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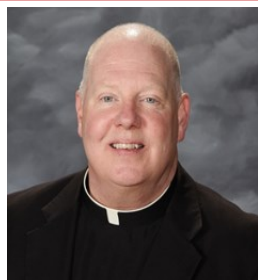
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## Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

All great spirituality is about what we do with our pain. If we do not transform our pain, we will transmit it to those around us. You have probably heard these words before because they are so central to the challenges that human beings face. How we face the pain of life determines how spiritually fit we choose to be.

A less-than-healthy approach may use the spiritual life to avoid dealing with ourselves, our pain, or the reality of the world. Avoidance is not a substitute for developing a healthy spiritual life: a relationship with Christ.

A healthy approach to prayer, our relationship with God, and how we face our lives is rooted in honesty and forthrightness, even if it is painful. In her book *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*, Ann Lamott reminds the reader that prayer is only real when it is honest, saying the true things, not just the words we think God wants to hear.

In down-to-earth terms, she states:

“My belief is that when you’re telling the truth, you’re close to God. If you say to God, ‘I am exhausted and depressed beyond words, and I don’t like You at all right now, and I recoil from most people who believe in You,’ that might be the most honest thing you’ve ever said. If you told me you had said to God, ‘It is all hopeless, and I don’t have a clue if You exist, but I could use a hand,’ it would almost bring tears to my eyes, tears of pride in you, for the courage it takes to get real - really real. It would make me want to sit next to you at the dinner table.”

One of the most prominent and powerful unclean spirits that can affect our world today is humanity’s inability to live in an honesty that is rooted in the common good. Like the man possessed by a demon in today’s Gospel, the gift we may need most is the gift to ask Jesus the tough questions of life:

What have you to do with us?  
Have you come to destroy us?  
I know who you are!

May we be courageous enough to transform the pain of evil spirits rather than transmit the evil spirits of our lives onto others.

*Fr. Del Staigers*

*Welcome to*

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Monday-Thursday*

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

*Friday: 8:00 a.m.-Noon*

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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 January 21, 2024**

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 6,374.29
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Weekly Collection Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 4,625.71</b>

## Readings for Sunday, Feb. 4th

*Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7*  
*Ps. 147:1-6*  
*1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23*  
*Mk. 1:29-39*

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 29**

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

**Tuesday, January 30**

7:30 a.m. Ivelia Curless / Roger & Marilyn Birkle

**Wednesday, January 31**

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

**Thursday, February 1**

12:00 p.m. George Hartz / Marty Molitor

**Friday, February 2**

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

**Saturday, February 3**

7:30 a.m. Merrill Curless / Roger & Marilyn Birkle

5:15 p.m. Betty Evans / Sonnie & Jim Richmond

**Sunday, February 4**

9:00 a.m. Zack Schmidt / Rick & Chris Schmidt

11:00 a.m. Bill & Beth Leitte Anniversary /  
 Children & Grandchildren

**Oh, Now I Get it!**

by Fr. Jeff Kemper

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

**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Job 7: 1-4, 6-7** Job, beset with the loss of everything he had in the world, mourns as one who sees no end to his suffering and sees how people – enslaved people, the poor workers, and those whose lives are heavily burdened – live without hope.

**1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23** Prior to these verses, Paul urges Christians to give up practices that in themselves are moral but are misunderstood by less mature Christians and lead them into sin. He uses himself as a model. **NO REASON TO BOAST:** Paul did not earn apostleship; Christ imposed it on him. If he does it, Christ will reward him. **FULL USE OF MY RIGHT IN THE GOSPEL:** Christ stated that the laborer is worth his pay and had other rights as God's minister, but Paul refuses to accept these so that he may lead others to Christ. No one can claim that Paul is working for his material gain; with no wages paid to him, he is like a slave. He seeks to live like those he serves, no matter the cost to himself. His reward will come in sharing the Gospel, i.e., the salvation Christ has brought to us.

**Mk 1: 29-39 LAY SICK WITH A FEVER:** With the lack of medical knowledge, fevers could easily lead to death. By healing Peter's mother-in-law's fever and the subsequent ailments brought to Him, Jesus is breaking the power of evil, which causes suffering, as we read in the first reading. A disciple, such as Peter's mother-in-law, responds in grateful service for the healing Jesus brings. Jesus goes off to pray, for it is in union with His Father that He can act, and it is in union with the Father that He ministers. Jesus maintains the discipline of His call: not to make everyone's problems go away, but to draw humanity into the life of God; healings and exorcisms are not His purpose but are rather signs of His power over evil, which show His credibility to proclaim the Gospel which will lead people to the fullness of life beyond this world.

**St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family**

*Ash*  
*Wednesday*  
**February 14, 2024**



**St. Andrew**

Mass:  
7:30am & 7:00pm

**St. Elizabeth**  
**Ann Seton**

Mass:  
8:45am, noon & 7:00pm

**St. Veronica**

Liturgy of the Word:  
6:30am & noon  
Mass:  
9:00am & 7:00pm

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Event

**TAIZÉ**  
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**Beat the Winter Blues**

*Simply Seniors Winter Gathering!*

Join us on Friday, February 16th at  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in the Cafeteria.

Doors open at 11:30 am, lunch is at noon

Menu: Soup bar with fixings, dessert and drinks.

A presentation on Trusts will follow.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 13 to  
Kathy Huber, [kathyhuber42@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhuber42@gmail.com), 513-239-6732 or  
Sue Burroughs, [sueburroughs1944@gmail.com](mailto:sueburroughs1944@gmail.com),  
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January 30th  
630-830pm



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513-324-5889 or  
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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.

*"Let us do good to all."*  
-Galatians 6:10

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The Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church invites all children and school treble and mixed voice choirs (grades 4-12) in the region to participate in a Festival & Mass.

- We will hold practices after school and/or on Saturdays, as yet to be determined.
- **You must register before February 1st.**
- Please contact our music directors to sign up and for more information.

Barbara Blasch at [barbarabensonblasch@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabensonblasch@gmail.com),  
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<b>JANUARY 25</b> Online (General Session) 1:30-3pm	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b> Elder High School - Cincinnati (St. James Deanery - SW) 7-8:30pm
<b>JANUARY 27</b> St. Francis of Assisi - Centerville (General Session) 10-11:30am	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b> St. Teresa - Springfield (Emmanuel Deanery - NE) 7-8:30pm
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**ST. ANDREW'S  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



All men of St. Andrew, St. Veronica & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are invited to celebrate the New Year with a (free) ribs and sauerkraut dinner on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:30pm in the St. Andrew Church Hall (basement) Please RSVP to Rick at 513-368-9525

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**Upcoming Retreats**

† Men's Retreats | Retreat Director

- January 26 - 28, 2024 | Fr. Matt Linn, SJ
- February 9 - 11, 2024 | Fr. Tom Krettek, SJ
- February 16 - 18, 2024 | Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
- March 1 - 3, 2024 | Fr. Jim Kubicki, SJ
- March 22 - 24, 2024 | Fr. Chris Manahan, SJ

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- March 8 - 10, 2024 | Nicki Verploegen

† Men & Women's Retreats | Retreat Director

- February 23 - 25, 2024 | Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ
- March 15 - 17, 2024 | Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

For more information call Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500, ext. 10 or visit [www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats](http://www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats)

## Into the Desert with Jesus

A Lenten Day Retreat for Parishoners

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

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St. Andrew Grief Support helps those experiencing loss. Meetings are on the **first Wednesday** of the month in the Parish Center meeting room at **10:00 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please call Judy at 513-284-1024.

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*Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit*



6th-10th grade students:  
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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](mailto:smile@standrew-milford.org).



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## The Welcome Committee

**Do you like to meet new people?**

Would you like to visit our new parishioners and drop off a basket of gifts to welcome them to St. Andrew and the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family?

We have a few committee members but need a coordinator. If you are interested, please call 513-831-3353 ext. 100



# Catholic Schools Week

## ST. ANDREW ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SHOWCASE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024  
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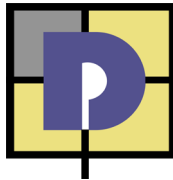
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