

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:	Sep 9 Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m.	Don and Joan Rossi
Sunday:	Sep 10, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.	For the People of St. Andrew Parish
9:15 a.m.	Catherine Gallagher Griffith
11:00 a.m.	Duane Palmo
Monday:	Sep 11, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	Lane and Joseph Families
8:30 a.m.	Patrick Conway
Tuesday: 6:30 a.m.	Sep 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary Deceased Members of the Luckett & Tiemeier Families
8:30 a.m.	Lois Berwanger
Wednesday	: Sep 13, St. John Chrysostom
6:30 a.m.	Mary Ferencik
8:30 a.m.	T.J. Duffy
Thursday:	Sep 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
6:30 a.m.	Gene Perry, Sr.
8:30 a.m.	The Belmaggio/Little Families
Friday:	Sep 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
6:30 a.m.	Ron Huck
8:30 a.m.	Fenton Moore
Saturday:	Sep 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
9:00 a.m.	Robert Krummen
4:30 p.m.	Vigil, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert and Anna Mae Jones
Sunday:	Sep 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.	For the People of St. Andrew Parish
9:15 a.m.	Robert Lee Prior
11:00 a.m.	Special Intention

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Kristina Anderson and Sean Bedevelsky (3)

FACILITIES AND 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**.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As you are already aware, the Bishops of Ohio have called upon all Catholics in the State of Ohio to pray and work to defeat the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution, which would enshrine abortion rights into our state constitution. There is no ambiguity about this issue. The passage of this proposed amendment poses a danger for pregnant women and preborn children. Our constitution should protect the right to life, not threaten it.

The proposed amendment, now titled "Issue1," will be voted on in the general election on November 7. Our Ohio bishops have called upon all of us to vigorously oppose this amendment. Our Catholic Church doctrine on the evil of abortion and the sacredness of human life – from conception to natural death – obliges us in conscience to oppose this amendment.

Our bishops have launched a vigorous campaign to inform and inspire all Catholics to work to defeat the amendment and to cast their votes accordingly. They have also called us to pray for this as well, recognizing that our efforts alone cannot accomplish anything, but with divine assistance, all things are possible. To promote effective prayer for this cause, Catholics in Ohio are encouraged to pray a 54-day Novena, invoking 54 different saints to intercede to help us defeat this amendment. This Novena includes praying a Rosary each day for 27 days beginning on Friday, Sept. 15 (the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows), until election day on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and then another Rosary each day for another 27 days in thanksgiving.

Please join this Novena of prayer, and help defeat this dangerous proposal. You can sign up for a daily email reminder with Novena prayers at **Pray54Ohio.org**.

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney



PRAYER FOR OHIO

Ever-living God, You give life and desire a future for all Your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send Your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in You and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Catholics across Ohio are praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena for the defeat of Issue 1. This week the Joyful Mysteries will be prayed each day.





Join us in prayer for the defeat of Issue 1.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here or at www.pray54ohio.org



SUNDAY OFFERING

	AUGUST 27	YT	D
ACTUAL	\$ 23,972	\$	231,599
BUDGET	\$ 32,212	\$	289,904
LAST YEAR	\$ 32,667	\$	243,007

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 <u>osvhub.</u> <u>com/st-andrew-parish/funds</u> or contact Business Manager Thomas Conigy, **tconigy@standrewparish.cc** or 614-451-4290, ext. 6.





JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN on Saturday, Sept. 16 at St. Francis High School (Athletic Track), 4212 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43224. On-site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the walk. (There is no need to

preregister). Participants will receive a free T-shirt. Coffee, hot cocoa, water and donuts will be available. Each year, members of St. Andrew Parish come together to support this event, which has the goal of raising additional funds to help our neighbors in need.

After Masses THIS WEEKEND (Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10), representatives of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the church entrances to accept donations. All of the money raised during this collection will be used to support the work of our parish SVdP conference, including feeding and clothing of the poor, assisting with payment of emergency bills and helping with burial costs of loved ones of the poor.

PRAY AND PLAY IN SEPTEMBER

Join with other families after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays at the St. Andrew Playground. All parish families are invited! While you are welcome to stay and play any Sunday, we would like to invite specific groups on the following Sundays:

•September 10: 1st and 2nd grade families •September 17: 3rd and 4th grade families •September 24: 5th and 6th grade families

For more information, contact Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@ standrewparish.cc.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 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.

PLEASE JOIN MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FOR EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: SVdP members invite all to Eucharistic Exposition on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 8 to 9 p.m. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary followed at 8:45 p.m. 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!

CALLING KNITTERS & CROCHETERS:

You are invited to our upcoming meeting, **MONDAY, SEPT. 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall**. We have needleworkers of all levels, so bring



your knitting needles (size 7 or 8) and crochet hooks (size G or H) and join the fun of socializing and being productive as we make things for those in need. We will provide easy patterns. If you'd like to learn more, call Marilyn at 614-315-7320.

KNIGHTS NEWS

Council #11275 will hold its **next membership meeting on Monday**, **Sept. 11, at the Bryce Eck Center**. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Brother Knights are invited to arrive early as we pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.



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This year, there is free online membership (with promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY). Go to **www. kofc.org/joinus** or use the QR code to complete the membership form.



Men 18 and older and a practical Catholic can join the Knights of Columbus. If you're interested in learning more about us, join us at our next meeting or contact Damion Faulkner at **damionfaulkner97@gmail.com**.

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW, AND CALLING YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!



St. Andrew Parish will host small group studies beginning Monday, Oct. 9. These study sessions will include a video presentation followed by prayer and discussion within the small groups. Each session will last approximately two hours.

Study sessions will be held in the parish hall on the following MONDAYS: October 9, 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 13 and 20.

We hope to have a great turnout for the seven-week program, and lay the groundwork for the parish mission with Dr. Sri on December 6, 2023.

To RSVP for the small study group meetings, visit **tinyurl.com/SAP-ER-Meeting** or use the QR code.



WHAT IS THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL? This is a threeyear initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States. We have begun Year Two – the Year of Parish Revival (2023-2024). The Eucharistic Revival is an historic and important national movement to help the faithful fall in love with Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and be inspired and equipped to share that love with others.

A CLOSER LOOK

Christian Marriage, Remarriage, Divorce, and Annulment from a Catholic Perspective

Join us on **Monday, Sept. 18, at 7:00 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall**, to learn more about the Sacrament of Marriage and the Catholic Church's laws regarding marriage, divorce, remarriage, and annulments. Presented by our Pastor (and Canon lawyer) Msgr. Moloney, the program is especially helpful for those who want to validate a current marriage in the Catholic church or wish to remarry in the Catholic church. It's also helpful for those who want to learn more about Catholic marriage after a divorce.

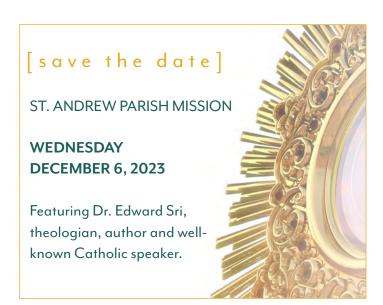
> For more information about the Eucharistic Revival, upcoming adult faith events and evangelization, contact Emily Jaminet at 614-451-4290, ext. 9 or **ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.**

LECTIO PETER: THE CORNERSTONE OF CATHOLICISM

Join us on Tuesdays beginning September 12, 7:15-9:15 p.m., at the Bryce Eck Center, for this informative and relevant video-based series.

St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us! The weekly Bible Study includes a short video followed by small group discussions. The study guide, leader guide and videos for this study are available (free) on FORMED. More information will be provided at the first evening. If you wish to purchase the optional study guide, visit **ignatius.com/lectio-peterleader-guide-5pelgp/**.

If you have additional questions, please contact Kathy Miller at **Kathy.Miller725@gmail.com**.



MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

All men of the parish are welcome to join us on Friday mornings, from 7:00-8:00 a.m., in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room as we study the Old Testament Book of Isaiah!

We use study materials from theologian and author Scott Hahn. No homework or reading is required between meetings. For more information, contact John Schechter at 614-565-0824 or **jschechter@sbcglobal.net**.

WoSA SIP & SOCIAL

MONDAY, SEPT. 11 7:00-8:30 PM NUGENT PARISH HALL

KICK OFF AUTUMN with Women of St. Andrew (WoSA) and join us in an evening of fun, friendship and learning, along with wine, cheese and dessert!

Erin Cordle, the diocesan associate director of the Office for Social Concerns will discuss how we can learn and grow by understanding the "great women of the Bible."

In addition, WoSA will share our itinerary of planned events for 2023-2024.

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends in the St. Andrew community!

For more information and to RSVP for the event, email **womenofstandrew@** gmail.com.



walking with purpose

Come as you are.

Make authentic connections with other women. Learn more about God.

Join us for **"Keeping in Balance,"** where we'll explore biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

JOIN US!

~Wednesdays, beginning September 13~ Bryce Eck Center 7:30-9:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Rosie Brandon or Darla Reed: wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 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 at 614-459-1402 or pcarroll@standrewparish.cc.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT ST. ANDREW WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11 // 6PM // VIA ZOOM

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 this training session, visit **www.virtusonline.org. PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is limited to 75 people and will be open EXCLUSIVELY to St. Andrew parish and school volunteers until September 29. After that date, registration will open to ANYONE in the DIOCESE. Spaces will go quickly. For more information, contact Mary Beasecker, 614-451-4290 or **mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.**



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

All activities take place on Sunday evenings at the Bryce Eck Center unless otherwise noted.

TODAY! SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 FCYM KICKOFF PICNIC

6:30 to 8:00 PM Enjoy faith, food, and fun! **Theme:** *I have called your Friends* (Jesus in John 15:15)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

High School FCYM Search: View & discuss in Small Groups

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 Middle School FCYM

Real and True: View & discuss in Small Groups

Our theme this year is Friendship! Please join us to learn more about true friendship with Jesus.

FCYM at St. Andrew Parish is for teens in grades 6-12 who love Jesus and want to grow in faith and holiness through fellowship in small groups, service, Adoration, and prayer. FCYM meets weekly on alternating Sundays



for HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL grades.

NEW THIS YEAR: Register Online! If you'd like to become involved in FCYM, please register at tinyurl. com/FCYM23-24. Registration includes completing an emergency medical and activity consent form. A \$50 registration fee is requested to help offset the cost of food and material for participants.

For more information about FCYM at St. Andrew, contact Maria Moore at 614-439-3571 (cell), 614-459-1402 (office), or **mmoore@standrewparish.cc.**

SCOUT POPCORN SALE!

Support the Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA of St. Andrew Parish by purchasing popcorn after Masses on September 16 & 17 and 23 & 24! Popcorn makes a great game time snack or gift to give. Thank you for your support of the sale, which helps the boys attend summer camp and enjoy other enriching activities throughout the year!



ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS to help with **PSR Kindergarten**, Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. -AND- CLOW at 11 a.m. Masses beginning Sunday, Sept. 10. Please contact Liz Meyers, Imeyers@standrewparish.cc if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 20, PSR Opening Liturgy: •Students will gather at 5 p.m. in the Church •No eighth-grade class at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, Confirmation Parent Meeting:

•Parents will meet in the parish hall at EITHER 4:30 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m. (choose one).

For more information, contact Tina White at twhite@cdeducation.org or 614-451-2855.

JOSEPHINUM 4-MILER SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 JOIN THE ST. ANDREW PARISH TEAM!

We're looking for runners and walkers – NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - to join the parish team for the upcoming 4-Miler. Join as a family, gather a group of friends, whatever you prefer. If you are interested, contact Tony King, standrewtrackandfield@gmail.com.

We may schedule a few opportunities to prepare for the race. On the day of the event, we will meet up at a specific location on the Josephinum campus before the race as well. If there is enough interest this year, we will grow the program next year. For additional information, about the event or to register, visit. m3ssports.com.



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Questions? Contact K.C. McAllister at kc@mix-talent.com

ST. MONICA CLUB: All are welcome to this monthly study and support experience. Members of the group discuss the book *St. Monica Club* by Maggie Green, and how to gently and prayerfully encourage family and friends back to the faith.

St. Monica has become synonymous with persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members. The group includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of seeing a child leave the Faith and who have prayed ceaselessly for their return.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meeting dates: September 25, October 30, November 27 and December 18. For more info and to RSVP, contact Amy Tague, at amyliss14@gmail.com.

GARDEN CLUB: ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your garden gloves and hand tools and enjoy fellowship, exercise, fresh air and opportunities to beautify the church grounds. We meet every Monday (weather permitting) from 10:00-11:30 a.m., and work in the gardens near the swing, around the rectory and parish office and in the beds that surround the north parking lot. For more information, contact Karen Bruns at 614-216-4694 or **kbruns145@gmail.com**.

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Seasonal rehearsals of our parish music ensembles begin soon! Do you have talents to share, or musical interests and abilities yet to be explored? Are you looking to reawaken your skills from music lessons long ago? Can you make a short eight-week commitment to participate in one of our parish choirs? Would you like to observe a rehearsal and learn more about the opportunities available? Here are some options to consider:

•St. Andrew Parish Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and sings for the 9:15 Mass on Sunday mornings in addition to other holy days and special occasions. There are currently openings for all voice parts, especially men.

•St. Andrew Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings. No previous ringing experience is needed to join this group, but a basic knowledge of music reading is helpful. Not sure if it's for you? Come try it out!

•St. Andrew Resurrection Choir sings for all parish funerals throughout the year. This ministry is ideal for men and women who enjoy singing and have some flexibility with their daytime (esp. morning) schedules. A meaningful way to honor our parishioners who have died, and to offer comfort to their loved ones who are grieving.

To learn more about any of these adult music ensembles, or if you're interested in observing or joining one of them, please contact our parish Music Director Phil Lortz at **plortz@standrewparish.cc** or 614-451-1839 to have your questions answered or music prepared for you.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, SEP 16: Vigil, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judy O'Brien	EMHC - B1
Peter Kleinhenz	EMHC - B2
Angela Bonfante	Lector - A
Pamela Sprigler	Lector - B
Ava Busch	Altar Server
Joseph Tomasso	Altar Server

SUN, SEP 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass	
Larry Hoffman	EMHC - B1
Bob Slater	EMHC - B2
Randy Doherty	Lector - A
John Pashke	Lector - B
Jerry Kaltenbach	Altar Server
Keiryn McGuff	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Herm Mollmann	EMHC - B1
Diane Nester	EMHC - B2
Mary Kaminski	EMHC - B CHOIR
Joseph Chatlos	Lector - A
Mary Kasberg	Lector - B
Joel Kasberg	Altar Server
Angelo Pardi	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Don McNeal
Laddie Waldegar
Marty Majka
Carson Reider
Hannah Gandu
Irene Grigoryan

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.



EMHC - B1

EMHC - B2

Lector - A

Lector - B

Altar Server Altar Server

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.



THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband and a more loving father? Build friendships and seek to be the best man you can be?

In 2022, more than 50 men in the parish signed up for TMIY and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the impact on their relationships with family and friends!

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

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Saturday Mornings Bryce Eck Center

SCHEDULE:

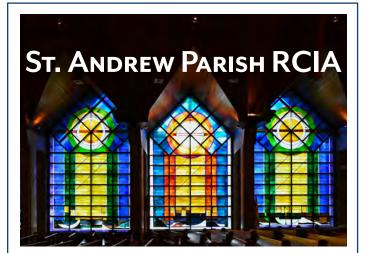
6:30 a.m. Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Video Presentation 7:30 a.m. Small group discussion 8:00 a.m. Session concludes

REGISTRATION:

For more information or to register, contact Colin Bellantis, 440-728-4166, or **colinbellantis@gmail.com**

DISCOVER:

- Eight new speakers, new personalities, and new topics, while still building on the foundation of the three base years of TMIY formation.
- The path to authentic spiritual freedom, the beauty of the Eucharist, and the power of the Holy Spirit in action from a passionate and dynamic Franciscan Friar.
- A deeper understanding of each of the four Gospels from one of the best theologians in the world.
- An epic real life story from the underground mafia of London to the heights of spiritual freedom.
- The secrets of superabundant relationships from one of the world's experts on purity and chastity.
- The meaning of manhood through the example of Jesus Christ.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA* (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) at St. Andrew Parish offers you the unique opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith within our welcoming parish community. Consider making St. Andrew your spiritual home.

SCHEDULE:

Within the St. Andrew RCIA program, men and women at all stages of their faith journey come together in a nonthreatening and welcoming atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Church. The RCIA program includes weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. **The first meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 27**.

DISCOVER:

- Learn about the Catholic faith.
- Learn how to pray.
- Learn about the Holy Mass.
- Come to love the Sacraments.
- Grow in Christian fellowship.
- Discern God's will in your life.
- Experience initiation with fellow parishioners at the Easter Vigil.

We would love to have you join us in the journey of becoming Catholic. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Emily Jaminet, ejaminet@standrewparish.cc or call the Parish Office, 614-451-4290 ext. 10.

*Please note: RCIA will soon change to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).

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THE BLUE MASS, SEPTEMBER 11: Join the Knights of Columbus in honoring police, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as we ask for God's blessing to keep them safe and guide them in their duties. The Blue Mass will be at St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane in Columbus on Monday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. The Celebrant and Homilist is The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus.

ODU ANNUAL FALL LECTURE SERIES: Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will presents four lectures this fall on the theme "Truths We Have Learned," which are free and open to the public, 3:30 p.m. in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room at 1216 Sunbury Rd., Columbus, 43219. The first lecture will take place on Thursday, Sept. 14. For details, visit **ohiodominican.edu**.

ST. CHARLES HOLDING WOMEN'S AUDITIONS FOR FALL PRODUCTION, INSPECTING CAROL: The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women's auditions for its fall production, *Inspecting Carol*, by Daniel Sullivan, Tuesday, Sept. 19, and Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 E. Broad Street. (You need only attend one of the two days). Auditions are open to all high school women in Central Ohio. Rehearsals for *Inspecting Carol* will begin Monday, Sept. 25, at 4:00 p.m. Production dates: November 16-19, 2023. For additional information, email Doug Montgomery at **dmontgomery@ scprep.org**.

2023 PDHC GALA DINNER, SEPT. 21: We invite you to join with us to celebrate 42 years of rescuing lives and impacting generations at our annual Gala on September 21 in Columbus. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and program begins at 7 p.m. Special guest speaker is Scott Klusendorf. Event takes place at the Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Road in Columbus. Our theme is "For Such a Time as This." Always free to attend, the Gala is a great time to learn more about Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, our pro-life community and the current state of events. Register at **https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/**.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS will hold its **Annual Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m., at Mozart's**, 4784 N. High Street. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$20 for children. In addition to a delicious lunch, there will be a silent auction and raffle. For more information and tickets, contact Sue Wilson at columbusohmain@birthright.org or 614-313-5150. Thank you for your continued support of Birthright of Columbus!

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a **one-day bus trip to Louisville, Kentucky, for the Notre Dame vs. Louisville football game on Saturday, Oct. 7**. Cost is \$239 per person which includes: bus, ticket, sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks. Children accompanied by parent are welcome. Only 50 spots available.

In addition, St. Mary Magdalene is also sponsoring a **Cleveland Browns vs. Indianapolis Colts one-day bus trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, Sunday, Oct. 22**. Cost for this trip is approximately \$195 per person and includes all the same amenities as the other bus trip. Only 37 spots available.

If you are interested in one or both of these trips, contact Julius Palazzo at **Jmpalazzo@juno.com** or 614-946-5729.





Fr. Luke Spannagel

Part 3: Silence before Mass

When we come to Mass, we recall the graces of our Baptism, genuflect to acknowledge Jesus truly present, and then we make our way to our seat. What is next? How about one of the best things churches were designed for? If there is a little time before Mass begins, some moments of prayer will help prepare you for the graces of the Mass.

Early Foundation

When I was growing up, I don't remember our family having many rules for us kids to follow. One that definitely stands out is the expectation regarding when we should be in church as a family. Mass was at 8:00 on Sunday morning, and my dad made it very clear that he expected us all to be seated together in the pew by 7:50 am. (Pew is the name for the long bench seats in churches.) Was it so we could get our preferred seat? I doubt it, since everyone in our small country church had our regular places! Looking back now on what dad modeled for us, I realize that the purpose of those ten minutes before Mass was for us to settle in, pray and prepare. I often think about what a great gift dad gave me by making it clear that attending Sunday Mass together was the top priority for our family.

How to Prepare

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass (GIRM, no. 45). During this time before Mass, you can recall all the great gifts and graces God has given you since you last came to church. This silence also provides the opportunity to reflect on the generosity of our loving Father and to prepare to thank him in the worship of the Mass. In addition to thankfulness, you might also recognize any needs you have-you might talk to God about any difficulties, stresses, or anxieties you are experiencing and offer them to the Lord, asking for his help and grace.

It can be difficult to enter into this time of silence to help prepare for Mass, especially if we have not yet made it a habit. If you are short on time, Charles Belmonte encourages you to pray on the way to Mass. He writes, "Prepare your soul for Communion with acts of love of God. Make acts of contrition and atonement...pray for the priest that he may truly minister to the needs of the parish. Pray for the congregation...pray that you may understand what you yourself will be taught at Mass" (Understanding the Mass, pg. 38). Belmonte goes on to also encourage using a missal or missalette to review the readings [1] and prayers of the Mass ahead of time. Being familiar with these will also help you to be more attentive and unite your personal prayer more fruitfully with the Mass.

Intentions

One tradition you may not be aware of is the opportunity personally to offer an intention for each Mass we participate in, asking that the graces we receive from the Mass be applied to someone who might need them or to a particular situation. As he prays the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest offers the Mass for a public intention (usually published in the bulletin or announced). Those present are also able to offer a private intention by uniting with the prayers at the altar. For example, you might make an intention for your family to grow in love, the health of a friend, the soul of a deceased relative, reconciliation for a strained relationship, peace in the world, or a greater recognition of the dignity of all life. In addition to assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ, praying about an intention for the Mass is also a great way to help us be more attentive to the prayers and readings and to receive more fully the fruits of the Mass.

Give yourself a goal of arriving at church a bit earlier, and take the challenge of spending a little time in prayer before Mass. In addition to the suggestions above, any of our classic prayers or even composing a prayer of your own is a great way to help prepare your heart for the celebration of the Mass. In our time, when everything can be so busy and hurried, I often think of my dad's great wisdom in giving the family a few extra minutes of quiet preparation.

For Reflection:

 Before you next participate in Mass, pray with the invitation the Lord gives us in these verses: "Be still and know that I am God!" (Ps. 46:10) and "Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!" (Ps. 62:8). Keep these verses in mind as you bring the fruits of this time of prayer to your preparation before Mass in the church.

2. Do you arrive at Mass with others, such as family members or friends? Discuss the importance of having time for prayerful preparation before Mass and decide what time you want to be at church.



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