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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

Living the life of faith is a risk, yes. Living the life of faith is a calculated risk, absolutely. This is a distinction with a difference. Salvation History teaches us that there are many variables in life, but for those who put their faith in Christ, there is also one thing that does not change: God's presence is the constant. We may not always *feel* it in our life, but we *believe* it in the deepest part of our being.

The sign that we are taking a calculated risk in living our life of faith is that we are always ready. For what? Ready to meet Christ when He returns at the end of time, but also ready to meet Christ in the events of our daily life.



"Somewhere, and I can't find where, I read about an Eskimo hunter who asked the local missionary priest, 'If I did not know about God and sin, would I go to hell?' 'No,' said the priest, 'not if you did not know.' 'Then why,' asked the Eskimo earnestly, 'did you tell me?'"

— Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

Sometimes we would rather not know, so then we do not have to be responsible. But because we are a people of the calculated risk, because we are a people who know both our origin and our destiny, we are responsible. Whether God has given us five talents or ten talents, we are responsible to live wisely and ethically.

Paul reminds us that we "are not in darkness," for that day to overtake us like a thief. "For all of you are children of the light and children of day." In other words, both St. Paul and Jesus remind us that we are responsible for the way we live, taking a calculated risk.

As we end this liturgical year, may we be consistent in our desire to do good. Or, as our Opening Prayer this weekend states: *Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to You, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.*

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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Readings for

Sunday, Dec. 3rd

Is. 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor. 1:3-9

Mk. 13:33-37

Presiders Schedule

Please check the St. Andrews' website at
www.Standrew-milford.org for the Presiders
 schedule.

CHRISTMAS
WREATHS

IF YOU ORDERED A WREATH AT ST. ANDREW
 FROM THE BOYSCOUTS,
 PICKUP IS AFTER ALL MASSES
 THIS WEEKEND

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

7:30 a.m. Robert Rein / *The Rein Family*

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

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

5:15 p.m. Willie Jones / *Barb & Dave Friend*

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Carrie Evans / *Deacon Tim & Marcy Schutte*

11:00 a.m. Don Huber / *Sue Imbus*

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 63:16-17; 64: 2-7 In these passages, Israel cries out to God, asking Him to bring them back from exile and restore them to His good graces. They acknowledge their sinfulness, but also feel that God let them sin. This seems like irresponsibility on Israel's part, but it is also an acknowledgement of God's power over all creation. They beg God to come to them since He has power beyond their imagining. Because of God's anger at Israel's sinfulness, Israel has nothing good about them, for God has hidden His presence from them. Yet, in all of this, Israel acknowledges that God is their Father; He fashioned them as a potter fashions clay. Despite their utter corruption, they are the work of God's hands. They put their hope in the love of God, which is greater than His justifiable punishment that they have received.

I Cor. 1: 3-9 GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE:

Gifts only God can give. Paul thanks God for the grace the Corinthians have received that allows them to live in fidelity to Christ while they await His return in glory. God is always true to His word, for He has called them to fellowship – unity – with Christ.

Mk 13: 33-37 Unlike Maria von Trapp, who starts "at the very beginning," the Church starts the liturgical year by looking to the end, to the Lord's return at the end of time. Jesus tells us that His return will come at a time we do not know. He uses the example of a person returning from a trip without warning. The servants cannot afford to be caught unawares, sleeping on the job. So, too, we must always be prepared and ready for the return of the Lord.

JOIN ST. VERONICA CHOIR FOR

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ON DEC. 3RD

1:00 P.M. - THE GLENN AND
3:30 P.M. - MT. WASHINGTON CARE CENTER
AND ON DEC. 10TH

1:00 P.M. AT EASTGATE VILLAGE AND
3:30 P.M. AT SEM HAVEN

You are invited to come and sing along

**For more information contact: Paul Bresciani
513-528-1622, ext. 107**



SMILE Youth Group Advent Candle Sales

Advent is right around the corner!
Our SMILE Youth Group is selling sets of Advent candles for \$8!
Candles are available in each of our Parish Offices and will be
available after all Masses on November 25 & 26.
All proceeds will go to support SMILE programming.
Thank you in advance for your support!

#GIVING TUESDAY™

Dear St. Andrew Parishioners,

We would like to introduce you to Giving Tuesday. The nationwide movement began in 2012 to provide a way for individuals just like you. Giving Tuesday is just a few days away, on November 28, 2023. St. Andrew the Apostle Church is participating this year. Your donations will help to update the St. Andrew school building and conduct needed repairs. This will allow us to better serve the children within our Family of Faith program, providing them with appropriate up-to-date spaces. We are asking as you are remembering how blessed you are during this holiday season, that you would consider donating to St. Andrew's on **Giving Tuesday**. It is with your generosity that we will be able to create spaces that will benefit all the children who will use this facility now and in the future. Donations can be made by scanning the QR code below, mailing your donation to the parish office, or placing them in the collection basket, marked Giving Tuesday.

May God Bless you and your family this holiday season.

The St. Andrew Staff



*Gift Tags from the
Giving Tree are due
back Dec. 2nd & 3rd*

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

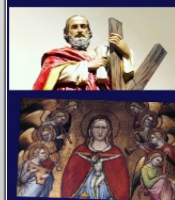
Any donations are greatly appreciated! If other arrangements need to be made for pickup, contact Lisa Evans at evansclbcl@gmail.com

Feast of St. Andrew

Join us as we
 celebrate
 The Feast of
 St. Andrew
 at Thursday's
 afternoon Mass



November 30th at 12:00 (noon)
 St. Andrew Church



November Topic:
 St. Andrew &
 St. Mary Magdalene



November Speaker:
 Pam Hazard,
 Parishioner

Learn... Enjoy Fellowship... Pray
Sacred Sisters' Stories
 All Women are Welcome!

Thursday, November 30th 7:00pm
 St. Andrew Church Basement

**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

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



ALL Parish
Family
Men are
Welcome!

That Man Is You

FALL SEMESTER: Worthy of the Call

Fridays, September 15 - December 15

- 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.



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.

Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for November 19, 2023

Not available at the time of printing

Sponsor of the Week



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



*Feast of the
Immaculate Conception*

December 8th



ST. ANDREW

7:00pm

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:45am and 12 noon

ST. VERONICA

7:30am and 9:00am

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

SIMPLY SENIORS

*Jingle
& Mingle*

Split the pot

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
HOLIDAY PARTY

In the Church Undercroft

*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

RSVP by Dec. 8th
Kathy at 513-239-6732 or
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