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## Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

As I have mentioned before, this year's observance of Advent is the shortest season possible because Christmas falls on a Monday. Inevitably, there is also plenty of confusion to go around because the Mass schedule for the weekend is one that we do not face very often. "Do I have to go to Mass twice next weekend?" "Does one Mass for the weekend 'count' for both?" "Can I do a 'two for one' and celebrate Advent and Christmas without going to church twice?" Yes. No. No.

In short, we have a Saturday afternoon and a Sunday morning Mass in each of our churches for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Then, for Christmas, we have three Sunday afternoon/evening Masses in each church, as well as one Monday morning Mass in each church for Christmas Morning.

So, we have dropped four Sunday morning Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent in our Family of Parishes. This *does not* mean that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is not important. While recognizing that both the Fourth Sunday of Advent *and* Christmas are Holy Days of Obligation, we are also trying to be realistic. Many people will not attend Mass on both days (this is not permission, but reality), and we only have so many priests, musicians, and liturgical ministers. Most parishes throughout the archdiocese have amended the weekend Mass schedules for these same reasons. You'll find a great graphic in this bulletin that makes the schedule clear.

On another note, this weekend's Gospel focuses on those who spent their lives pointing to the Messiah: the prophet Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist. Each person gives us an example of those who discerned God's call at various stages of Salvation History.

This same history continues in each of us. We live our lives each day, and we may be the only "gospel" that people encounter, see, and hear. Each of us continues to be the voice crying out in the desert, the one anointed by God who has the spirit of the Lord upon us, a people called to pray without ceasing.

These Advent days, in this last week of preparation, challenge us to realize the *relationship* we have with Christ so that we can offer the message of Christ's hope in the way that we live. In speaking about John the Baptist, Pope Francis reminds us:

"Let us learn from the one who was the forerunner of Jesus the ability to bear witness to the Gospel with courage, beyond our own differences, while preserving the harmony and friendship that form the basis of any credible proclamation of the faith."

*Fr. Del Staigers*

*Welcome to*

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*Parish!*

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**Readings for**

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

**2 Sm. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

**Ps. 89:2-5, 27, 29**

**Rom. 16:25-27**

**Lk. 1:26-38**

## Presiders Schedule

To find which priest will be presiding at a particular Mass, please check the St. Andrews' Website at [www.Standrew-milford.org](http://www.Standrew-milford.org).

Sharing God's Gifts

## Sunday Offering for DECEMBER 10, 2023

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 7,767.50
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Weekly Collection Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 3,232.50</b>

## Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 a.m. Bob Kruse / *The Kruse Family*

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

12:00 p.m. George Fels / *Friends of TMIY*

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

7:30 a.m. Vickie Rogers / *Bill & Beth Liette*

5:15 p.m. Joe Kruse / *The Kruse Family*

Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. The St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family

## Oh, Now I Get it!

by Fr. Jeff Kemper

*Have you ever thought at Mass, "What in the world is this reading about?" Each week, you can learn some background to make sense of the Scripture for the next Sunday that may be hard to understand.*

**2 Sam. 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16** King David had planned to build a glorious temple for God, but Nathan the prophet received a message from God that it was not His intention to dwell in a temple. (The Ark of the Covenant, which was seen to be the dwelling place of God, was in a tent.) Nathan reveals this to the King along with a reminder of all the Lord has done for Israel and David personally. The Lord promises a "house" for David, which will be his descendants who will rule forever. What God gives to Israel, and David is pure gift; nothing earned, nothing merited.

**Rom. 16: 25-27** These last words of Paul's letter to the Romans (in a rather lengthy sentence, I might add) is a statement of praise to God in which Paul tells the story of salvation in one sentence and an "Amen." **TO HIM WHO CAN STRENGTHEN YOU:** God the Father. **THE MYSTERY:** the hidden plan of God partially revealed by the prophets but fully revealed in Christ through word and action. **MADE KNOWN TO ALL NATIONS:** This is by the preaching of the apostles.

**LK. 1: 26-28 BETROTHED:** In Palestine, the marriage process involved three steps. The couple's parents made an agreement for the marriage of their young children. A year before the marriage, an *espousal* (betrothal) took place, which was a binding contract to marry. The actual marriage took place when the husband escorted his wife to his house. **HAIL:** rejoice. **JESUS** means God saves. God names the child; naming was a sign of authority over the person named. **HOW CAN THIS BE?:** Mary does not understand that the conception of her child will be by the power of the Holy Spirit but assumes conception by natural means. This was not an act of doubting. The news of her relative's pregnancy at an old age is a sign of what God can do. **HANDMAID:** female servant.





### **Part-Time Maintenance Worker Needed**

**Saint Veronica Catholic Church and School located at 4473 Mount Carmel Tobasco Rd., Cincinnati Ohio 45244.**

St. Veronica Catholic Church and School, a member of the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family, is seeking a part-time Maintenance Worker to perform general and preventative maintenance duties, including, but not limited to, minor repairs, and cleaning and upkeep of the Church and School facilities. Hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Previous experience in a maintenance-related field is a plus. Physical requirements include being able to lift and move heavy objects, climb ladders, use common tools, and work in different environments. In addition, candidates must be friendly and personable with good communication skills.

A competitive compensation package is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All candidates are subject to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Decree on Child Protection Guidelines through SafeParish. Candidates must be able to maintain confidentiality in all matters. St. Veronica Catholic Church and School is an equal opportunity employer.

All interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Jon Soellner at [businessmanager@standrew-milford.org](mailto:businessmanager@standrew-milford.org) or via mail to 552 Main Street, Milford, Ohio 45150.

# Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 23

(Advent IV)

St. Andrew: 5:15pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 5:00pm

St. Veronica: 4:00pm

Sunday, December 24

(Advent IV)

St. Andrew: 9:00am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 8:00am

St. Veronica: 9:30am

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Sunday, December 24

(Christmas Eve)

St. Andrew: 3:30pm, 5:30pm, midnight

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 11:00 pm

St. Veronica: 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00 pm

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Monday, December 25

(Christmas Day)

St. Andrew: 11:00 am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 10:00 am

St. Veronica: 9:30 am



## Marian Moms: New Schedule!

Starts JANUARY- 2x per Month

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



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

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If Interested, Contact: Elizabeth Otte  
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## Anointing of the Sick ✨



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude." (1520)

To make the Sacrament more accessible and as a way of planning ahead when a medical procedure is planned, we will be offering the Sacrament on the fifth Saturday and Sunday of the month, following each Mass.

Upcoming Anointing of the Sick  
December 30 & 31 ✨

JOIN US FOR A...

CRAFT NIGHT  
AT SEM VILLA!

Thursday, December 21  
from 6:30-7:30pm

## 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 center  
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\*We do not meet the first Wednesday of the month\*



"Someone who doesn't know Jesus views this world as an ending place; Christians see it as a preparation place."

MARK HART  
Ask the Bible Geek



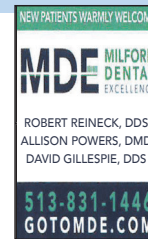
## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to a box and donate the contents to the Saint Andrew-Saint Vincent DePaul food pantry. Collections will be accepted after all masses on December 16/17 or December 18 at 6:45 in the parish office parking lot.

- November 22: box of cereal
- November 23: peanut butter
- November 24: pancake mix
- November 25: boxed potatoes
- November 26: macaroni and cheese
- November 27: canned fruit
- November 28: canned chicken
- November 29: canned tuna
- November 30: canned beef stew
- December 1: jar of applesauce
- December 2: kid snacks (fruit snacks, etc)
- December 3: jelly
- December 4: beef jerky
- December 5: box of crackers
- December 6: chef boyardee pasta can
- December 7: package of oatmeal
- December 8: packaged pasta
- December 9: spaghetti sauce
- December 10: chicken noodle soup
- December 11: tomato soup
- December 12: canned corn
- December 13: syrup
- December 14: canned carrots
- December 15: ramen noodles

Any donations are greatly appreciated! If other arrangements need to be made for pickup, contact Lisa Evans at [evansblcl@gmail.com](mailto:evansblcl@gmail.com)

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1st & 2nd Monday at St. Andrew in the Church  
3rd, 4th & 5th Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Church.

## St. Veronica Seniors

Invite all Seniors from St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family to

La Comedia Dinner Theater

# Guys and Dolls

## February 29, 2024

Bus leaves from St Veronica at 9:30 and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton about 9:45 on our way to the theater.

Tickets are \$75 including the play, lunch and bus.  
Contact Ben Buerger at 513-315-0205 or [ben6491@gmail.com](mailto:ben6491@gmail.com) to reserve your seats.  
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