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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

Conversion stories, by definition, always involve changing our minds, hearts, and actions. Hopefully, we are self-aware enough to do that by reflecting on our lives. But if we are unable or unwilling, it sometimes takes another person to alert us to our behavior or attitude. In essence, we serve as prophets for one another, at least when we are mature enough to deal with this kind of direction.

In our first reading today, the prophet Jonah is sent out by God to go to the great city of Nineveh. The people had become wicked and lost their way, so Jonah was the one who stood in their midst so that he could help them see that they were straying. He must have been very persuasive because we see in our brief passage that they changed their minds, hearts, and actions. In a surprising turn of events, God even changed His mind.

This is how relationships work, isn't it? We are never completely "there" but always on the way, at least until we see God face-to-face. The kingdom of God is always at hand, and every day we are reminded to "repent, and believe in the gospel."

My favorite bumper sticker reads: "If you just joined the perfect church, it isn't anymore." As we accompany each other on our faith journey, we need to check our expectations constantly. So many people throw up their hands in frustration and walk away from the church because they have the unrealistic expectation that everyone in the church will be perfect. While this is a wonderful hope, it is not the reality of a people who are both sinful and redeemed.

Pope Francis has reminded us:

"We are all sinners; we have all sinned. By calling (people like) Matthew, Jesus shows sinners that He does not look at their past, social status, or external conventions, but rather, he opens a new future to them... The church is not a community of perfect people, but of disciples on a journey, who follow the Lord because they know they are sinners and in need of his pardon. Thus, Christian life is a school of humility which opens us to grace."

On this side of heaven, we will never graduate from the school of humility, but life is certainly more enjoyable when we try.

Fr. Del Staigers

Welcome to

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Monday-Thursday*

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To find which priest will be presiding at a particular Mass, please check the St. Andrew's Website at www.Standrew-milford.org.

Sharing God's Gifts**Sunday Offering for January 14, 2024**

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 6,047.50
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Collection Deficit	\$ 3,047.50

Readings for Sunday, Jan. 28th

Dt. 18:15-20
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

7:30 a.m. Robert Knueven / *Bill & Beth Liette*

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

12:00 p.m. Tim Hogan / *Judy Kulik*

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

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

5:15 p.m. Frank Moser / *Keith & Sharon Janning*

Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Betty Evans / *Sonnie & Jim Richmond*

11:00 a.m. Carol Fahrnbach / *Bible Study*

Oh, Now I Get it!

by Fr. Jeff Kemper

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

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dt 18: 15-20 At this point in the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses is establishing the various ministries for the Israelites. Here he is speaking of prophets, through whom God would speak because the people could not bear to hear God's voice again as they did at Mt. Horeb (aka Sinai), when the Ten Commandments were given. So offensive was it to act as a false prophet, that the offense merited death. After the Babylonian exile, this passage was interpreted by the Jews to refer to only one prophet, for the fulfillment of God's promise: the Messiah.

1 Cor 7: 32-35 Because many of the first converts believed that Christ would return in their lifetime (as we heard last week) they wanted to know how to be prepared for His return. Paul recommends, but does not require, that a way to be ready is to live a celibate life, where the concerns of this world are not as many. It would be interesting to know what Paul would say if he knew that Christ would not return immediately.

Mk 1: 21-28 CAPERNAUM: located on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, it is Jesus's adopted hometown. **"FOR HE TAUGHT AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY AND NOT AS THE SCRIBES."** This does not mean simply that He was a better teacher than the scribes, but that He taught with the authority of God (remember the duty of the prophet from the first reading); the scribes gave their (often well-informed) opinions on the words God had spoken in the past. This was one of the signs of the Messiah in their midst. Jesus, though, is not simply powerful in word, but in action. Unclean spirits and demons are subject to Him, and by speaking His word, they are driven out. Their uncontested rule is ended. Acknowledging Jesus as the Holy One of God is meant to show that they were not caught off-guard about whom He is. Jesus does not want His messianic identity known yet because the people may misinterpret it to be that He is a worldly messiah, not one who is establishing a kingdom not of this world. The people's question is not simply about His actions in and of themselves, but carries the intuitive hope for the Messiah contained in it, even though they barely understand it.

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month.

The intention for the month of January is the gift of diversity in the church.

"We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church."
USCCB

Updated Phone Number:

The SMILE cell phone is no longer in service. Please use the regular office number, 513-831-3353 x106 or smile@standrew-milford.org.



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, 513-239-6732 or Sue Burroughs, sueburroughs1944@gmail.com, 513-877-2153.

True Devotion to Mary

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

January 30th
6:30-8:30pm



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



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

The Archdiocese will mail envelopes to your home.

You can mail directly to CMA or drop your donation in the collection basket

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

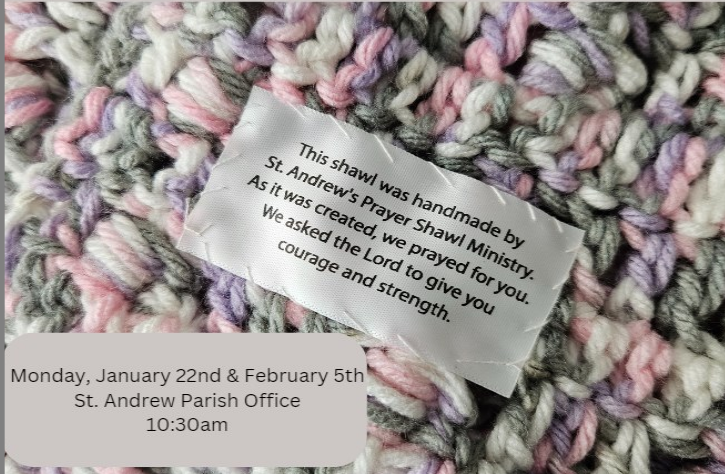
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Join others in fellowship while we create prayer shawls to comfort those who are struggling.



Monday, January 22nd & February 5th
St. Andrew Parish Office
10:30am

BEACONS of LIGHT

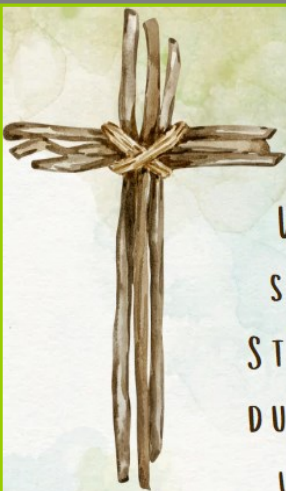
Information Sessions

Want to learn more about Beacons of Light and how this process will enable your parish to continue to fulfill the mission of the Church in the 21st century?

JANUARY 18	St. Xavier High School - Cincinnati (Cathedral Deanery - South) 7-8:30pm	JANUARY 30	Online (General Session) 7-8:30pm
JANUARY 24	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Milford (St. Mary Deanery - SE) 7-8:30pm	FEBRUARY 1	Sacred Heart - McCartyville (St. Augustine Deanery - NW) 7-8:30pm
JANUARY 25	Online (General Session) 1:30-3pm	FEBRUARY 7	Elder High School - Cincinnati (St. James Deanery - SW) 7-8:30pm
JANUARY 27	St. Francis of Assisi - Centerville (General Session) 10-11:30am	FEBRUARY 8	St. Teresa - Springfield (Emmanuel Deanery - NE) 7-8:30pm
JANUARY 29	Our Lady of Sorrows - Monroe (St. Joseph Deanery - Central) 7-8:30pm		



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO LEAD THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT. COACHING WILL BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL 513-831-3353, EXT. 100.



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



"This simple truth is this: the substance of the bread and wine changes completely through the words of consecration, such that there's no more bread and wine there...What is there? Jesus...There's no more intimate way that He could come to you except to come to you as your food, to feed your soul."

BISHOP ANDREW COZZENS

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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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.

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 513-831-3353 ext. 100.



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QUESTIONS: PATTI CECERE AT HTSELF CARE@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 513-535-1925



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



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**7:30 PM IN THE CAFETERIA
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1st & 2nd Monday at St. Andrew in the Church
3rd, 4th & 5th Monday at
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Church.

Catholic Schools Week

ST. ANDREW ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SHOWCASE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 pm

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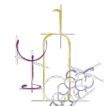
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