

from the Pastor's desk

St. Andrew, the Apostle

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As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be pray for households #156-186, every day for the next seven days, from December 28 – January 3, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, January 3: Fritsch, Edwards, Eggers, Eickelman, Elsbernd, Gries, Evans, Young, Elliott, Cunningham, Fahrnbach, Falgner, Faller, Jones, Kiser, Durham, Carraro, Theuring, Finkbeiner, Marshall, Feagans, Mack, Brownfield, Lane, Fox and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

The Great Introducer

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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!

We Never Allow Anyone

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Thanks for Thinking

Because our parishioners "think" about what they give, planning their weekly donations, the parish has been less likely to be affected by the latest financial alerts or fluctuations in gas prices. The parish expenses are quite a bit below the average for a parish your size. There is good stewardship on both sides of the collection basket.

To Be Un-Introduced

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Father Rob Waller



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 28, Holy Innocents

7:00 p.m. Ken Steltenkamp (Meagan & Kyle)

Tuesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket

7:30 a.m. Cecilia Drybread (Deacon Tim & Marcy Schutte)

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 a.m. Susan Wenstrup, Birthday Remembrance
(Glynn & Judy Johnson)

Thursday, December 31, St. Sylvester I

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

Friday, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Joseph & Anna Bosch Family (Ann & Bob Rein)

11:00 a.m. Frances Behrends (The Holenchak Family)

Saturday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30 a.m. Jessica Phillips (deJesus Family)

5:15 p.m. Irene Ballachino (Carl Ballachino)

Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Paul Frey (Geri Karaus)

9:30 a.m. Michael Schutte (Joe & Charlotte Thomayer)

11:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Carl & Marie Stalzer & Willard & Frances Wisby

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Dolores Rumpel (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mass)



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 View

Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52)

Please pray for

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

Anderson Mercy: Paul Miller & Mary Burkhardt

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased, especially Christopher Smith's father, David Cook Smith, who died December 11.

Let us also remember all of our deceased family members who have died in 2009, may they 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.

A very special thanks to all the parishioners and businesses who, through their expressions of love and gratitude, helped St. Vincent de Paul provide gifts to so many in need during this Christmas season. Over 600 gifts were distributed, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of St. Andrew Parish families and friends. May God continue



to bless you.



St. Andrew Parish Office Holiday Hours

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.

Bingo Parent Team #9 Workers for December 29

Cunningham, J. DiSalvo, R. DiSalvo, Duncan, Haskins, Swing & Teter

SASEAS Booster News

Baseball Fun and Fundamentals Clinic: Dec. 28, 29, and 30 at the Seton Gym: 8:30 am -11:30 am 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.

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 Friday, 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 Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. 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.

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

Stop by the Parish Office

if you are interested in purchasing any of these items

- 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



CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday, December 20th Collections totals were not available at time of publication.

Thank you for your continued financial support this year!
The best to you and your family in 2010.

Baptism Program

January 10, 2010 at 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center. This program is required for parents of children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Andrew. Both parents are encouraged to attend, along with the Godparents. Many come before their child is born. Next session: March 14, 2010. If



you will be attending the January program, please call the Parish Office, 831-3353

**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.

The Comboni Nativity Experience

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

Save this Date

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

Thank you for the memorials we have received

In memory of Carl Stalzer.

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| Bob and Nancy Matthews | Joseph's Hair Design |
| Semple Auctioneers | Delta Zeta Sorority |
| Suzanne and Garth Semple | Bob Elson |
| Carole and Richard Spellmeyer | Barbara Kadinger |
| Sharon and Alan Wright | Luther and Mary Bishop |
| Tonya and Matthew Cox | George and Mary Roberts |

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.

Family to Family Education Program offered by National Alliance on Mental Illness-Clermont County:

A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. This course is offered free for family members, partners and friends of individuals with major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, borderline personality disorder, panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder, co-occurring brain disorders and addictive disorders. Classes start Monday, January 18 at Loveland Presbyterian Church, 360 Robin Ave Loveland 45140, 6:30-9:00 PM. Call 513-732-5419 to register. www.nami-cc.org

Bulletin Announcements

need to be in writing in the Parish Office by noon on Monday or e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com

**Thank You to the Sponsor of the Week
Pinebrook Senior Living
831-5222**



The St. Andrew Seniors Group would like to thank everyone who helped set-up and clean up after our Christmas Gathering on December 15. All the delicious desserts, who could ask for more. Also, thank you to the SASEAS School 7th Graders, under the directions of Dana Braun, who entertained us with their wonderful holiday singing.

*Blessed are they
who dwell in
Your house,*  *O Lord.*