



**SAINT ANDREW
PARISH**

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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

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For **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**, please contact
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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: Apr. 27 Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Mary Anne O'Reilly

Sunday: Apr. 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Mary and Ted Rondinella
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 11:00 a.m. Kent Morse

Monday: Apr. 29, St. Catherine of Siena

6:30 a.m. Mary Bonfante
 8:30 a.m. Bill Harder

Tuesday: Apr. 30, St. Pius V

6:30 a.m. Adam and Valerie Lautner
 8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Prunte
 and Simmons Families

Wednesday: May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

6:30 a.m. John & Rosemary Persinger and
 Joseph & Katherine Reed
 8:30 a.m. Duane Palmo

Thursday: May 2, St. Athanasius

6:30 a.m. The Lane and Joseph Families
 8:30 a.m. Ann O'Neill

Friday: May 3, Sts. Philip and James

6:30 a.m. The Quinn and Wentzel Families
 8:30 a.m. Louise Astrolka

Saturday: May 4, Weekday Mass

9:00 a.m. J. Richard Lumpe
Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter
 4:30 p.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones

Sunday: May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Mike Feeny
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 11:00 a.m. Ida Meyer and Bill Fetrow

BAPTISMS

- Brooks Campbell Laumann, son of Jeffrey and Margot
- Jesse Alessio Agudelo, son of Jonnathan and Lonni
- Claire Elizabeth Colleran, daughter of Eugene and Jennifer
- Mackenzie Grace & Addison Michelle Prinz, daughters of Bradley and Christine

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you again for your generous response to the special collection to support seminarians several weeks ago. This is a "good and growing need" and St. Andrew parishioners contributed nearly \$10,000 to this cause.

I was recently informed that across the Diocese of Columbus, approximately \$500,000 was raised! The need is critical because the Diocese has 16 new seminarians this year, each of whom requires about \$55,000 annually to pay for their formation expenses. The need is ongoing. There are already 12 prospective seminarians for next year! For this reason, you are encouraged to continue to support vocations beyond the recent special collection. To encourage this, we have added an option on our online giving page that allows you to make donations to this cause. Thank you again for your support!

I also want to highlight the new Hospitality Ministry that is getting underway with the guidance of Parish Council. This weekend, ministry members will be in the vestibule after all Masses to welcome visitors and guests and provide information about the parish. This also offers those interested in joining St. Andrew a convenient way to register in the parish. Hospitality is an important ingredient for a healthy and vibrant parish, and St. Andrew Parish will become more vibrant and welcoming because of the work of the new Hospitality Ministry!

May God bless you all!

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney



The St. Andrew Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all those who have generously donated clothing and food to the bins in the church parlor. You are truly helping our neighbors in need! We recently had

a request from a neighbor for a car that could be donated. If you have a car to donate or know of someone who would be interested in donating a car, please call SVdP at 614-451-4290, ext. 1 and leave a message. Thank you and God bless you.

DO YOU ENJOY MEETING AND CONNECTING WITH NEW PEOPLE?



Join the St. Andrew Hospitality Ministry. This ministry will offer a welcoming community for guests and parishioners through fun, engaging activities and volunteer opportunities. Hospitality Ministry members will help with new parishioner sign-ups, host Donut Sundays and a parish potluck, serve as greeters, and much more.

•NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION WEEKEND:
April 27 & 28 in the Vestibule following Masses.

For more information, contact Jacob and Ciara Decot at jdecot284@gmail.com.



SAINT MONICA BOOK CLUB MONDAY, APRIL 29 6:00-7:00 PM // PARISH HALL

Give up worry and turn to prayer with the Saint Monica Book Club! ALL are welcome at this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unending 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 have prayed ceaselessly for their return. For more info and to RSVP, contact Amy Tague, at amyli14@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE OUR MOTHER MARY!

TUESDAY, MAY 7 // 6:30 PM // NUGENT PARISH HALL



May is typically a time for honoring our mothers and women. **Women of St. Andrew (WoSA)** invites **all ladies of the parish** to celebrate our Blessed Mother with dinner and a discussion. The evening will include a delicious lasagna dinner provided by DaVinci's Cafe, and a presentation from Msgr. Frank Lane, a spiritual director in the Diocese of Columbus and former St. Andrew pastor. The cost is \$20 per person (check or cash) paid at the door.

PLEASE RSVP to tinyurl.com/WOSA-2024MayDinner or use the QR.

We hope to see you there and encourage you to invite your mother, daughter, sister, neighbor or friend!



SUNDAY OFFERING

| | APRIL 14 | YTD |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| ACTUAL | \$ 35,227 | \$ 1,400,450 |
| BUDGET | \$ 32,212 | \$ 1,352,886 |
| LAST YEAR | \$ 31,342 | \$ 1,441,587 |

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 Business Manager Thomas Conigy at tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 RCIA CANDIDATES!

St. Andrew Parish welcomes the following Candidates who were received into the faith at the Easter Vigil:



Peter Jonathan Brisker
 Christina Ann Carmell
 Margaret Susan Carmell
 Bradley Thomas Ferrell
 Andrew Taylor Nesselroad
 Catherine Alexandra Strahle

Please keep these men and women in your prayers as they continue to discern God's call in their lives.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 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. At 8:45 p.m., Adoration concludes with Compline (end of day prayers) followed by Benediction. Make time to be in Christ's Presence and open yourself to the graces that flow from the Eucharist!

Weekly Adoration Hosts: Parish Council (first Tuesday); St. Vincent de Paul (second Tuesday); Women of St. Andrew (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday); First Called Youth Ministry (fifth Tuesday).



ENCOUNTER THE REALITY OF OUR EUCCHARISTIC LORD

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 // 7:15 - 8:30 PM // PARISH HALL

All parishioners are encouraged to join us for a repeat of last fall's Eucharist Revival small group study sessions. This adapted seven-session series will immerse you in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1-4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5-7).

Session 4: Why a Church? Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter Him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into His likeness.

Each session includes prayer, a video and small group discussion. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute.

For more information, contact Kathy Miller at kathy.miller725@gmail.com.



Congratulations
 to our
First Communicants

May you remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you.

First Communion is Saturday, May 4

THE MAY CROWNING will take place immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 5. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



MAY 3 ~ MAY 17

Drop off your diaper donations in the parlor or at the designated collection area in the school. Most needed diapers in 2024 are sizes 4-6.

CONTACT:

Jim Holsinger, 614-394-7202 or jimholsing@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SCHOOL AND PARISH STUDENTS!

Bishop Watterson Honor Roll Students: Mishelle Ellerbrock, Ryan Garczewski, Morgan Kessler, Vincenzo Lyons, Kelsey Ruhe, Audrey Wenzke, Nichole Bhowmick, Elizabeth Bimler, Anthony Brown, Marin Brush, Frances Ciesinski, Alexander Das, Anna Rose Gradisar, Avery Jenkins, Olivia Lane, Gretchen McGowan, Kenzie McKerns, Ava O'Brien, Arianna Riega, Ellen Rudzinski, Samuel Slater, Kaitlyn Bernotas, Sophia Blum, Clare Ciesinski, Clare Garczewski, Abrielle Gaughan, Jonathan Koeninger, Elise Latshaw, Chase McKnight, Nora Ott, Layla Stewart, Megan Terveer, Emily Bellisari, Julien Brandon, Sonny Day, Lauren Fernandes, Rose Lombardi, Colin McNair, Ellie Moore, Marie Rudzinski, Ellasyn Ruhe, Rachel Shawgo, Juliana Tomasso, Alexander Wildermuth, Morgan Grawe, Grant Hays, Lilly Williams

St. Charles Honor/Merit Roll Students: Ethan Bush, Owen Cook, Callum Costanza, Samuel Hertl, Cooper Johnson, Kellen Slater, Michael Zarick, Nathan Bateman, Adrian Clarke-Gil, Joel Kasberg, Milan Lillis, Michael Pagnotto, Charles Probst, Thomas Scharfenberger, Thomas Thornton, Jack Braidech, Arav Fernandes, Emmett Galvin, Michael LaSusa, Andrew Zarick, Eli Bush, Victor Clarke-Gil, Patrick McCurdy, Maxi Ortiz, Victor Roscoe, Nicholas Sharfenberger

Desales Honor Roll Students: Ryann Lucas, Eliza Lyons, Holden Osborne

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

The Parish School of Religion is open to children in first through eighth grades who do not attend St. Andrew School. Volunteer teachers are trained as catechists and use approved materials to instruct children in our faith.

Mark your calendar for these dates:

- **Friday, May 3:** Jesus Day
- **Saturday, May 4:** First Communion, 11:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, May 5:** May Crowning following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

For more information about these activities and upcoming events, contact DRE Tina White at twhite@cdeducation.org or 614-451-2855.

FIRST CALLED YOUTH MINISTRY (FCYM)

FCYM is open to school and PSR students who are in middle and high school. FCYM's focus is to support parents in their mission of passing on the Catholic faith. FCYM meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Activity Center unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming activities:

- **Tuesday, April 30:** Spend time with Jesus during Adoration, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church
- **Sunday, May 5:** FCYM End-of-Year Program
- **April Service:** Pray for priests and vocations.

COME FOLLOW ME! FCYM is looking for a few ADULT volunteers to help plan and implement programming for the 2024-25 year. Planning will begin this summer.

FCYM volunteer requirements include: love Jesus, participate in Mass, and enjoy sharing the faith with our young parishioners! Protecting God's Children compliance is also required.

For information about FCYM or to become a volunteer, contact Maria Moore, mmoore@standrewparish.cc, 614-459-1402, ext. 5.

SACRED 2024

JUNE 24 - JUNE 27 // 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER A CAMPER IS MAY 1. Visit tinyurl.com/SACRED-2024-REGISTER

NEED MORE DETAILS? Contact Sophia and Jennie Statczar at StAndrewSACRED@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

St. Andrew School has several job openings for the 2024-25 school year.

Full Time:

- Fourth Grade Social Studies and ELA Teacher
- Fifth Grade Social Studies and ELA Teacher
- Intervention Specialist

If interested in these full-time positions, contact Principal Joel Wichtman at jwichtma@cdeducation.org.

Part Time:

- Intervention Team Aide, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Classroom Aide, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

If interested in either of these part-time positions, contact Principal Joel Wichtman at jwichtma@cdeducation.org.

- Part-time After School Care Assistant, 2:45-6:00 p.m.
- If interested, contact After School Care Director, Kyletta Scheirmann at kscheirmann@cdeducation.org.*

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

May 6 // 6:00-7:00 PM // CHURCH

Join other Catholic women called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica through prayer. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children (and all those who have left the church) to return to the church and remain close to their Catholic faith. We are a group of women of all ages who believe in the power of prayer. If you would like more information about this prayer ministry at St. Andrew Parish, contact Amy Tague, at amyliss14@gmail.com.

JOIN US IN THE GARDEN: The Garden Club meets **every Monday from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** (weather permitting). Club members maintain the perennial garden by the grotto, the garden in front of the parish office, and the canna flowers in the McCoy Road parking lot throughout the spring and summer.

Each week, we meet near the flower garden with the swing. You can come as often as your schedule allows. Bring your own garden gloves and hand tools. For more information, contact Karen Bruns at kbruns145@gmail.com or 614-216-4694.



THAT MAN IS YOU! THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE is on hiatus for the summer and will return in the fall of 2024. Watch for details about our next session later in the summer.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, MAY 4: Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Mass

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| Rita Medaglia | EMHC-B - B1 |
| Don McNeal | EMHC-B - B2 |
| Pamela Sprigler | Lector - A |
| Angela Bonfante | Lector - B |
| Joseph Kaleta (Sub req) | Altar Server |
| Mithran Fernandes | Altar Server |

SUN, MAY 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Mass

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| Dick Curtis | EMHC-B - B1 |
| Bette Jo Feeney | EMHC-B - B2 |
| Tom Levenick | Lector - A |
| Jason Mays | Lector - B |
| Irene Grigoryan | Altar Server |
| Audrey Bellaire | Altar Server |

9:15 AM Mass

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| Mary Kaminski | EMHC-B - B1 |
| Elizabeth Carpenter | EMHC-B - B2 |
| David Varda | EMHC-B - B CHOIR |
| David Tague | EMHC-C - C1 |
| Linda Daley | EMHC-C - C2 |
| Herm Mollmann | EMHC-C - C CHOIR |
| Suzanne Meyers (Sub req) | EMHC-C - C3 |
| John Schechter | Lector - A |
| Tom Levenick | Lector - B |
| Joe Roscoe | Altar Server |
| Victor Roscoe | Altar Server |

11:00 AM Mass

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| Mike Plahuta | EMHC-B - B1 |
| MaryAnn Sylvester | EMHC-B - B2 |
| Damion Faulkner | Lector - A |
| Marty Majka | Lector - B |
| Kolbe Krzeczowski | Altar Server |
| Mariella Ortlieb | 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 by 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 parish events and activities. To submit information, email Mary before Noon on Mondays. ePOST submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:

Join us on **Friday, May 3, at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring Josephinum President/Rector Fr. Steven Beseau who will discuss the status of the Josephinum. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation. No reservations are necessary, \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE JOSEPHINUM:

The Pontifical College Josephinum seminary seeks a full-time Database Administrator for the Advancement Department. This position is responsible for maintaining accurate database records as well as providing support to the Advancement Office through the generation of lists, reports, and mailings. Secondary responsibilities include communications and event support. Applicants must have knowledge of fundraising fundamentals and Microsoft Word/Excel, as well as experience using a customer relationship managing database, preferably Raiser's Edge by Blackbaud. Visit pcj.edu/jobopportunity for a detailed description of this position and how to apply.

ST. CHARLES DRAMA DEPARTMENT presents ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*** on Thursday, May 2, and Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. Matinee show will be Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. All shows will be held in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street. Adults are \$15/ticket, students are \$10/ticket. To reserve tickets, visit www.screp.org and select the "Buy Tickets" button.



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**CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD BY SUPPORTING MOMMIES**

MATTER! This Mother's Day, we invite you to join us in honoring the incredible mothers in our community - our single, pregnant mothers who courageously choose life need the love and support of their community as they strive to fulfill their God-given vocation as mothers. We encourage you to make a donation to Mommies Matter between May 5-12 in honor or memory of the special mother in your life. Your generosity enables us to provide the financial, emotional, and spiritual support our mommies need to thrive.

Become a monthly donor and Receive a Special Gift! When you become a monthly donor of just \$9 (or more) per month, the special mother in your life will receive our exclusive Mommies Matter Mother's Gift Box as a token of our appreciation. For a one-time donation of \$40 or more, the special mother in your life will receive a Mommies Matter 2024 cup. To learn more and give, visit <https://mommiesmatter.org/>.

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Visit ohiocathconf.org/edchoice to learn how EdChoice scholarships can help you send your child to a Catholic school near you. Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 school year!



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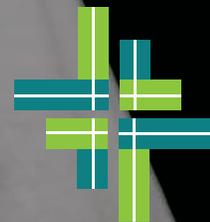
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The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel



Part 25: A Deeper Look at the Homily



This week, we look more closely at the Homily. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, the homily “serves as an integral link between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Before the apostles recognized Jesus in the ‘breaking of the bread,’ he explained the Scriptures to them, ‘filling their hearts with a burning desire.’ The homily strives to kindle a fire of love for God and His Church. As a ‘bridge’ it draws us deeper into the mysteries we celebrate—most especially the mystery of the most Holy Eucharist” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 9). So, as you can begin to see, the homily is really packed with a number of important goals!

Inspiration from the Church Fathers

One of the earliest written descriptions of the Mass is from St. Justin Martyr, who was writing a little earlier than 165 AD. As he describes the prayers and meaning of the Mass, I am always struck by how similar they are to our celebrations today. It is a great testament to the guiding work of the Holy Spirit and continuity of our Catholic faith and liturgy. When St. Justin describes the homily, he talks about how the leader exhorts the people to imitate the good things they have just heard. All these centuries later, preachers are still following this same pattern. The priest may use different kinds of homilies for different circumstances, taking into account what the people are like, what they know already, what kinds of involvement they have, what types of concerns are currently happening on the local level, etc. All of these elements will affect both what the faithful need to hear and how well they will understand it and live it out each day. No matter what the circumstances, and no matter what the background of the people is like, all homilies really have one thing in common: Jesus Christ who died and rose for us and our life in him. A wise old seminary professor once said, “If you never say anything else in the pulpit except Jesus loves you and wants you to be with him, the main essentials will always be in every homily.”

A Bridge Between the Two Halves

So, our focus should always be on Christ, his love for us, and what that means in our lives. We focus on Christ’s four-fold presence to us at every Mass: he is present in the Word of God, in the priest, in his assembled people, and especially in his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist in a most unique way. We focus on Jesus through the Scriptures and God’s loving Word to his people. We focus on Jesus dwelling among us, offering himself for our sins, rising in triumph, and continuing to be with us through the Holy Eucharist. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1346, states: “The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form ‘one single act of worship’; the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord.” It is important to remember that the Mass is not just a sequence of unrelated events: it is a perfect unity in Christ. The first half helps us get to know God (and ourselves), nourishing our faith in God; the second half helps us unite with him in body and soul. The hope of the homily, then, is to help bring these two halves together so that the faithful can go out into the world and really live the life of Christ.

For Reflection:

1. Read about St. Peter’s first “homily” and its impact in the account from Acts 2:14-41. Commit to more attentive listening to the homily the next time you participate in Mass, and ask for the grace to put the lessons of the homily into action in your own life.
2. On the journey to Emmaus, two disciples experience their hearts burning within when the Risen Lord Jesus interprets the Scriptures for them (see Lk 24:13-35). A Gospel acclamation preceding this Gospel passage implores, “Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; / make our hearts burn while you speak to us.” Make this prayer your own as you prepare to participate actively in the Liturgy of the Word, including the homily.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog





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