



### A Pastor's Contemplatives

A monk and a girl in a pink sweater helped me remember. Father Joseph was visiting from his monastery in Beirut. Bridget came to morning Mass to pray for her father. They reminded me that any bishop likes having a contemplative community in his diocese, and that, as a parish pastor, I have two contemplative communities, even though there are no nuns or monks living within my parish boundaries.

A bishop wants a contemplative community in his diocese, so that there will be someone constantly praying for the needs of the diocese, while others are busy working and ministering in the diocese. A pastor needs the same within the parish for the same reason. I am reminded of turning the corner onto a steep street on a frigid night when everything was iced over, and saying to my mom in the passenger's seat, "You pray, and I'll drive."

There are two praying communities in our parish, as there are in every parish, one more active and one more cloistered. A pastor's version of monks and nuns are the parishioners living in nursing facilities, confined to their homes, or lying in their deathbeds. Our more active contemplatives are those who walk into church for daily Mass or monthly Eucharistic adoration, like those who live in monasteries and return to chapel at designated hours from their farms, bakeries, cheese factories, sewing rooms or print shops.

Those who pray outside our parish church are alerted by a phone call or an email about people for whom to pray and reasons for which to offer prayers. At other times they, much like Father Joseph, simply continue with their routine, fingering the beads of their rosaries, wearing thin the pages of their prayer book held together by a rubber band, or watching Mass on television. Those who come to our parish church can look into the book of prayer intentions left by parishioners and visitors, or just take as their own prayer the reason why that girl in the pink sweater, not usually at Mass, is with them this particular morning.

It is said, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." If you want to have a person pray for you, ask a praying person. They will do it. You can bet your life on it.

### As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be pray for households #71-98, every day for the next seven days, from December 7-13, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, December 13: Apel, Brown, Eberly, Lacey, Bacon, Glassmeyer, Bugajski, Flynn, Craft, Moeller, Bose, Smith, Hill, Burns, Evans, Emerson, Bzdusek, Cafferky, DiSalvo, Carl, Dundon, Carlier, Haskins, Braswell, Ortiz and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

Father Rob Waller

**The Lord  
Has Done Great  
Things For Us;  
We Are Filled With Joy.**



### Masses For The Week

#### Monday, December 7, St. Ambrose

6:00 p.m. Susan Wenstrup (Donna & Ben Chrin & Family)

#### Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception

7:30 a.m. Donna Mersch (Dave & Gayle Radlinski)

11:30 a.m. Kathleen Boland (Joyce Thieman)

7:30 p.m. Gino DiMario (Roger & Carrie Birkle)

#### Wednesday, December 9, St. Juan Diego

7:30 a.m. Kimberly Schreiber (George & Pat Nagel)

#### Thursday, December 10

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

#### Friday, December 11, St. Damasus I

7:30 a.m. Special Birthday Intention for Marion Devolve

#### Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. William Tateman (Mary Wenstrup)

5:15 p.m. Dave Massner (Fred & Laura Riehle)

#### Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

9:30 a.m. Robert Martin (Frank & Deborah Sullivan)

11:00 a.m. Gene Womack (John & Jean Gries)

#### *SEM Villa*

10:00 a.m. Special Intention (Mary Wenstrup)

#### *SEM Terrace*

11:00 a.m. Clint Andrews (Clara Krimpenfort)



#### *PLEASE PRAY FOR*

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

Anderson Mercy: Lois Theuring & Gene Wolf

Bethesda North: Mary Schutte

**Prayers for our recently deceased** family member, especially Peter Ohmer's great aunt, Agnes Gauche, who passed away on Saturday, November 28. May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

#### *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.

#### *Vocation Views*

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6)

#### *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. This week we feature: Lynne Ferguson's grandson, Max Andrew Doak. Address: 1<sup>st</sup> AB DoakMaxAndrew – Flight-326TRS-SLT.054 – Dorm 85 PSC3 – 1320 Treunper Street – Unit 941009 – Lockland AFB, Texas 78236. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.

#### *Advent Lessons & Carols*

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.

**Lectors, Altar Attendants**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Your next four month (two months for Altar Attendants) schedules 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. Please note that Ash Wednesday (February 17) and the Easter Sunday (April 4) Masses are not assigned.

**SASEAS Booster News**

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

**SMILE YOUTH NEWS**

The Youth Group is looking for families who are willing to help with the set up and clean up of the luminaries for Christmas Eve. Luminaries would be set up on Christmas Eve and cleaned up on December 26. Without help with this, we will not be able to do the Luminaries. Please call the Youth Office if you are interested  
**Nativity Raffle Tickets:** The Youth Group will be selling raffle tickets for a handcrafted Nativity next weekend. The cost is one for \$1 or eight for \$5. All proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of SMILE programming.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Tuesday, December 8  
 Holy Day of Obligation**

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

**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Bingo Parent Team #6 - Workers for December 8**

Bentley Dahling, Forte, Grimsley, Koczwara, Kuethe, Listermann, Redington, Reinhart, Voss, Wilfong & Wuerfel

**Bingo Caller:** Roger Buening

**St. Andrew Giving Tree**

Please return your wrapped gifts with the **original tag attached, NEXT WEEKEND,** 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.

**Penance Service**

**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.

**Holy Name Meeting**

Attention all men of the Parish: Please join us for a short meeting and our traditional Italian feast on Monday, December 14 beginning at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. A special feature; Ted Ringwald's homemade wine. We would like to have as many men as possible for good Christmas cheer.

**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.

**Available in the Parish**

**Office**

St. Andrew T-Shirt - \$8.00  
 St. Andrew Blankets - \$40.00



Sweet Memories Cookbook - \$7.00  
 Entertainment Books - \$20.00  
 The St. Andrew Church Porcelain Ornament - \$8.00  
 "Cat's Meow Village" wooden keepsake of St. Andrew - \$18.00

**Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week**

Lovins Insurance - 831-7900

**Sharing God's Gifts.**

"We need to average \$14,500 in the Sunday collection to make budget"

November 22 Envelope Collection (378).....	\$11,483.70
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$596.18
November 29 Envelope Collection (326).....	\$9,625.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$584.80
ETF Transfer.....	\$7,174.00
Dimes Collection.....	\$12.40
St. Vincent de Paul fifth Sunday Collection.....	\$3,740.00

**WINTERFEST EARLY BIRD WINNERS** for the 3rd week was Diana and Chris Forte; 4th week was Frank and Ruth Gunther; and, the 5th week's winner was Pedro and Bernardita Rademacher. The final drawing for \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 was held at the end of Winterfest. The winners will be announced in our next bulletin. Thanks for your continuing support!

**ABITIBI** - is the company that collects our recycled paper, magazines, thin cardboard (not corrugated), and junk mail. **DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP.** 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?

**Dear Fr. Waller**

We have received your check for \$31, 571.89 which represents the gifts of your parishioners, through the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan to the Diocese of Mandeville. WOW! This is incredible! Fr. Gary usually does well, but your parishioners generosity is fabulous! Please extend our thanks for their generosity to your parishioners and continue to encourage them to pray for all missionaries and the people they serve. Dr. Mike Gable, Director, Archdiocesan Mission Office!

**Retirement Fund Helps Senior Religious**

"As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Girls on the Run**

**Final Call For Coach Volunteers...**for the spring session of Girls on the Run at the Seton campus. Coaches can commit to one or both days each week throughout the season. Also, you don't have to be a runner to help coach. The season lasts 12 weeks beginning February 9 through the week of May 8. Lessons are every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. If interested in coaching or learning more about this program, please contact Juli Riley, 576-1423.

**Square Dancing - It is Fun**

Good exercise, and great way to meet other couples and adult singles and making friends for a life time and keeping fit at the same time. Lessons every Tuesday night beginning January 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Milford Legion Hall. Call Rick Schmidt, 368-9525 for more information.

**Renowned Contemporary Christian singer  
 Tatiana**

will be giving a concert entitled "Emmanuel" at St. Bartholomew Parish on Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. This exciting concert event is free, with freewill donations accepted.

2:30 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Teams  
Church Hall  
7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting

### *Holiday Bulletin Announcements*

Notices must be to the parish office by the following deadline dates for publication in the bulletin:

for Sunday, December 27: noon on Friday, December 18

for Sunday, January 3: noon on Monday, December 21

You can e-mail your information to: [standy@cinci.rr.com](mailto:standy@cinci.rr.com)

## *THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*



### *Monday, December 7*

5:40 pm Rosary, Mass at 6:00 pm and Candlelight Dinner follows

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Parish Library

### *Tuesday, December 8*

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

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

**Parish Office will be closed**

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #6)

Parish Center

### *Wednesday, December 9*

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center

1:00 pm Staff Meeting Parish  
Office Kitchen

7:00 pm SASEAS School – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Lessons and Carols  
Church

7:30 pm Worship Commission Meeting Parish  
Office Kitchen

### *Thursday, December 10*

6:00 pm Stewardship Committee  
Parish Office

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, December 11*

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous  
Parish Library

### *Saturday, December 12*

8:00 am SASEAS Men  
Andrew's House

9:00 am Boys Basketball Games  
Parish Center

### *Sunday, December 13*

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