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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

The place of Mary in Salvation is an important role to understand, especially as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. What Catholic has not been confronted, sometimes accosted, with the question, “Why do Catholics worship Mary?” To be sure, we do not worship Mary. The reality is that many people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, do not make the distinction between worship and honor. We only worship God. We honor great examples of people who follow God; Mary is the primary model who worshipped God with every fiber of her being. Mary magnified God in her total submission to God’s will for her by saying “yes” to the role that God had preordained for her.

It is interesting to note that when the fathers of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) discussed the role of Mary, they placed her role in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, in Latin, *Lumen Gentium*. (Light to the Nations) This placement made the dramatic statement that Mary’s role in the life of the Church was integral to our life in Christ. Two statements stand out:

“The Father of mercies willed that the incarnation should be preceded by the acceptance of her who was predestined to be the mother of HIS Son, so that just as a woman contributed to death, so also a woman should contribute to life.” (LG #56)

“For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.” (LG#67)

Mary is our model in faith because she is what we hope to become by turning our will and lives over to God’s care. Mary, the New Eve, shows us how to respond appropriately to God’s life.

We can spend so much time asking God to come into our hopes and dreams, requests, and situations that we fail to ask God what He wants us to do. Do we know God’s side? Mary did. Our honor of Mary is placed in the Church’s very life because she contributed to God’s life in the Mystery of Salvation.

The Incarnation, God choosing to show holiness in and through human beings, is God’s statement that he is on our side. Are we on God’s?

Fr. Del Staigers

Welcome to

*Saint Andrew Family
Parish!*

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Monday-Thursday

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

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Readings for

Sunday, Jan 7th

Is. 60:1-6

Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt. 2:1-12

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

December 25, 2023

The offering amount was not available at the time of printing.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1st

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:30 a.m. Tim Chambers / Beth & Bill Liette

Wednesday, January 3rd

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

Thursday, January 4th

12:00 p.m. Marty Easterday / Beth & Bill Liette

Friday, January 5th

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

Saturday, January 6th

7:30 a.m. Mary Beth Westfall / The Kruse Family

5:15 p.m. Glenn Faber / The Faber Family

Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Barb Aloutto / Jim & Phyllis Cafferky

11:00 a.m. Stan Cooke / Jean & John Gries

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**EPIPHANY:** Revelation

Is 60:1-6 The Jewish people, vanquished and exiled, hear that God will raise them up and glorify them as all the nations will come to them guided by the light.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-13 Heard in light of Jesus as the King of kings (even greater than Elvis.)
v. 10-12: Kings will come to pay Him homage. (This is where the idea of the magi as kings comes from.)

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 God fully reveals through the apostles and prophets that salvation is for the Gentile (i.e., all people.)

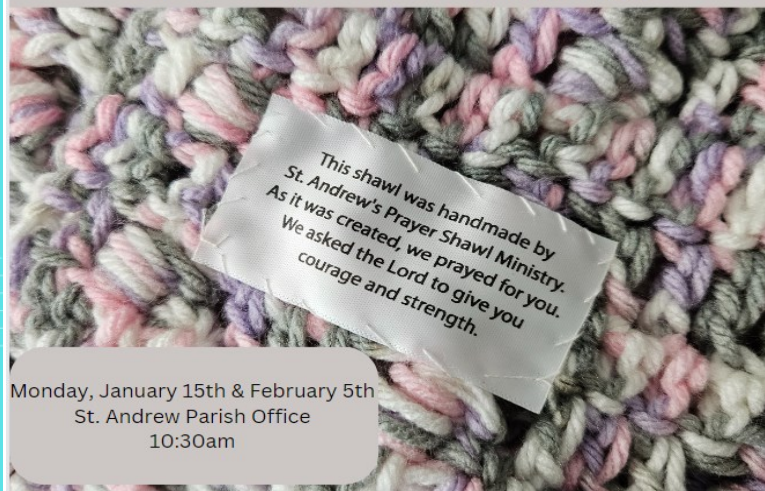
Mt 2:1-12 The magi, learned advisors to kings, seek truth as they know how, by studying the stars and following THE star. Herod works against the truth because he fears it threatens his earthly power and glory.

Gold, frankincense, myrrh: Not practical gifts for a baby, but gifts suited for a king in the Old Testament.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family
St. Andrew Parish



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



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

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



That Man Is You

Fridays, September 15 - April 26

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

ALL Parish
Family
Men are
Welcome!

FREE

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

TMIIY 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.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

All boys and girls from the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the **2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.** This

year, there will be two locations for the competition. Boys and girls attending SASEAS School will be competing during their regular gym class on January 8th and 12th. All other contestants from St. Veronica and surrounding public schools will be competing on Saturday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Seton gym. Winners in each age group of this local competition will move on to the district level on January 28th at St. Columban. Participants are required to provide proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact : Paul Callahan: 513-600-0858 or: pjcallahan5@fuse.net.

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
meeting room

We do not meet the first Wednesday of the month

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 ✨

Mass Plus+

History of the Mass

For All St. Mary Magdalene Parishoners

Details

- 2nd Sunday of the Month, **January 14th**
- Between 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass
- Stay after 9:30 OR come early for 11:30
- St. Veronica Welcome Center (Doors to the Right of Main Church doors)
- Presentation & Informal Discussion
- Come to one session or more!

January 14th Topic:
Mass in Rome
700 C.E.



Zoom available
Contact: ebesl@stveronica.org
Presented by
Emily Besl

St. Mary Magdalene Parish-
St. Veronica Campus Welcome Center
4473 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd, Cinti, OH

A Big Thank You From The
St. Vincent DePaul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the people of St. Andrew Parish for their support and generosity with the **Giving Tree** this year. Together with your support, we were able to help over 600 people this year to have a Joyous Christmas. We are wishing you a Blessed Holy Season and New Year!

You will be seeing a **Familiar Face** starting
January 2, 2024



Yes, that is right! Joe Irwin will be returning to St. Andrew fulltime as a Maintenance Man. We are so excited to have him return. If you see him, please welcome him back. If you don't know him yet, please introduce yourself to him. The more you get to know him, you will find out what a caring and helpful man he is.

Welcome Back, Joe!



Upcoming Retreats at the
Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Upcoming Retreats

† Men's Retreats | Retreat Director

- January 5 - 7, 2024 | Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ
- January 19 - 21, 2024 | Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
- January 26 - 28, 2024 | Fr. Matt Linn, SJ
- February 9 - 11, 2024 | Fr. Tom Krettek, SJ
- February 16 - 18, 2024 | Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

† Women's Retreats | Retreat Director

- March 8 - 10, 2024 | Nicki Verploegen

† Men & Women's Retreats | Retreat Director

- January 12 - 14, 2024 | Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
- February 23 - 25, 2024 | Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ

For More Information

For more information call Mary Ellen
at 513.248.3500, ext. 10 or visit
www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats

The Exposition of the Holy Eucharist



Wednesday, January 3rd
10 AM-5PM St Andrew Catholic Church

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God gave us the Eucharist? It is
His eternal invitation to come
find Him, the only one who can
truly fulfill the deepest
desires of our hearts."

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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 to reserve your seats.
Payments are required by January 11, 2024

We Must Help Families Experiencing Miscarriage and Stillbirth

Have you or your loved ones experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth?

Did you find it difficult to find resources or to talk about this tragic event? Most people don't know what to do or even what to say - Learn more by attending the talk by Donna Murphy, Executive Director of Heaven's Gain Ministries.

The *"We Must Help Families Experiencing Miscarriage and Stillbirth"* event is being offered to all parishioners in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The talk will be on January 11th and January 17th. By attending one of these talks, parishioners can learn healing words and actions to support families in these tragic situations.

Thursday, January 11th - 7pm

St. Gertrude Gym

6543 Miami Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45243

Wednesday, January 17th - 7pm

St. Bernard Parish Center/Gym

7130 Harrison Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45247

Sponsor of the Week



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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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