



SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.
The Church is open daily 6:00 AM-8:30 PM.
For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM
Weekdays - 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Saturday Morning - 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:15-4:15 PM or by appointment at 614-451-4290

To learn more about **SACRAMENTS**, call the Parish Office or visit our website, www.standrewparish.cc and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please contact a priest at the Parish Office.

We welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** To register or learn more about St. Andrew Parish, please contact our office by phone, or email Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc.

OUR MISSION

St. Andrew Church is a community of Catholics committed to serving God by living our faith. We exist to fulfill the mission of the Roman Catholic Church at the local level by continuing the saving work of Christ. We accomplish this through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaiming and living the Gospel, reaching out to others in justice and charity, and providing all parishioners abundant spiritual, educational, and social opportunities to be known as a faith-filled, engaged, and generous parish.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: July 29 Vigil, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Nes Gacusan

Sunday: July 30, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Rosemary Persinger

9:15 a.m. Bill Jones

11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

Monday: July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30 a.m. Phil Mignot

 8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mallett
 and McCort Families

Tuesday: Aug 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori

 6:30 a.m. John and Rosemary Persinger &
 Joseph and Katherine Reed

8:30 a.m. J. Richard Lumpe

Wednesday: Aug 2, Weekday Mass

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Barnes Family

8:30 a.m. Paul O'Neill

Thursday: Aug 3, Weekday Mass

6:30 a.m. Most Forgotten Soul in Purgatory

8:30 a.m. Alexander Sisamuth

Friday: Aug 4, St. John Vianney

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

8:30 a.m. Joseph Banks, M.D.

Saturday: Aug 5, Weekday Mass

9:00 a.m. Jim Saffell

Vigil, The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:30 p.m. James A. Roslund

Sunday: Aug 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Nicholas DeSantis

9:15 a.m. Joe and Louise Karam

11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

BAPTISMS

Fiona Isobel Sullivan, daughter of Brian and Jennifer

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Amy Buening and David Miller (3)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF...

Marjorie S. Hennessey

Betty Imber

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Albeen Vatti to St. Andrew Parish. He is here to make an appeal for the support of the missionary efforts in the Diocese of Warangal, India. I hope you will welcome him and learn from him about the needs of this mission territory, and that you will be generous in your response to the special collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Next week, on Tuesday, Aug. 8, there is a special election in the State of Ohio. There is only one issue on the ballot, "Issue 1." Issue 1 is a proposal that, if passed, would require that proposed amendments to the Ohio Constitution would require approval by 60% of those voting in order to pass. The current requirement is a simple majority (50% plus one vote). Because Issue 1 is not a moral issue, the Bishops of Ohio have remained neutral on the Issue other than to urge all Catholics to fulfill their responsibility of faithful citizenship and vote their conscience. Thus, Catholics are free to vote for or against Issue 1, however you may choose.

In considering how you will vote, something to think about is the effect that the outcome of Issue 1 will have on the November election. There is a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot that, if passed, would enshrine abortion rights in the Ohio Constitution. As you already know, our Ohio Bishops have called upon all Catholics to pray and work to defeat this proposed amendment which, if passed, would endanger the lives of the preborn and diminish parental rights. As Catholics, we are obliged to do all we can to defeat this proposal. Something to consider is this: If Issue 1 passes in August, it will be more difficult for the proposed constitutional amendment to protect abortion rights to pass in November. That is only one consideration regarding Issue 1 and there are many others to consider also. No matter what you decide, please vote on August 8, and let us continue to pray and work to defeat the proposed abortion rights amendment in November.

I hope you are getting acquainted with our new Parochial Vicar Fr. Lawrence Tabi! He is getting settled and accustomed to the routine here at St. Andrew Parish. Because he also serves as chaplain to the Ghanaian Catholic Community and serves at St. Aloysius Parish, he is not often visible on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew. But in time you will get to know him and like him! I warned Fr. Tabi that the quiet routine he is getting used to here at St. Andrew will soon be shattered! That's because the Festival at St. Andrew is coming on August 18 and 19! I told him there will be thousands of people, bright lights, loud music, laughing children, carnival rides, and a throng of happy people having a great time right up to midnight – right outside his rectory quarters! I also told him that he will have a lot of fun at the Festival and meet many great people – our St. Andrew parishioners. So both of us are looking forward to this year's festival, and to seeing all of you there in just about three weeks!

May God bless all of you and keep you safe always!

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney

FIFTH SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND! This is the time to use your Gold Envelope or make an online donation to benefit those served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. To make a donation online, visit [ONLINE GIVING \[osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds\]\(https://ONLINE.GIVING.osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds\)](https://ONLINE.GIVING.osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds) and choose St. Vincent de Paul from the gift information drop down menu. You can also mail or drop off a check to the Parish Office: 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, OH 43220. Make checks payable to St. Andrew/SVdP. Please be generous as you help us to help our less fortunate neighbors, both in our immediate neighborhood and in greater Columbus. We will be good stewards of your donations as we practice the words of Christ to see all as in the family of God.

SAINT MONICA BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JULY 31

5:30-6:30 PM // PARISH HALL

Give up worry and turn to prayer with the Saint Monica Book Club! ALL are welcome to this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members. The Saint Monica Club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the Faith and who have prayed ceaselessly for their return.

For more info and to RSVP, contact Amy Tague, at amyliss14@gmail.com.

SUNDAY OFFERING

	JULY 16	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 26,994	\$ 79,775
BUDGET	\$ 32,212	\$ 96,635
LAST YEAR	\$ 25,258	\$ 78,178

Thank you to all who are responding generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We encourage you to consider Online Giving, which is safe, secure and convenient. To sign up, visit osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds or contact the business manager, Thomas Conigy, tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 102.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE APPEAL SO FAR!

As of July 26, our pledges have exceeded our goal. Let's keep going as all money in excess of our goal will be returned to the Parish. Every donation helps! If you haven't yet made your gift to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider a gift. The Appeal supports essential ministries, formation, and outreach under the four pillars of evangelization, vocations, education, and social concerns.



ST. ANDREW PROGRESS REPORT THROUGH JULY 26:

Pledged	\$215,625.00
Collected	\$171,842.50
Remaining	\$ 42,305.20
Goal	\$214,147.70

Pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Feel free to drop them in the collection basket with your pledge or donation, or mail them to The Appeal, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Make checks payable to The Diocese of Columbus and include "St. Andrew Parish – Appeal" in the memo section. You may also pledge online at www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal or scan the QR code.



HOME VISITS: If you or a family member are homebound and would like a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please **call the parish office at 614-451-4290**. EMs bring Communion to the homebound on Sundays or as scheduled. Priests will see the homebound upon request; however, they usually cannot schedule home visits with Communion on Sundays.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration, on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's real presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may stay as briefly or as long as they would like.

Adoration will end with Compline (end of day prayers), followed by Benediction at 8:45 p.m.

SPECIAL EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Members of Parish Council invite ALL parishioners to take part in Eucharistic Exposition on **Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 8 to 9 p.m.**, to experience this very holy time, feel the peace of Christ in His presence, pray for loved ones, and "watch with Him for one hour." During the holy hour, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, ending with Compline and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces which flow from the Eucharist!

AUGUST SENIOR LUNCHEON



THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
BRYCE ECK CENTER – KELLY HALL

Euchre at 10 a.m.
Bingo at 11 a.m.
Lunch at Noon

The luncheons are a great way to catch up with old friends and forge new friendships with seniors within our St. Andrew Parish community. If you are 55+ and a registered parishioner, come and join the fun! There is no cost. **For more information**, contact Pat Carroll, 614-459-1402 or pcarroll@standrewparish.cc.

FACILITIES & ROOM RESERVATIONS AT ST. ANDREW PARISH

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces at St. Andrew Parish, please contact Jen Wenzke, jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price, gprice@standrewparish.cc. The event calendar can be viewed at standrewparish.cc/calendar.

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL NEWS

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS. We would love for you to be a part of the Viking Village. For more information, contact school Principal Joel Wichtman, 614-451-1626, ext. 234.

LOCKER SET-UP is different than in years past. It is scheduled for **Thursday, Aug. 17**. Students whose last names begin with the letters A-L will set up from 9:00-9:45 a.m. Students whose last names begin with the letters M-Z will set up from 10:00-10:45 a.m. More information to come!

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for students with last names A-L will be August 23. Students with last names M-Z will be August 24. All students will be at school on August 25!

REMINDER to all enrolled families to fill out the EDCHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIP information and email it to Mr. Wichtman, jwichtma@cducation.org. **This scholarship benefits every family enrolled at St. Andrew School!**

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Andrew School is looking for part-time Educational Aides for the upcoming school year, 27.5 hours per week. Catholic preferred but not required.

Requirements include:

- An appropriate Ohio educational aide license, or be eligible to receive one before serving in the classroom
- Current, clear BCI & FBI background checks
- Protecting God's Children (PGC) certificate of completion or willingness to attend a PGC training session prior to serving in the classroom

Interested candidates: Please send a letter of interest and resume to school Principal Joel Wichtman at jwichtma@cducation.org.

REQUIREMENTS TO VOLUNTEER

WITH OUR CHILDREN: If you are 18 years or older and interested in volunteering with youth activities at St. Andrew Parish, you must attend a PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN training session, provide a clear background check, sign the code of conduct and complete a volunteer application before you can volunteer. For full details, visit www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/.

To register for a training session through the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.virtus.org. Upcoming Virtus Protecting God's Children (PGC) sessions:

- 8/02/2023 St. Michael Worthington, 6 p.m.
 - 8/05/2023 Immaculate Conception, 9 a.m.
 - 8/10/2023 St. Matthew Gahanna, 6 p.m. via Zoom
- For more information, contact Mary Beasecker, 614-451-4290 or mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.



ADULT FAITH UPCOMING EVENTS!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: We are excited to announce that, starting in October, St. Andrew will host the **Eucharistic Revival Small Study Groups**. The parish is looking for men and women to step forward and serve as small group leaders, to help with hospitality or parish outreach. Later this summer, we will host a planning meeting to provide further information about the upcoming program and how you can get involved.

SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. MONICA: St. Andrew will host a special Mass on **Monday, August 28**, starting at 7 p.m. on the feast of St. Augustine, in honor of St. Monica and St. Augustine. Msgr. Moloney will celebrate this Mass, and we will host a small reception in the parish hall.

The intention of the Mass will be for those friends, family members, and former parishioners who have left the faith in the hopes that – through the intercession of Saints Monica and Augustine – they return to the Church. Please stay tuned for more details.

RCIA WILL KICK-OFF THIS FALL: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass. Participants in RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a conversion process as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the Sacraments of Christian Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the proper way adults prepare for Baptism.

Do you want to learn more about any of these upcoming events and programs? Contact Emily Jaminet at ejaminet@standrewparish.com.

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMMITTEE is hard at work planning our next bazaar. Scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., we have room for crafters and vendors. Are you interested?

While shopping online is growing, nothing beats finding that special something for someone special. Perhaps YOU can offer the special gift someone is looking for! For more information or an online registration form, visit tinyurl.com/SAP-Bazaar-2023.

If you'd like to speak to someone about the Bazaar or becoming a vendor, contact Judy at 614-446-4812, and leave a message, or email judyzumba09@gmail.com to have an application emailed to you.



300 VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED! Sign up in the parlor after Mass or online at tinyurl.com/standrewfestival2023. Sign-ups in the parlor each weekend take preference over online sign-ups. You can also sign up by phone or text (preferred) to Jennifer at 614-857-5388 or jwoods592@gmail.com.

STOP BY THE SILENT AUCTION DISPLAY IN THE VESTIBULE! The display includes cards with a suggested donation on each. Grab a card, buy the item listed, and return the item to the parlor or Parish Office! For more information, contact Helen Leahy at hholbery@gmail.com.

BECOME A SPONSOR! If you would like to learn more about sponsorship and the benefits, contact Melanie Houts at 614-595-5335, or Kim Jones Burns at 614-506-7825.

COMING UP IN AUGUST: We will serve cookies after the Saturday Masses and donuts after the Sunday Masses on August 5 & 6 and 12 & 13 in Nugent Parish Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to pick up your RIDE WRISTBAND VOUCHERS (while they last) for \$22 each, good for one night. Vouchers will be \$25 each per night at the Festival. Cash and check only!

THANK YOU FESTIVAL SPONSORS!

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T-SHIRT ORDER DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MONDAY, JULY 31

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please write the number of shirts you'd like next to the desired size:

Youth SM _____ Adult SM _____ Adult 2XL _____

Youth MD _____ Adult MD _____ Adult 3XL _____

Youth LG _____ Adult LG _____ Adult 4XL _____

Total number of shirts ordered _____

Total amount due \$ _____



•Cost is \$10 per shirt. Adult 2XL, 3XL and 4XL are \$12. Payment by cash or check is due at the time of pickup.

•Shirts may be picked up in the parish hall after the Masses on August 12 and 13.

•Turn in your order form to the parish office or by e-mail to TheFestivalAtStAndrew@gmail.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

Our Lady of Victory, August 4 and 5, 6-11 p.m., 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus.

St. Brendan the Navigator, August 11 & 12, 6-11:30 p.m., 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY UPCOMING

FUNDRAISER: Lighthouse of Hope will be held **Saturday, August 26, at St. Andrew Parish**. The event will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by brunch and program at 10:00 a.m. in Nugent Parish Hall. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Monsignor James A. Walter. Cost is \$35/person. You can register online at bethesdahealing.org/events.

CATHOLIC MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE: Join men from across the Diocese **August 26, 2023, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Mass at 8:30 a.m.) at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville**. The half-day event is designed for Catholic men, featuring a light breakfast, speakers, and small group discussion. Speakers include: Father David Sizemore, Episcopal Vicar for the Diocese of Columbus, and Brad Pierron, the Missionary Program Director for Damascus. For more information and to register, visit www.CatholicMensMinistry.com.

EARLY FALL RETREAT: Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by applying today! **The next weekend retreat in the Central Ohio area is September 8-10, 2023.** For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org, or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

JOSEPHINUM 4-MILE RUN/WALK: September 30, at the PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM, 7625 North High St. Packet pickup: 7:30 AM, Start time: 9 AM. All participants receive bread and a bottle of wine, or bread and a jar of Trappist Monastery jam. Save \$5 per person when registering at least 3 participants at one time. Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I, office park at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Support the seminarians! Register at m3ssports.com.

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LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, AUG 5: Vigil, The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:30 PM Mass

Kevin Carpenter	EMHC - B1
Elizabeth Carpenter	EMHC - B2
Tim Terveer	Lector - A
Angela Bonfante	Lector - B
Vivian Templeman	Altar Server
Drew Busch	Altar Server

SUN, AUG 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 AM Mass

Larry Hoffman	EMHC - B1
Deb McEllistrem	EMHC - B2
Cathy Covarrubias	Lector - A
Ali Wright	Lector - B
Trevor Ezell	Altar Server
Myles Ezell	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Stephanie Stephenson	EMHC - B1
Bob McFadden	EMHC - B2
Karen Huey	EMHC - B CHOIR
Mary Kasberg	Lector - A
Jacob Decot	Lector - B
Noah Woods	Altar Server
Angelo Pardi	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Dave Shiddenhelm	EMHC - B1
Laddie Waldegar	EMHC - B2
Ciara Clarke	Lector - A
Wini Chuidian	Lector - B
Gavin Slater	Altar Server
Kellen Slater	Altar Server

To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR code here. If you need help with your username or password, contact the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send requests no later than Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location and contact name and send to bulletin@standrewparish.cc. Bulletin requests may be edited for clarity or space.

ePOST WEEKLY EMAIL: To subscribe, contact Mary Beasecker, mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc. The ePost includes information about upcoming events and activities within the parish. To submit information, please email to Mary before Noon on Mondays. ePOST submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

Affording a Catholic Education in Ohio Now at Your Fingertips with Universal EdChoice



Ohio's Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program is now accessible to **ALL Ohioans!** Thanks to sweeping changes outlined in HB 33 and signed into law on July 3 by Governor DeWine, **EVERY** student now has the opportunity to attend a participating Catholic school for **little or no cost**.



Originally enacted in 2005 to serve families living in underperforming school districts, the program has been expanded multiple times over the past 18 years to aid more families, particularly those with lower incomes. But, now, every Ohio family - regardless of their residence or household income - can utilize state scholarship dollars to help fund tuition at the Catholic **school of their choosing**.

What does this mean for you?

Simply, an **affordable** and **unapologetically Catholic** education is right at your fingertips!

Families at 450% or below of the Federal Poverty Guideline will receive the maximum scholarship allowed by law. Those at 451% or more will receive a portion of the full scholarship amount, dependent on their household income and family size.



← **Scan to Determine Your Family's Eligibility!**

Federal Poverty Guideline Percentage	K-8 Scholarship Amount *	9-12 Scholarship Amount *
0-450%	\$6,165	\$8,407
451-500%	\$5,200	\$7,050
501-550%	\$3,650	\$5,000
551-600%	\$2,600	\$3,550
601-650%	\$1,850	\$2,500
651-700%	\$1,300	\$1,750
701-750%	\$900	\$1,250
751% and up	\$650	\$950

*Scholarship amounts shown are for a family of four.

Qualify for EdChoice Traditional AND Expansion?

Families in our diocese living in an underperforming school district who previously qualified for the Traditional EdChoice scholarship now have the option to choose the one that provides the greatest financial benefit to them.

Under the new Expansion guidelines, if their Federal Poverty Guideline results in a scholarship less than the maximum amount of a Traditional Scholarship, the Traditional Scholarship will provide a greater financial benefit. In addition, the family will not need to submit any income verification, unless they qualify for low-income status (200% or below the Federal Poverty Guideline). Contact your school for further clarification.

Applying for a Scholarship is as Easy as 1-2-3!*

- 1 Reach out to your school(s) to get started or visit <https://bit.ly/ohioedchoice>.
- 2 Complete a **Scholarship Request Form** for EACH eligible student in grades K-12 who is enrolled in Our Catholic Schools. Submit the request form, as well as a copy of the **student's birth certificate** and **current proof of address** (see scholarship request form for accepted documents) to the appropriate school(s) for submission via the online application system.
- 3 Complete the **income verification process** at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. An OHID is required for online submission.

The deadline to request scholarships for this academic year and receive the entire amount for which the family qualifies is **October 14, 2023**. Any application received after this date will be awarded at a pro-rated amount by the Department of Education and Workforce.

*Families who previously were approved for an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for the 2023-24 school year need to do nothing at this time. Your scholarship will be updated automatically based on the new scholarship amounts.

EdChoice: Empowering Parents Today for the Future

The Ohio Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program provides students throughout the State of Ohio the opportunity to attend participating private schools for **little or no cost**. Enacted in 2005 to serve families living in underperforming school districts, the program has since expanded to provide **increased opportunities** to all Ohio families with scholarships up to \$6,165 for K-8 and \$8,407 for grades 9-12.

Due to the recent changes in the state's biennial budget, families 450% or below of the Federal Poverty Guideline are eligible for the full EdChoice scholarship amount. Families above 450% will be eligible for a portion of the scholarship, dependent on their income and family size.

MAX SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

K-8: \$6,165/student
9-12: \$8,407/student

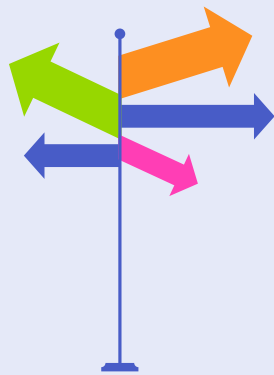
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What are Federal Poverty Guidelines?

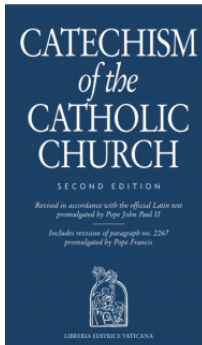
The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the statistical thresholds used by U.S. Census Bureau for calculating the number of people in poverty. Poverty guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to **determine financial eligibility** for certain programs and vary by family size. In 2023, a family of four (4) at 450% of the Federal Poverty Guideline has a **gross income of \$135,000/year**.



School Choice is NOT a New Concept!

There are over **75 educational choice programs** in 32 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including **8 right here in Ohio!**

- ☒ EdChoice Scholarship
- ☒ Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship
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