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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

I usually cringe, just a bit, when I remember the famous quote by GK Chesterton, “The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” When I hear the statement, I always wonder how much of the Christian life I have left untried.

Sometimes it’s a lot, I’m afraid.

At the risk of overstating the case, I think the same may be true of the Season of Advent. We can be so caught up in the trappings of Christmas that we often miss the richness of the Advent season. You probably noticed, as I did, that retailers were giving birth to Christmas this year in late September.

This is my annual “Let’s give Advent a try this year” speech. The Advent season has beauty and subtlety that no other season of the Church year offers us. There are no carols, no candy (except for the Advent countdown calendars), no obligatory parties with colleagues, no competitions for who can give the best gift, and no stress about awkward social situations.

No, if we are really observing Advent, we probably find ourselves spending more time with the Scriptures, especially the prophets. Our home rituals of lighting the candles on a wreath might take precedence. Our prayer might follow the example of Mary’s prayer as we sit and ponder in silence, straining to hear the voice of God in the midst of a busy world. Grandparents might consider the gift of new life in the same way Anne and Joachim did as they walked with their daughter as she prepared to give birth. Each of us may use this time to look at our relationships with family, friends, and God.

For various reasons, I have never thought that Christianity is “countercultural.” Still, our faith does challenge us to grow in our metaphysical (Beyond what we see and experience) understanding of the Word Made Flesh. We have many opportunities to build silence and prayer into our Advent Season.

- Our St. Mary Magdalene Penance Service on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew.
- Taizé Prayer (a reflective prayer service of music, Scripture, and silence in candlelight) on Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 pm at St. Veronica.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament scheduled in each of our parishes, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament whenever our churches are open.
- Consider praying the daily Mass readings at home or attending Mass during the week.

Whatever you choose, let’s try Advent this year in a way that we have not in the past. Let’s try Advent this year so that we might be prepared fully to celebrate Christmas because we have journeyed with the prophets, Mary, and those who, throughout the ages, have been preparing to meet the Messiah.

As I mentioned last week, I will be out of commission for at least 4-6 weeks. I fell last month, and the only way to get better is to have surgery. I’ll be doing some work from home, but not have Masses until I heal enough to do so.

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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Readings for

Sunday, Dec. 17

Is. 61:1-2a, 10-11

Ps. Lk. 1:46-50, 53-54

1Thes. 5:16-24

Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28

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 3, 2023

This was not available at the time of printing

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 a.m. Carol Imbus / *The Imbus Family*

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

12:00 p.m. Sue Butler / *Holly & Hank McCormack*

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Carrie Evans / *Deacon Tim & Marcy Schutte*

5:15 p.m. Louis Kneipp / *His son, Edward*

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Frank Moser / *St. Vincent de Paul*

11:00 a.m. Sue Butler / *Holly & Frank McCormack*

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday, from the first word of the second reading.

Is. 61-2a, 10-11 Jesus repeats these words about Himself in His first synagogue preaching. Originally, they were spoken by the prophet about the liberation from Babylon. In light of Advent, we see them as a proclamation of hope for what the Messiah will come to do. **YEAR OF FAVOR:** every 50th year, the Jews celebrated a jubilee of thanksgiving in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed, symbolizing liberation. **DAY OF VINDICATION:** the day when God will punish His people's enemies. The prophet's joy is rooted in the fact that he and God's people have been raised up and their dignity restored.

1 Thes. 5: 16-24 Paul is giving a summary of how to live in Christ until He comes again. **REJOICE ALWAYS:** not just positive attitude or emotion, but a stance toward life rooted in the fact that we are loved and saved by Jesus Christ. This overwhelms the crosses of life. **GIVE THANKS:** tied to the reason for rejoicing. **DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT... PROPHETIC UTTERANCES... TEST EVERYTHING:** Prophecies spoken by members of the Church were to be taken seriously, but also tested to see if they are truly from the Spirit.

Jn. 1: 6-8; 19-28 What we heard last Sunday is now presented from St. John the Evangelist's perspective. John emphasizes that the Baptist:

- a)** is sent from God;
- b)** to reveal the light (Jesus) but that John was not himself the light;
- c)** that he is not the Messiah, but one sent to prepare the hearts of God's People for the Messiah's coming;
- d)** which he does through baptism with water.

BETHANY ACROSS THE JORDAN: not to be confused with Bethany near Jerusalem, the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family Reconciliation Service

Join us in seeking forgiveness and healing during this Advent Season.

7-9pm Thursday,
December 14, 2023
at St. Andrew Church

ST. ANDREW'S

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



**Next Meeting:
Monday,
Dec. 11th
at 7:30pm**

All men of
St. Andrew, St. Veronica
& St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
are welcome

St. Andrew Church Hall
(basement)

A Parish Family Event

TAIZÉ PRAYER

7pm Tuesday, December 12th
St. Veronica Church

Come pray with
St. Andrew, St.
Elizabeth Ann
Seton and St.
Veronica Choirs

Taizé is a beautiful prayer experience that includes simple meditative songs, scripture, candles and periods of silence. Taizé was founded in France in 1940 and has since nurtured the hearts of Christians throughout the world and across denominations.



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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.

True Devotion to Mary

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
*please enter through the doors
closest to the church.

December 12
6:30-8:30pm

Questions?
Contact Eileen
513-324-5889 or
epdevereux@hotmail.com



JOIN US FOR A...

**CRAFT NIGHT
AT SEM VILLA!**

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



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 evansclbcl@gmail.com

Mass Plus+

History of the Mass

For All St. Mary Magdalene Parishoners

Details

- 2nd Sunday of the Month, **Dec. 10**
- 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!

Dec. 10 Topic:
4th Century
Changes



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

St. Mary Magdalene Parish-
St. Veronica Campus Welcome Center
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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

Part Time Maintenance Worker Needed

**Saint Veronica Catholic Church and School located at
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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 8p.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.

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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 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

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

Monday, December 25
(Christmas Day)

St. Andrew: 11:00 am
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 10:00 am
St. Veronica: 9:30 am

Flower Donation envelopes for

Christmas

will be located at all church doors.

Place your name and intention on the front of the envelope and your donation inside the envelope.

Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office by December 12th.

Suggested donation of \$10.00



Grief Share

Surviving the Holidays

Support & practical tips for facing
Holiday challenges after loss

Join us at one of 2 gatherings:

- St. Andrew: Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 AM in the **Parish Office Meeting Room**.
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 PM in the **Parish Office Conference Rm**.

To register, call 513-528-1622 x0 and leave your name, phone number and session you plan to attend so your materials will be ready.

The flowers that grace our altar this week are

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



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

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Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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SIMPLY SENIORS

Jingle & Mingle

Split the pot

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
HOLIDAY PARTY

A Potato Bar will be available, followed by our own "Mr. Sinatra," Matt Snow leading us in song. Dessert and refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, December 12th
Gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch.
Program will begin at 11:30

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