

### Two Masses on Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m.

Our church officially seats 374, making it unsafe and less than sacred to welcome all who come to the first Mass on Christmas Eve. Our "trial" of last year has become an "again this year" and is on its way toward becoming a "permanent" arrangement. At St. Andrew we will once again have two Masses at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve: one in the church and one across the street in the parish center with 300 seats. The children's choir, Dovile, Deacon Tim and I will be at the Mass across the street. Father Ken Morman and Herb Wottle will be leading the prayer and song in the church. A double set of decorators and liturgical ministers are taking care of you.

### Midnight Mass is at – Midnight!

The question is understandable, because some parishes begin their "Mass at Midnight" at an earlier hour, but our Midnight Mass begins at Midnight. In order to get a seat you might want, you would do well to arrive by the time the carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

### And More Besides

On Christmas Eve there is a 5:15 p.m. Mass, at which there is adequate seating. On Christmas Day at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. you will find the church much less crowded and will be less likely to become "unwrapped" by the high energy and activity of the evening before.

### No Room in the Driveway

What a happy problem it is when parents find that all the children come home for Christmas and there is not enough parking in the driveway or on the street in front of the house. Which of the grandchildren would the grandparents want to stay home? On Christmas Eve our parking lot will be filled, with some spots being used by those who are coming home for Christmas. Arrive early and be of good mood.

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

This coming week I will be pray for households #128-154, every day for the next seven days, from December 21-27, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, December 27: Casto, Ashpaw, Buhr, Delor, Blanc, Gatch, Lucia, Braig, Fischer, Hines, Baker, Sheets, Pearson, Conover, Hieremans, Condon, Donley, Cormier, Lindley, Keim, Brockman, Brougner, DuBois, Bilek, Grimsley and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

### Marriage Issues that Divide the Church:

#### We Miss You

Are you currently divorced but not remarried? Are you or your spouse remarried after experiencing a divorce? Were you married outside the Church? Having accurate information about marriage situations is a good first step toward peace of mind and/or toward having a marriage being blessed (convalidated) in the Catholic Church. I invite any parishioner who is affected by these issues to contact me. Whatever your circumstances or your questions, St. Andrew would like to help you!

Father Rob Waller

## MASSES For The Week

### Monday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius

7:00 p.m. Charles Applegate (Family)

### Tuesday, December 22

7:30 a.m. Joseph & Anna Bosch (Ann & Bob Rein)

### Wednesday, December 23, St. John of Kanty

7:30 a.m. Lucille Elsbernd (Steve & Kathy Singer)

### Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Andrew Parishioners

5:15 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Andrew Parishioners

Midnight For the intentions of St. Andrew Parishioners

### Friday, December 25, The Nativity of The Lord

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Andrew Parishioners

11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Andrew Parishioners

**SEM Villa** 10:00 a.m. Intentions of SEM residents

**SEM Terrace** 11:00 a.m. Intentions of SEM residents

### Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen, First Martyr

7:30 a.m. Donald Chandler (Joy & Jim Hansbauer))

5:15 p.m. John Kercsi (Cathy Kercsi)

### Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

9:30 a.m. Kathleen Boland (Joyce Thieman)

11:00 a.m. Ruth Wilson (Dave Wilson)

#### *SEM Villa*

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

#### *SEM Terrace*

11:00 a.m. Communion Service

## Please pray for

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

Anderson Mercy: Paul Miller

**Pray for our deceased family members**, especially Sue Craycraft's mother, Carolyn Morford, who died December 11, and Rosemary Roettele, who died December 10. Prayers for Tim and Ashley Engel on the death of their infant son, Gabriel. May our ever-loving God grant them eternal peace and give comfort to their families at this time of loss.



### *Poinsettias for Christmas*

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER Poinsettias for the Christmas season. "Holiday Flower Offering" envelopes (suggested donation of \$8.00) are in the vestibule. Your intentions need to

be in the Parish Office by Monday, December 21 in order to be listed in the December 27 bulletin.

### *Altar Flowers for 2010*

There is a new Flower List for 2010 in the vestibule. Many put flowers on the altar a particular weekend during the year in memory of a deceased family member or to remember a special occasion. If you have any questions, please call Jane Kneipp, 683-0054

### *Vocation Views*

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45) God continues to send messengers to announce good news. Listen so you can tell the story to others. (Luke 2:15-20)



In Our Parish Christmas Masses Schedule

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

3:30 p.m.

(2 Masses – one in Church and one in the Parish Center)

5:15 p.m.

Midnight Mass

(Caroling begins at 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 am at SEM Villa

Mass at 11:00 am at SEM Terrace

St. Andrew Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will close for Christmas at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 22 and reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, December 28. For New Year's the office will close at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 29 and reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Holiday Bulletin Announcements

Deadline for the Sunday, January 3 bulletin is at noon on Monday, December 21. You can e-mail your information to: standy@cinci.rr.com



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
St. Andrew Church Porcelain Ornament - \$8.00
'Cat's Meow Village' wooden keepsake of St. Andrew - \$18.00



Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Friday, January 1, 2010 Is a Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

There will not be Bingo at St. Andrew Parish on Tuesday, December 22

SMILE Youth Group News

The Youth Group is looking for volunteers (male and female) to chaperone the next Junior High dance which will take place on January 8. Without the proper number of chaperones, the dance will be cancelled.

High School Retreat - We would like all High School Students to consider signing up for the High School Retreat which takes place January 22-24 at Milford Spiritual Center. This peer-led weekend promises time for a lot of fun, time with friends, time for prayer, and time to refocus. The cost is \$50 for the weekend. Please call the Youth Office for more information or to sign up.

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

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at no cost to the parish.

Attention St. Andrew Ushers

Please call RJ Vilardo, 831-4389 if you can assist with any of the Christmas Masses. Thank You.

Thank you

to the Evans Funeral Home for furnishing the parish with our 2010 calendars. If you did not receive one yet, they are in the vestibule of church.

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.

Sharing God's Gifts for December 13, 2009

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Includes Sunday Envelope Collection (\$10,789.00), Sunday Loose Collection (\$496.25), Dimes Collection (\$9.70), Immaculate Conception Holyday (\$1,320.50), and Religious Retirement Collection (\$2,766.00).

SASEAS Booster News

Baseball Fun and Fundamentals Clinic: Dec. 28, 29, and 30 at the Seton Gym: 8:30-11:30 each day. Open to boys grades 3-8. Bring your glove and waterbottle. Wear sneakers, cup, sweatshirt or t-shirt, and cap if you have one. All skill levels accepted and appreciated. Great way to learn some tricks and techniques in the off season! This is a free clinic sponsored by SASEAS Boosters.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Free Throw Contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10 – 14 as of January 16, 2010. The Basketball Free Throw contest will begin at 6:30 pm. The winners in each boy and girl age group will advance to the District Free Throw Contest. If you are interested in participating in the Free Throw Contest, please reserve the date and watch for registration information. All that register by January 5 will receive a free T-Shirt. You can register any time by calling the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Office, 575-0119 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

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.

The Comboni Nativity Experience

Daily, 6 – 9 pm now through December 30. (Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), Admission is Free (donations and canned goods for Cincinnati's poor are gratefully appreciated).

The Jesuit Spiritual Center

is proud to introduce The William Splain Retreat Cabin - Located on the peaceful banks of the Little Miami River, on a quiet corner of the Jesuit Spiritual Center campus, the William Splain Retreat Cabin offers the perfect setting to step off life's carousel for a while. If you're looking to clear your head, or to refresh yourself spiritually or to spend some special time with your spouse, then call Pam, 248-3500, ext. 22 and make your reservation. The cabin features one bedroom, full appliances

and a porch overlooking the river. It's not the Marriott or the Holiday Inn -- it's much, much more.

Tired of the same old thing for New Year's Eve? Join us at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center for New Year's Eve with the Lord. Stay overnight here – prayers, movie, Marian talk, midnight candlelight procession to welcome the New Year. Call 351-9800 for details or to make your reservation.