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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

In the second half of my life, I've stopped making New Year's Resolutions. When I would make them, they were too big, and I rarely carried them out or succeeded. Instead, I have attempted to see what God desires for me, a sort of *longing* that God and I agree to discern continuously. I have found that God

has a more important place in my plans when I reach a new turning point in life. At least for me, it works.

I use the same process in leading parishes because, ultimately, our parishes belong to Christ, not any one of us. My longings for our parishes will change and develop as the year goes on, but for now, here are some of my longings for us in our family-parish lives together. I hope that in the year ahead, our three parishes can take to heart the need to pray for one another as we journey together. A number of years ago, on my annual retreat, I had a keen awareness that I had to be more intentional about praying for my parishioners. I hope you will consider this for the coming year.

This year, *Beacons of Light* will challenge us to look at the culture of our Family of Parishes. What are the things that each of our churches has done that are life-giving, and how can we make those customs a part of our entire family? Conversely, what do we need to let go of? What are the things we have "always" done but are no longer life-giving?

- In this *Year of the Eucharist*, how can we enliven our corporate worship and our personal devotion to Christ's presence in the church and world today? In particular, how can each of us be responsible for ensuring that our young people make Sunday Mass a part of their regular routine? How can each of us reach out to those adults, especially parents, who do not see the importance of Mass and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ each week?
- How do we live out Christ's longing that "all may be one" in our church, society, and world? Each of us is baptized to be a peacemaker, a unifier, the sacrament of Christ Himself. Am I building up the Kingdom of God or hindering its growth?
- My own longing is that in the year ahead, we will all work even more
 diligently than we have about attending all three parishes in the St. Mary
 Magdalene Family. Most people have a comfort zone centered in their
 parish church.
- That is understandable, and that is fine, but as we move forward, we all have to stretch ourselves to be members of the Church in a new way. *Beacons of Light* is not going away, and some parish families that do not embrace the reality of *Beacons* will slip away into oblivion. I am *so* grateful to all of you that this has not been our reality. Still, let's move around more in the coming year to each of our churches.
- I have become more aware of parishioners who have faced the loss of a loved one. Our churches do a *great* job of walking with a family at the time of death.
- There are new initiatives and support groups to be with people after the funeral, but grief continues. I hope our support groups will continue, flourish, and grow. It's one of the most important ways we are in Christ's presence for one another.

These are just a few of my longings. What are yours as we enter into this new year? If you have some of those, please get in touch with one of our Parish Council members so that we can consider those practically and concretely.

Fr. Del Staigers

Welcome to

Saint Andrew Family

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Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Presiders Schedule

To find which priest will be presiding at a particular Mass, please check the St. Andrews' Website at www.Standrew-milford.org.

Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for January 7, 2024

Weekly Collection Total \$ 14,047.50

Weekly Collection EFT \$ 4,000.00

Weekly Collection Budget \$ 15,000.00

Weekly Collection Surplus \$ 3,047.50

Readings for Sunday, January 21

Jon. 3:1-5, 10 Ps. 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 a.m. Patricia Forster / Catherine Nally-Duffel

Wednesday, January 17

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, January 18

12:00 p.m. Peter Schmidt / Marty Molitor

Friday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday, January 20

7:30 a.m. Wilma Birkle / Roger & Marilyn Birkle

5:15 p.m. Frank Moser / St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Florie Cafferky / Jim & Phyllis Cafferky 11:00 a.m. George Hartz / Marty Moliter

Oh, Now I Get it!

by Fr. Jeff Kemper

"What in the world are next week's readings about?

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jon 3: 1-5, 10 The Book of Jonah is considered to be a parable about divine mercy for all people rather than a historical account. JONAH: a Jewish prophet called to preach to a Gentile city. NINEVEH: Today, it is in the city of Mosul in Iraq. It was one of the largest cities of the time where this book was written. The Ninevites repent and God withdraws His punishment.

I Cor 7: 29-31 To Paul, the end of the world seems imminent, and therefore, he advises people to live prepared for the end time. He is not recommending literally that husbands live as single men or not owning anything, but rather to reorient one's values to the coming of Christ in glory. "FOR THE WORLD IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS PASSING AWAY.":

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When Christ comes in glory, the whole of creation will cease to exist in its present form, and the new creation will take its place, a creation rooted in Christ and faithful to His kingship. Yet already the world is changing because Christ, by His Paschal Mystery, has brought His definitive victory to the world.

Mk 1: 14-20 Jesus continues the message of John the Baptist but will present the message much more through the perspective of God's love. Last week, in the passage from John's Gospel, we heard that the disciples come to Jesus at the Baptist's direction. This week, we find that Jesus calls the same fishermen to become fishers of men. A task is given in this call to them. They leave not only the trappings of their career (nets), but also their family (James and John's father, Zebedee) to follow Jesus. We know from later stories that from time to time, these four disciples will return to fishing, but it is a second priority; for them from this point on, following the Lord is their first priority.

St. Vincent de Paul Stock the Pantry

For the month of January
Drop off in the bins
Today

Canned Tuna or Chicken and Crackers

Updated Phone Number:

The SMILE cell phone is no longer in service. Please use the regular office number, 513-831-3353 x106 or smile@standrew-milford.org.





February 3rd and 4th

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal. All parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join together to invite participation in this vital appeal.

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6th-10th grade students: Join us at Catalyst with NET MINISTRIES®

NET Ministries sends teams of young adults all over the country to minister to teens and bring them closer to Christ. We are hosting a program called Catalyst. This program takes place at St. Andrew Church from 4:00-7:00pm one Monday a month. There is no charge to sign up for the program, but we will have a free will offering to help cover the cost of dinner and hosting the NET team.

Catalyst will take place January 22, February 5, March 4, April 15 and May 6.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Catherine at the Youth Office: 513-831-3353, ext.106 or smile@standrew-milford.org.

Rosary Making Group



Come and join us to make mission rosaries!
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
1:30-2:30 at St. Andrew parish office library

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We need YOU!

Join others in fellowship while we create prayer shawls to comfort those who are struggling.







ALL Parish Family Men are Welcome!

That Man Is You

Fridays, September 15 - March 22nd

- St. Andrew Church Basement
- Breakfast 6:00 am
- Program 6:30 7:30 am

Join at any point of the year!

- Faith-based interactive program
- Fosters and promotes Moral
 & Scriptural-based Male
 Leadership Development

TMIY provided me with a renewed sense of spiritual awareness in all areas of my life including church, family and work. I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate!

-Doug W.







Ann Poirier,
Parishoner

Dear Parishioners of St. Andrew Church,

Thank you for your generous contributions to Hope Emergency Program during our Christmas distribution week. We were blessed to have so much support providing for families in need in our area and beyond. Your donation helped us provide Christmas gifts for 565 children and food to 425 families this year. Several clients have communicated how much this blessing impacted their families this Christmas. We were even able to reach beyond our ministry and help other groups provide for their clients. We could not have done it without your donations and physical support here that week.

May you and your loved ones continue to be abundantly blessed throughout the New Year. We look forward to working with you again.

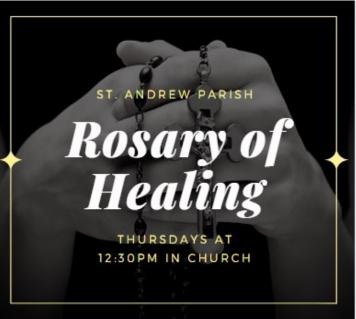
Gratefully, Hope Emergency

Sacred Sisters Stories

All Women are Welcome!

Thursday, January 25th 7:00pm St. Andrew Church Basement





Into the Desert with Jesus

A Lenten Day Retreat for Parishioners

Saturday, February 24th, 2024 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

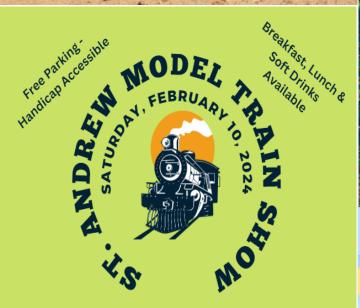
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Join us for Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am weekly

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength"

St. Andrew parish denter meeting room

We do not meet the first Wednesday of the month

Marian Moms: New Schedule! Starts JANUARY- 2x per Month

1st Thursday of the Month: Evenings 6:30 pm



3rd Wedneday of the Month: Mornings 10:30 am

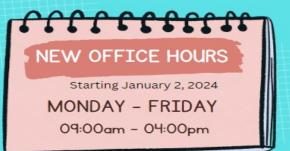
ANY & All Moms are WELCOME!

Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Office Conference Room (House, corner of Buckwheat & Linden Creek)

If Interested, Contact: Elizabeth Otte cre@setonmilford.org

We are looking for a person to change the Parish Office sign. You would need to come to the office once a week and change the information on the sign, so that it has current information. If you are interested, please call 513-831-3383, ext. 100.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family
St. Andrew Parish



Sponsor of the Week





3rd Tuesday of the Month: open to all Knights members

7:30 PM IN THE CAFETERIA AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

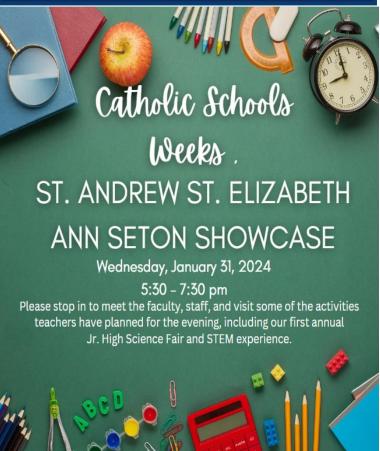
All are welcome to join us weekly for the Rosary!

1st & 2nd Monday at St. Andrew in the Church

3rd, 4th & 5th Monday at

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Church.





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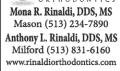


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