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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

Two Saturdays ago, I mentioned Robert Browning's *Soliloquy In A Spanish Cloister* at our Family of Parishes Retreat day. I read a little bit of it to recall that when I was living in the seminary as a student, and things were getting a bit tense in the house because we had been cooped up for too long, one of our professors started class by reading the entire work to us.

"Gr-r-r--there go, my heart's abhorrence! Water your damned flowerpots, do! If hate killed men, Brother Lawrence, God's blood, would not mine kill you! What? Your myrtle-bush wants trimming? Oh, that rose has prior claims. Does it need its leaden vase-filled brimming? Hell, dry you up with its flames!"

At the meal, we sit together; Salve tibi! I must hear. Wise talk of the kind of weather, sort of season, time of year: not a plenteous cork crop: scarcely dare we hope oak-galls, I doubt; what's the Latin name for "parsley"? What's the Greek name for "swine's snout"?"

When he finishes refection, Knife, and fork, he never lays Cross-wise, to my recollection, as do I, in Jesu's praise. I the Trinity illustrate, drinking watered orange pulp--in three sips, the Arian frustrated while he drains his at one gulp!"

From this small part of the soliloquy, you get a feel for how people respond when they are frustrated, are constantly around the same people, and know what buttons to push.

Much like that teacher, Isaiah reminds Israel, as he speaks in the name of God, that by taking a wider view of the world in which they find themselves, God's hand is still at work, even in their frustration. In the Advent season, you and I are challenged to move from hardened hearts and remember that we are the work of God's hands. If we find ourselves thinking that God has moved away from us, these days of renewal and preparation challenge us to understand that if God seems distant, it is not God who has moved.

A couple of notes:

- The Advent Penance Service for our St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm, at St. Andrew Church.
- Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7, at St. Andrew at 7:00 pm; on Friday, December 8, Masses will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 8:45 am & 12 noon at St. Veronica, Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 am and 9:00 am. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Beginning December 8, 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

Parish!

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Monday-Thursday

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

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Noon-1:00 p.m.

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Readings for

Sunday, Dec. 10

Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11

Ps. 85:9-14

2 Pt. 3:8-14

Mk. 1:1-8

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 November 26, 2023

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 6,869.50
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Collection Deficit	\$ 4,130.50

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

12:00 p.m. Frank Moser / *The Soellner Family*

Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9

7:30 a.m. Gjovalin, Liza, Zef, Kola, Jaku /
Liljana Jaku

5:15 p.m. Sue Butler / *Holly & Frank McCormack*

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Gene Evans / *Wm. & Ruth Logan*

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Wertz / *The Kruse 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11. In the text proclaimed today we hear words of profound hope to Israel. The suffering they have endured in exile for their infidelity to Him is ended. **EXPIATED:** atoned for. **SHE HAS RECEIVED... DOUBLE FOR HER SINS:** God has not over-punished, but that what they endured has more than paid for their sins. The idea of straightening, raising, and lowering highways speaks to the urgency of God coming to them. The Jews are to proclaim from the highest mountains that God is coming and bringing with Him their reward and recompense, that is, the restoration of their land and God's presence with them. Isaiah portrays God as a shepherd returning the scattered sheep to their rightful pastures with love and care.

2 Pt. 3: 8-14 Peter states that God is not bound by their expectations, but that Christ will return at the Lord's own time. The "delay" can be seen as the patience of God, allowing for more time for conversion. The description of the end of the world was the common understanding of that time among Jews and Gentiles alike. This is not a time for twiddling one's fingers, but rather a gift of time, growth in holiness so that we can be found pure at the judgment of the world.

Mk. 1: 1-8 Mark begins his gospel with the appearance of John the Baptist and its significance: he is the messenger of the coming of the Messiah. **SON OF GOD:** Jesus is not simply a savior, but God coming to His people. John draws crowds to the message of repentance; He dresses in prophetic garb. **LOCUSTS & WILD HONEY:** a symbol of God's judgment (the plague of locusts) and promise (a land flowing with milk and honey). He is clear he is the harbinger of, but not, the Messiah. His baptism with water prepares hearts for a baptism into the very life of God that Jesus bestows.

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513-528-1622, ext. 107



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FALL SEMESTER: Worthy of the Call

Fridays, September 15 - April 26

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

FREE

- 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.



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)

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

Gift Tags from the
Giving Tree are due
back today



Knights of Columbus®

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.

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 Parishioners

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
 4473 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd, Cinti, OH

St. Mary Magdalene Family

Join with your fellow parishioners for a trip to La Comedia Dinner theater for a matinee performance of "Guys N Dolls" on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Our bus leaves from St Veronica at 9:30 and St Elizabeth Ann Seton about 9:45 on our way to the theater. After our luncheon, we sit back and enjoy the performance before returning home. Tickets are \$ 75 including the play, lunch and bus. Contact Ben Buerger at 513-315-0205 or ben6491@gmail.com to reserve your seats. We have limited tickets so reserve yours early. Payment will be required by January 11, 2024. Sponsored by St Veronica Seniors.

Full-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 full-time Maintenance Worker to perform general and preventative maintenance duties, including, but not limited to, grounds maintenance, minor repairs, and cleaning and upkeep of the Church and School facilities.

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. Candidates must also be available for emergency calls.

Competitive compensation package commensurate with qualifications and experience includes medical, dental and vision insurance benefits, 401k retirement plan with an employer contribution, 2 weeks of paid vacation, paid holidays, and a \$50,000 life insurance policy with access to additional voluntary life.

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



The Exposition of the Holy Eucharist



Wednesday December 6th
10 AM-5PM St Andrew Catholic Church

6th-10th grade students:
Join us at Catalyst with



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 will take 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 December 4, 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: 513-831-8318 or smile@standrew-milford.org.

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.

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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Feast of the Immaculate Conception



****VIGIL MASS****

ST. ANDREW

7:00pm December 7th

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:45am and 12 noon
December 8th

ST. VERONICA

7:30am and 9:00am
December 8th

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family Reconciliation Service

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

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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