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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

The Magi were low on the religious and social ladder, along with shepherds. They were considered by many to be little more than horoscope writers of their own day. Superstitious at best.

They don't seem to be too insightful, either! Whatever made them go to power-hungry Herod to inquire about a new-born king in the first place? Didn't they realize Herod would want to eliminate any competition to his throne? He would slaughter the newly born male children in Bethlehem to eliminate any possible competition.

It is always interesting in the Scriptures, in historical narratives, and in our own lives to see how people sometimes align themselves with people, with ideologies, with ways to get our own way, that they never have otherwise associated with. Power, whether perceived or real, is seductive. Sometimes, people get trapped in situations, not even realizing the dynamics at work. You may be able to think of these situations, maybe in your own life. People who are at odds with others join together to force a situation into being. (We see this during Holy Week when Herod and Pilate join together to take Jesus down.)

The story of the Magi is a *journey narrative*. Even Herod was attempting to use them for his own purposes. They were people on a quest, looking for more in their lives. God showed them a light. They didn't have to follow that light; they could have chosen to stay put, satisfied with the status quo. As always, God makes the first move; God always does that. They follow.

The surprise of these birth stories is that God didn't want just a few choice and upright people to recognize the light that God had ignited in the world's darkness. God was not after the perfect Christmas card scene. Maybe that's how we would have done things, but God's arms are much larger than ours and God's embrace is universal. The shepherds are guided to the Christ; so are the Magi – and so are we!

"Often, we try to soothe our hearts with creature comforts. If the Magi had done that, they would never have encountered the Lord. God, however, is always there within our restless questioning."

—Pope Francis



Welcome to

*Saint Andrew Family
Parish!*

513-831-3353

*Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday*

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

Friday: 8:00 a.m.-Noon

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-1:00 p.m.*

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Readings for

Sunday, Jan. 14

1 Sm. 3:3b-10

Ps. 40:2,4,7-10

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

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 December 31, 2023

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

12:00 p.m. Robert Knueven / Shirley Soellner

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

7:30 a.m. Cecilia Sukhai / The Scott Family

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

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Patricia Forster / Catherine Nally-Duffel

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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19 The setting of this passage is at the end of the period of the Judges, persons whom God called to lead Israel through crisis periods. **SAMUEL:** a boy (possibly adolescent) who served in the temple, living there as a servant. **ELI:** a priest and the second last judge (Samuel being the last) and priest of this temple. **TEMPLE:** This is not the great Temple of Jerusalem which would be decades later, but one of several small temples that existed before the great Temple was dedicated. Our reading leaves out the message of the Lord, which is that Samuel will replace Eli, since Eli's sons were sinful and Eli did not stop them.

1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 A number of converts from paganism have a difficult time adjusting to the sexual morality of Christian faith. There are various heretics who teach that, because Christianity brings about a spiritual rebirth, anything performed with one's body, such as fornication or prostitution has no moral significance. Paul argues that the acts of the body are quite morally significant because: a) Christ died and rose in His body; 2) our whole person, body and soul, is a member of the [Mystical] Body of Christ; 3) the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit; 4) when we were purchased by Christ (one of many images of being saved) our bodies became the property of God. Therefore, we are not masters of our own morality, but obedient in body and soul to the will of God.

Jn 1: 35-42 LAMB OF GOD: a title for Jesus that comes from the Passover lamb (Exodus) and the lamb led to slaughter (Isaiah). The immediate response of those called is to tell others, thus Andrew tells Simon. Changing his name to Peter is a sign of Christ's authority and Simon's unique call. (In the other Gospels, Simon's name is changed later. John compacts this element into one story.)

St. Vincent de Paul Stock the Pantry

For the month of January
Drop off in the bins
on January 13th or 14th



Canned Tuna or
Chicken and
Crackers

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service. Please use the regular office
number, 513-831-3353 x106 or
smile@standrew-milford.org.



JOIN US FOR A...

**CRAFT NIGHT
AT SEM VILLA!**

Thursday, January 18
from 6:30-7:30pm

True Devotion to Mary

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

January 9th & 30th
6:30-8:30pm

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

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, January 15, 2024 at 7:30pm
in the St. Andrew Church Hall (basement)
Please RSVP to Rick at 513-368-9525

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

We will teach you...

It is as easy as counting to ten

If you are interested, please call the parish
office at 513-831-3353, ext. 100.

We need YOU!

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



Monday, January 15th & February 5th
St. Andrew Parish Office
10:30am

That Man Is You

Fridays, September 15 – April 26

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

FREE

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. ★★★★★

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: ebest@stveronica.org
Presented by
Emily Best

St. Mary Magdalene Parish-
St. Veronica Campus Welcome Center
4475 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd, Cinti, OH

January Topic: St. Peter

January Speaker:
Ann Poirier,
Parishoner

Learn... Enjoy Fellowship... Pray

Sacred Sisters' Stories

All Women are Welcome!

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

Grief Support Group

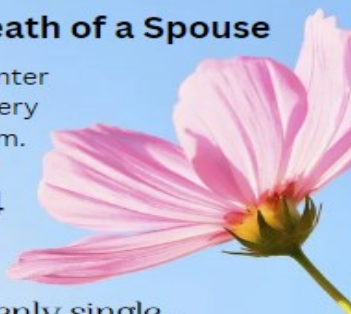
Navigating the Death of a Spouse

St. Veronica Welcome Center
Second Wednesday of every
month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

January 10, 2024
@ 6:30 pm

You're suddenly single...
Now what do you do?
We understand what you're
going through.

Questions? Contact Carol cglaser@stveronica.org



ST. ANDREW PARISH

Rosary of Healing

THURSDAYS AT
12:30PM IN CHURCH

Into the Desert with Jesus

A Lenten Day Retreat for Parishoners

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

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Reflective Talks,
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Reconciliation,
Small Groups*

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513-831-3353 Ext 104

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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

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**

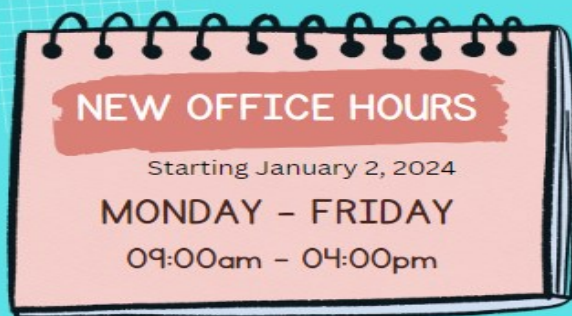
We do not meet the first Wednesday of the month

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.

Sponsor of the Week



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St. Andrew Parish



**Knights of
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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.

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

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
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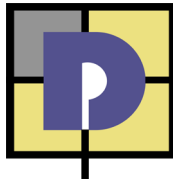
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