

FROM THE PASTOR

As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

In my "priest's prayer book," the breviary, which contains the songs and psalms, the readings and intercessions of the Liturgy of the Hours, I keep a little card that reads simply, "as Jesus, with priests, for parish." Whenever I open that book during the day, in the morning, at sunset or before bed at night, I like to remember that I am praying the same psalms that Jesus himself prayed, that I am "saying the office" that all priests have in their hands on that day, and that I am praying for you. The red ink, Arial font, bold font style, size 36 gives me a feeling of connection, as I pray "as Jesus, with priests, for the parish."

The best thing that I, as your pastor, can do for you is to pray for you. It is my responsibility. It is your right. I should expect it of me, and so should you. As with all things spiritual and as with everything truly human, I fall short in fulfilling my responsibility, using all the excuses known to mankind, perhaps I should say, using all the excuses known to priest-kind: there are so many emails and voice mails, there are those other important things that seem more urgent, the day just got away from me, at night I am just too tired. After thirty-four years as a priest and twenty years as a pastor, I have gotten good at reciting the lengthy list of reasons why God understands.

I want to re-commit myself to pray for you, I really do, and not only at Mass when you are there with me to remind me to pray for you. So, I am going to put into my breviary every week a new set of twenty-five names and faces of our parishioners. After I have prayed for each of the households, I will add, "... and for all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

How are the names picked for any given week? You might be sorry that I thought you might like to know. Here goes. The entries in our parish database can be ordered by "family name" or "family ID." The "family name" is obvious. The "family ID" can be simply explained by noting that the "ID" is the same as the household's collection envelope number. If the database is ordered by family ID, I am the first on the list of parish households, because my envelope number is 1. If the database is ordered by family name, I am down the list, right after Wallace. While the alphabetical order by family name would include those who have moved away or have joined another parish, the order by number lists only those who are "still in our number." I will be using the "family ID" ordering, beginning with #2, assuming that you will pray for #1.

This coming week I will be pray for households #2-#33, every day for the next seven days, from November 23-29, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, November 29: Barton, Cormier, Alexander, Bootes, Soellner, O'Toole, Corman, Au-Yeung/Fitscher, Cayia, Bacon, Baechle, Baer, Mercurio, Bain, Beck, Bain, Ballachino, Barber, Woeber, Bowling, Chandler, Barth/Schutte, Beary, Bateman, Braud and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, November 23, St. Clement I & St. Columban**
7:00 p.m. Maurice Rosselot (Gene & Betty Miller)
- Tuesday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**
7:30 a.m. Isabelle Waller (Monica Clark)
- Wednesday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria**
7:30 a.m. Edward C. Schreiber, Birthday Remembrance (Barb & Ed Schreiber)
- Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day**
9:00 a.m. Dorothy Cassin (Metchy Hance)
- Friday, November 27**
7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
- Saturday, November 28**
7:30 a.m. Pat Rohrig (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)
5:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving for a Favor Granted (Herbert Wottlè)
- Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish
9:30 a.m. Robert Huth (Strotzman Family)
11:00 a.m. Ty Butler (Rose Northcutt)

SEM Villa

- 10:00 a.m. Kathy Boland (Elaine & Lewis Brokaw)

SEM Terrace

- 11:00 a.m. Betty Edwards (Jim & Phyllis Cafferky)

Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar this weekend were donated by Ed Fischer & Family in memory of Ed Bitzer, Sr. Thank you.

Lectors

The new Lectors and Gospel Readers Workbook for Cycle Year C is now available. Please stop by for your copy (to help defray the cost, we are asking for a small suggested donation of \$5.00) at the Parish Office or pick one up in the sacristy.

Vocation Views

Jesus claims, "Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased family members, especially Sonia Blasiak's mother, Maria Ramon, who died this past week. May she 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. **Today we feature:** Bob and Ceese Belisle's nephew Sam Methe, who is in the AirForce. His address is: 326 TRS/FLT739 - DORM B-4 PSC #3 - 1320 Truemper St. - Unit 941008 - Lackland AFB, TX 78236-5570. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call 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
"Cat's Meow Village" wooden keepsake of St. Andrew - \$18.00

Do you have an article for the bulletin? Submit to standy@cinci.rr.com. Deadline for submission is Monday at noon

*The Lord is King;
He is robed in majesty.*

ADVENT-URE

Here is a great opportunity to try a new bible teaching method for the whole family. Take home several animated interactivational DVDs to enjoy and review with your family. Test yourself and other family members on three different learning levels. Return the DVD's with your review sheet to the Parish Office during regular office hours by Dec. 5. Based on the reviews we receive, we will determine whether or not to purchase the set of 36 for \$800 or to accept any of the other options (i.e. less DVD's purchased = more cost per DVD). Purchased individually, each DVD costs \$30 plus shipping. Contact Barb Aluotto in the Parish Office or view the DVDs in the Church Hall after each Mass this weekend.

*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 after Mass this weekend 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.

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)

You are invited to our next meeting, Monday, November 23, 7 pm at Milford First United Methodist Church. Ed and Judy Alten will host a casual information session about our Muslim neighbors, hopefully a guest from the Greater Cincinnati Islamic Center will share with us. Come and meet our friends. All are welcome. For information call, 575-1515.

*Bingo Parent Team #4 Workers for November
24*

Clark, Giebler, Hardin, Hittle, Hughes, Kelly, Mains, Oliver, Schwartz & Strotman
Bingo Caller: Keith Phillips

From the St. Andrew Worship Commission

Monday, November 30th is the feast of our parish patron, St. Andrew. We will not be processing through the streets but we will be having Mass at 7:00 p.m. with the full choir and, we hope, a full church. Worship Commission invites the St. Andrew community to join together in prayer on this day as we remember St. Andrew, the first to be called by Jesus.

*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.

WINTERFEST

Make plans today to attend Winterfest on Saturday, December 5, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. It is a fun filled day of family fun – pancake breakfast, Santa, food, crafts, games, entertainment, Santa store for children, Christmas vendors and a Christmas Flea Market, Silent Auction, and basket Auction. We still need NEW items for the Silent Auction and the Basket Auction and gently used items for the Christmas Flea market. You can drop your items off at

the Parish Office, 8 am to 4 pm weekdays, or if you need assistance, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office.

St. Andrew Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the tree today. This year the tags are out earlier than in years past. This will help our Saint Vincent de Paul "elves" in this massive undertaking. Doing it earlier will give St. Vincent de Paul the time needed for sorting and sending your beautifully wrapped gifts.

Sharing God's Gifts. November 15, 2009

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection
Sunday Envelope Collection (400 used).....\$11,782.20
Sunday Loose Collection.....\$372.24
Dimes Collection.....\$6.55

Our third Winterfest Raffle Early Bird winner was Chris & Diane Forte, The Forte family will receive \$100. Each Sunday in November a new early bird winner of \$100 will be drawn. You can either mail your tickets to the Parish Office, 552 Main Street, Milford, or put them in an envelope in the Church offering at Mass. The Stewardship Committee will be selling tickets at all Masses this weekend.

Electronic Fund Transfer is a convenient and easy way to donate to St. Andrew Church. Sign up forms are on the parish website or you can obtain a form from the Parish Office. EFT is deducted from your account on the first business day of the month, unless you request a different date. You can make changes at any time by contacting Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353, or emailing her at ssoellner@bizcinci.rr.com. She will make the necessary adjustments. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Shirley.



Next weekend, November 28/29

there will be a second collection to aid our St. Vincent de Paul in their ministry to the needy of our area. Please be generous.

Reborn in the Waters of Baptism

During September and October the following children received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Andrew

- Chase Adam & Ashton Joseph Lux*
Sons of Adam and Lauren
- Payton William & Kaylee Ann Bauer*
Children of Matthew & Andrea
- Ryan Matthew Flynn*
Son of Michael & Stefanie
- Lauren Elizabeth Diesel*
Daughter of Scott & Lisa
- Madeline Renee Thompson*
Daughter of Michael & Andrea
- Ella Marie & Kaitlyn Ann McConnell*
Daughters of Matt & Tammy
- Emme Marie Padjen*
Daughter of Chris & Francesca

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Several new CD's have been added to the CD Rack in the Church Vestibule. "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn that is based on his book that helps us to understand the Mass. "Becoming The – Best – Version – of – Yourself" by Matthew Kelly to help us elevate and energize us to become the best version of our selves. "The True Meaning of Christmas" by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen that will help us prepare, appreciate, and love God's greatest gift the world has ever received.

Thank you to the Sponsor of the Week

CROWE and WELCH
Attorneys at Law

Save this Date
Friday, June 11, 2010 for the
Annual SASEAS School Alumni Gathering
More details in 2010.

AREA NEWS

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave. Norwood
Fr. Dan Kroger, O.F.M. CEO of St. Anthony Messenger will speak on
the topic: From Me to We – Learning to think of the common good.
Dec. 5. All are welcome to this free event. Information: 351-9800.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

CHRIST THE KING

Monday, November 23

6:30 pm Franciscans Meeting Room, Parish
Center

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish
Library

7:00 pm SASEAS School Parent Meeting (St. A Campus)

Tuesday, November 24

5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice Church

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #4) Parish
Center

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7

Andrew's
7:30 pm Choir Practice
Church

Wednesday, November 25

No SASEAS School

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Mass at 9:00 am

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish
Library

Friday, November 27

Parish Office Closed – No SASEAS School

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish
Library

Saturday, November 28

8:00 am SASEAS Men Andrew's
House

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room, Parish
Center

10:45 am Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible

ADVENT-URE

in the Church Hall after Mass TODAY. Come
and purchase your new Little Blue Advent Book
(\$1.00), and enjoy refreshments as you
consider some Advent opportunities and visit
with friends. It's not too early to gift shop!