

Expect Purple Nudges

The color of the two seasons of preparation, Advent and Lent, is the same: purple. Advent is softer than Lent. Lent can feel harsh and abrasive. Advent is gentler. During Advent don't expect God to be pushing and pulling. Rather, expect that God will be inviting and reminding. You'll get little inklings or urges or ideas. Expect what might be called "purple nudges." In these next weeks, as we move toward Christmas, God will be doing things for you, but they might not be loud and flamboyant things. God might be asking something of you, but in a gentle sort of way. Expect those purple nudges.

"Our" Andrew Plus 155 Years

Tomorrow – Monday, November 30 – we celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew with an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. Since 1854 the people of St. Andrew have been a visible, Catholic presence in Milford. As people have done for 155 years, we come to St. Andrew to receive and to give. When there were hungry crowds on the hillside of the Sea of Galilee, Andrew "received" the loaves and fish from the lad and "gave" them to Jesus. We know what Jesus did with the gift that came from the boy through Andrew. On the feast of "our" Andrew, we bring the gift of ourselves and, through Andrew, offer ourselves to God. What miracle of blessing and sharing might the Lord work?

Building Confidence and Competence

"Good Leaders, Good Shepherds" is a two-year long, ongoing formation curriculum that supports and strengthens the "governing office" of priests and builds their confidence and competence as priestly leaders. The term "governing office" refers to a parish priest's responsibilities as the parish leader and administrator. Voluntarily and willingly, I have signed on to be in the first group of priest-participants, as "Good Leaders, Good Shepherd" comes to our diocese. Over the next two years there will be six "three-day" residency modules and ten "half-day" workshop sessions. The first "three-day" residency module – "Self-Preparation for Leadership" – will be held this week from Tuesday until Friday. You will be well served by others, while I am away.

As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be pray for households #34-70, every day for the next seven days, from November 30-December 6, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, December 6: Bentley, Baumann, Baumann, Beck, Amicon, Burkhardt, Bell, Berger, Leksan, Birkle, Bertoli, Anderson, Addington, Mackey, Dahling, Dadosky, Iverson, Bitzer, Armacost, Hodges, Burgess, Braner, Haglage, Jackson, Duncan and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

End of the Year Gift: Some of and All of Us

At the end of the calendar year "some of us" take a look at their financial situation and make an end-of-the-year gift to the parish. At the end of the calendar year "all of us" remember the gift that was given to us in Jesus: redemption and salvation, gratitude and hope ... and whatever else you add to your list of Christmas blessings.

Father Rob Waller

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30, St. Andrew

11:45 a.m. Russ Farlow, Sr. (Jim & Phyllis Cafferky)
7:00 p.m. Joe Tone (Rose Fredwest)

Tuesday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier

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

Friday, December 4, St. John Damascus

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

Saturday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Mary Kane (Mike & Robin Reale)
5:15 p.m. Woodie Kammer (Ben & Donna Chrin & Family)

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Jim Keim, Sr. (Clare Krimpenfort)
9:30 a.m. Mary Kemen (Carolyn & Paul Richards Family)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

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 Ted Ringwald in memory of Mom and Dad. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Remember in your prayers our recently deceased family members, especially Richard Wolf who died November 19 and his funeral Mass was on Monday, November 23. May he 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.

Poinsettias for Christmas

The St. Andrew Ladies Sodality decorates our Church with poinsettias during the Christmas season. Help beautify our church by donating to the Christmas Flower Fund. Place your donation (suggested amount: \$8.00) in a "Holiday Flower Offering" envelope located in the vestibule. Include the names of those to be remembered/any special intentions. Place your envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by Monday, December 21. Your name and intention will be listed in the December 27 bulletin.

Lectors, Altar Attendants

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Your next four month schedules (only two months for Altar Attendants) are being prepared to come out soon. Please call the Parish Office by Monday December 7 if you know of any particular dates that you will be unable to minister during January, February, March and April, 2010.

Vocation Views

Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve. (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

**Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 8th**



Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 7:30 am, 11:30 am & 7:30 pm

From the St. Andrew Worship Commission

Tomorrow, Monday, November 30 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**

Reservations due Tomorrow, Monday, November 30, (\$12.00 per person). The evening begins with Rosary at 5:40 pm, Mass at 6:00 pm and a full course catered dinner follows in the Parish Center. Tables can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 – all other reservations will be open seating. Call Jan McRoberts, 831-4616 for information or e-mail: Janniemc6591@zoomtown.com.

The Family CareGiver Group

to meet Tuesday, December 1 from 7-8:30 pm in the Church Hall. This support group is sponsored by St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes and the Caregiver Assistance Network. If you have questions or need more information, please call Mary Schutte, 248-1055 or Marcy Schutte, 831-1516.

Bingo Parent Team #5, Workers for December 1

Biel, Bowling, Cayle, Craig, Heuker, Hofmann, Hogue, Keri, Richards, Sager, Sullivan & Watford

**Adoration at St. Andrew Church, Wednesday,
December 2**

8 am-12 noon. Parishioners and non parishioners may come and adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament at anytime during those hours. If you are interested in being a scheduled adorer and committing to one specific hour once a month, please call or email: JoAnne Lacey: jolacey3@aol.com, # 831-1836 or Jerry O'Toole: jotoole@usavingsbank.com, # 368-6746.

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. 4. 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

WINTERFEST

Make plans 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.

SASEAS BOOSTERS

Next Boosters meeting is Monday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 at the Seton Teacher's Lounge.

St. Andrew Giving Tree

Please return the gifts with the original tag attached, the Third Sunday of Advent, December 12 & 13 St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you in advance for your generosity, traditionally so evident at this special time of year.

**Thank you to the Sponsor of the Week
Roberds Converting**

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

SMILE Youth News

SMILE is looking for some volunteers to help with Winterfest. Help is needed for set-up Friday, December 4 & with running the kids games, concessions and clean-up on Saturday, December 5th. Please contact the Youth Office if you are available.

Sharing God's Gifts.

Sunday, November 22 Collections totals were not available at time of publication

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who achieved honors the first quarter of the 2009-2010 academic school year

McNicholas High School

Dean's List: Nicholas Schweickart

First Honors: Brenna Hartwell, Craig Kaimer & William Keri

Second Honors: Scott Grimsley, Kyle Lewis & Thomas Tenhundfeld

St. Xavier High School

First Honors: Kieran Adams, Joseph DiSalvo, Andrew Majoras & Brendan Roa

Second Honors: Thomas Rapping

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 at Winterfest on December 5 and 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.

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

Penance Service

Monday, December 14

Joint Advent Penance Service with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, to be held this year at St. Andrew on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. There will be a number of priests available, so there will not be long lines.

Seniors Christmas Gathering, Tuesday, December 15

in the Parish Center - Lunch at 12:30 pm. Please bring a dessert to share. We will provide the lunch and refreshments. For reservations or transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office.

Save this Date

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



Thanks to the SASEAS School children and the adults who came to my home on November 14. They raked up at least 500 bushels of leaves. I

hope when they are 88 years old someone will respond to their needs as they solved mine. Sincerely, Ruth Mary Sullivan

Advent Lessons & Carols will be held on Monday, December 7 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of Mt. St. Mary Seminary. The annual service includes the reading of seven scriptures. Lessons with Advent Carols sung by the Athenaeum Chorale and the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola Cantorum. Admission is free. Doors to the chapel open at 7:00 pm.

10:45 am Discover the "Big Picture" of the Bible MR,
Parish Center

12:00 pm Engaged Encounter Church Hall

5:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team 5
Andrew' House

7:00 pm SMILE Youth Meeting
Church Hall

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, November 30

St. Andrew Feast Day

11:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Parish Library

Tuesday, December 1

5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice

Church

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #5)

Parish Center

7:00 pm Caregivers Support Group

Church Hall

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

Andrew's House

7:00 pm SASEAS School Advisory Council MR, Parish

Center

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am – 12:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Church

7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room, Parish

Center

Thursday, December 3

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Church

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Parish Library

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #8

Andrew's House

7:00 pm Job Workshop

Church Hall

Friday, December 4

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Parish Library

Saturday, December 5

9:00 am Welcome Connection

Parish Library

9:00 am Healing Touch Business Meeting

Church Hall

10:00 am – 4:30 pm Winterfest

Parish Center

Sunday, December 6

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes

9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room,

Parish Center