cardinal says Israel's security barrier raises human rights concerns"
- "Marriage not just a private matter, bishops say in proposed pastoral"

These articles caught my attention and drew me to read them.

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
7:00 p.m. Mary Helen Schulman (Betty Surkamp)

Tuesday, November 10, St. Leo the Great
7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rein (Ann & Bob Rein)

Wednesday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours
7:30 a.m. Joan Hauck (Tree Ridge Neighbors)

Thursday, November 12, St. Josaphat
7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday, November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
7:30 a.m. Carl & Marie Stalzer & Willard & Frances Wisby
(Carl Stalzer)

Saturday, November 14
7:30 a.m. Joseph Feldcamp (Mary Seng)
5:15 p.m. For the Recovery of George Rogers (Herbert Wottlé)

Sunday, November 15, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Charlie Birkle, Anniversary of Death (Allen & Marilyn Birkle)

9:30 a.m. Arlene Hale (Ginny Schmaltz)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Louis & Martha Kneipp
SEM Terrace

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

Altar Flowers

That grace our altar this weekend were donated by Matt & Sara Diepenbrock in honor of the Baptism of our daughter, Addison Marie. Thank You.

PRAYERS FOR

all of our hospitalized parishioners, shut-ins, nursing home residents and all the sick of our parish:

Remember in your prayers

our deceased family members, especially Georgia Widmeyer Osborne, whose funeral Mass was Saturday, October 31.

PRAYERS FOR: David "Seth" Mitchell, a long-time friend of parishioner Erica Miller, was killed in Afghanistan on Monday, October 26TH. Seth graduated from Loveland High School in 1997. Please pray that the Lord will raise up this pilot on eagles wings, and bend low to wipe the tears of his parents, Steve and Connie, and his brother Drew. Embrace the others who died with him that day – and all those who remain in the midst of the conflict.

Vocation Views

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self. (Mark 12:38-44)

Dear Fr. Rob.

On behalf of the poor of the Diocese of Mandeville, I want to sincerely thank you and your parish family for the very generous response made to my appeal for assistance for our poor diocese. Even with the economic conditions as they are, your parish has collected \$31,571.89!

You can't imagine how much we appreciate your support and care. This gift helps us to evangelize those who have not yet come to know the Lord, provide for some of the basic needs of our poor, educate the young, house the destitute elderly in a dignified way and put a roof over the heads of families without a home – in effect, your parish has built a "neighborhood!"

Be assured of a continued remembrance in the prayers of the clergy, religious and the poor of the Diocese of Mandeville for your and your parish family. Rev. Gary Wiesmann

Bulletin Deadline

Articles for the November 29th bulletin need to be in writing in the Parish Office by noon on Thursday, November 19th at 4:30 pm

Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week
Lehr's Market

Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible

Every Sunday morning (thru November 15) from 10:45 am – 12 noon in the Parish Center Meeting Room 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. All are invited to attend.

Holy Name Meeting, Monday, November 9

All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend our meeting beginning at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Bingo Parent Team #2 Workers Tuesday, November 10

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

Bingo Caller: Roger Buening

Andrew Dinner, Wednesday, November 11

Young men of the parish who are interested in learning more about the vocation to the priesthood are invited to attend a dinner with Archbishop Schnurr on Wednesday, November 11 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Church Hall. You can register online at cincinnati vocations.org/upcoming_events.shtml, or by calling the parish office.

Job Workshop, Thursday, November 12

Do you need a job or a better job? Discover how to find the best jobs, how to start a job on the correct foot, and much more beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. There is no charge to join us. For questions, please call Chuck Limberg, 575-9001.

SMILE Youth News

7th & 8th grade Junior High Dance is this Friday, November 13 from 7:30-10:30 pm at the Seton Cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person and drinks will be sold for \$0.50. **Chaperones are still needed.** Please call the Youth Office, 831-8318 if you can help. The dance will be cancelled without enough chaperones.

A Special Thanks...to everyone who donated socks and underwear last weekend. We had a great turnout. The totals of what was collected will be posted next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Healing Touch Ministry, Saturday, November 14

The Parish Healing Touch Ministry is inviting parishioners to receive a powerful healing experience of mind, body or spirit. It also can be helpful just to maintain wellness. Healing sessions are scheduled for Saturday, November 14 in the Church Hall at 9:30 am, 10:10 am, and 11:00 am. Come and bring a friend or family member. We will start on time so be a few minutes early.

Make a Difference Day, Saturday, November 14

St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton students in grades 5-8 will be participating in National Make a Difference Day for the eleventh year on Saturday, November 14. We have about 100 students who are looking to help rake leaves in the yards of parishioners and community members who have trouble doing it themselves. If you know of anyone who could use our assistance, please call the St. Andrew Campus, 831-5277 and leave your information with the school office or 831-5277 x 211. We can't wait to make a difference!

Seniors November Luncheon, Tuesday, November 17

at 11:30 at Bob Evans Restaurant. We will order off the menu. For transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office. Why not purchase a gift card for Bob Evans through our Scripts program? They can be purchased at the Parish Office.

Available in the Parish Office

St. Andrew T-Shirt - \$10.00 St. Andrew Blankets - \$45.00
Sweet Memories Cookbook - \$15.00
Entertainment Books - \$20.00
Winterfest Raffle Tickets - \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00
The St. Andrew Church Porcelain Ornament - \$8.00

Ladies Sodality St. Andrew Church Ornaments

Take a look at our beautiful white porcelain ornament picturing St. Andrew Church on one side and the welcoming front doors on the other. They can be purchased November 22 after Mass in the Church Hall, at Winterfest on December 5, at the Candlelight Dinner on December 7 or in the Parish Office. We only have a limited supply left. These unique ornaments make memorable gifts for a baptism, confirmation, first communion, graduation or a remembrance of a St. Andrew wedding. Cost is \$8.00. Profits go toward altar needs.

Ladies Sodality Candlelight Dinner, Monday, December 7

Rosary at 5:40 pm and Mass at 6:00 pm. A full course catered dinner and an evening of fun for \$12.00 begins after Mass (7:15 pm) in the Parish Center. Tables can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 – all other reservations will be open seating. Please e-mail: janniemc6591@zoomtown.com or call Jan McRoberts, 831-4616 for information. Reservations due Monday, November 30.

Sharing God's Gifts, November 1, 2009

We need an average of \$14,250 per week
in our Sunday Collection

Sunday Envelope Collection (321 used).....	\$10,069.20
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$550.25
Dimes Collection.....	\$3.70
EFT Transfer.....	\$6,974.00

Teri Laliberte was the first \$100 early bird drawing winner. All winners' names will go back in the raffle drum for the \$1,000 drawing at Winterfest. To purchase more tickets, contact Shirley in the Parish Office.

Volunteers are needed to straighten up after each Mass.

We are looking for volunteers to straighten the Missalletes and Hymnals after each Mass. It takes 5 to 10 minutes to straighten the books, and it greatly enhances Church for the next group of parishioners. If you are willing to volunteer for this after the Mass you attend, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353.

Liturgy of the Word (new Missalletes) – We have ordered new Missalletes that will be in the pews the First Sunday of Advent, November 28/29. The print is larger, and the Missalette has a new format. Because this book will be used for the entire liturgical year, we are saving almost \$1,000. We need to take extra care of them, so they will last a year. If you wish to borrow one, please ask in the Parish Office. We did not order many extras, so we could keep our cost down.

St. Andrew Scrip Program

Are gift cards on your Christmas shopping list this year? Please take advantage of the Scrip Gift Card Program at St. Andrew Church and have your cards well before Christmas! During the months of November and December we will be placing orders twice per month. Orders will be placed on the following Mondays – November 16, December 7, and December 14. You will be able to pick up your order after Mass the weekend following these dates. How do I place an order? It's easy, place your order in the collection basket on Sunday or drop it off in the parish office during office hours. Please make sure you label your envelope "Gift Card Order". An order form with participating retailers is included in this week's bulletin.

SALT Sponsored

Interfaith Prayer Service for Comprehensive Immigration Reform,
Sunday, November 15, 2-3 pm, Theodore M. Berry International
Friendship Park, 1101 Eastern Ave. Downtown Cincinnati, near
the Montgomery Inn, meet at the International Plaza featuring
flags. If you wish to car pool, please call 575-1515.

Congratulations

to Lorenzo Ortiz and Tomas Ortiz who received First Honors and
to Rafael Ortiz who received Second Honors for the 1st Quarter
of the 2009-2010 School Year at Covington Latin School.

9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room,
Parish Center
10:45 am Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible MR,
Parish Center
7:00 pm SMILE Youth Meeting
Church Hall

***PRAISE the LORD,
MY Soul!***

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 9

6:30 pm SMILE Games Night at Homeless Shelter
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Parish Library
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #6
Andrew's H
7:30 pm Holy Name Meeting
Church Hall

Tuesday, November 10

5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
Church
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #2)
Parish Center
7:00 pm SASEAS School Advisory Council
Seton Parish
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7
Andrew's H

Wednesday, November 11

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,
Parish Center
1:00 pm Staff Meeting Parish
Office Kitchen
5:30 pm Andrew Dinner with Archbishop Schnurr
Church Hall
7:30 pm Worship Commission Meeting Parish
Office Kitchen

Thursday, November 12

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Church
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #8
Andrew's House
7:00 pm Job Workshop
Church Hall

Friday, November 13

No SASEAS School

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Library
7:30 pm SMILE Jr. Hi Dance Seton
Cafeteria

Saturday, November 14

Make a Difference Day

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

Sunday, November 15

SMILE Sponsored Pancake Breakfast at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9:00 am Confirmation Retreat
Church Hall
9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes