



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
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To learn more about **SACRAMENTS**, call the
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www.standrewparish.cc and select
"Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOIDING OF THE SICK**, please contact
a priest at the Parish Office and choose
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options or press 3.


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: May 3 Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter
 4:30 p.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones
 & Dale and Rosemary Gunner

Sunday: May 4, Third Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Carroll and Susan Burton
 11:00 a.m. Louise Astrolka

Monday: May 5, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. John and Rosemary Persinger
 & Joseph and Katherine Reed
 8:30 a.m. Doris Roslund

Tuesday: May 6, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Gene and Sally Perry
 8:30 a.m. Harry and Barbara Nester

Wednesday: May 7, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
 of the McEllistrem Family
 8:30 a.m. Ron Coleman

Thursday: May 8, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Lawrence and Helen Call
 8:30 a.m. Gabriel Salazar

Friday: May 9, Weekday Mass
 6:30 a.m. Vincent Ireland
 8:30 a.m. Heimo Langer

Saturday: May 10, Weekday Mass
 9:00 a.m. Norma Johanni

Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Cao Van

Sunday: May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. Julia Cantwell
 9:15 a.m. Gertrude and Hilary Beth
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we observe the Third Sunday of Easter. The Easter season lasts for 50 days or approximately seven weeks. At the same time, according to my calculation, this Sunday (May 4) is the ninth and final day of the official period of mourning for the death of Pope Francis. The Conclave for the election of the next Pope is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 7, in Rome. Meanwhile, as the saying goes, "life goes on."

I want to congratulate all of those children of our parish who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3. My prayer for all of you is that you remain close to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist your whole lives long! Now that you have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, may you never be separated from Him, ever!

This weekend also marks the beginning of The Appeal 2025. This annual campaign supports our local Church in the Diocese of Columbus, especially the mission of evangelization, the support of priestly vocations and the formation of priests, and works of charity and important social services. St. Andrew Parish has always responded generously to this appeal, and we have met our goal every year. Last year, we exceeded our goal by approximately \$65,000, which was refunded to the parish and applied to parish needs. The Diocesan goal for this year's appeal is \$8 million, and our goal for St. Andrew Parish is \$227,602.84. I know I can count on the good people of St. Andrew Parish to once again come through and not only reach our goal, but surpass it. I am hoping we will exceed our goal again because there are several maintenance and improvement projects and needs here at St. Andrew. A big refund from The Appeal would really help St. Andrew with these costs! I thank you for your generosity.

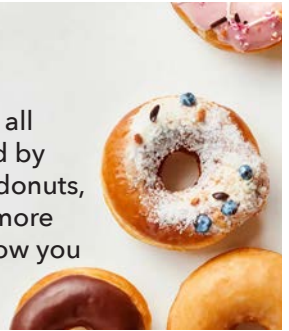
May God bless all of you in this month of May!

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

DONUT SUNDAY AFTER MASSES THIS SUNDAY!

Join us on **Sunday, May 4**, after all Masses in the parish hall. Hosted by the Respect Life Ministry, enjoy donuts, coffee, tea, and juice and learn more about this parish ministry and how you can become involved.



CONGRATULATIONS to our First Communicants

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

MAY CROWNING: ALL are welcome TODAY, May 4, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

»**MAY SENIOR LUNCH:** Join us **THURSDAY, MAY 8** at the **BRYCE ECK CENTER, KELLY HALL** for **EUCHRE AT 10:00 A.M., BINGO AT 11:00 A.M.,** and **LUNCH AT NOON.** The lunches 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 **Karen McCurdy** at kmccurdy@cdeducation.org.

»**EUCHREPALOOZA:** Join us **FRIDAY, MAY 9**, in the **PARISH HALL** for fun, friends, and a little competition courtesy of St. Andrew Knights of Columbus! **Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and play begins at 7:00 p.m.** Cost is \$25/person and includes food, soft drinks and Euchre. All skill levels are welcome. Win cash prizes! **Participants must be 21 and older.** For more information or to register, contact **Joe DelTosto**, 614-371-7901 or jdelto43@gmail.com. *Proceeds support K of C charities.*



»**OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** is **Wednesday, May 14, from 1:00-5:45 p.m. in the Nugent Parish Hall.** If you would like to schedule an appointment to give blood at St. Andrew Parish, visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: SACC, or call 1-800-733-2767.



**American
Red Cross**



SUNDAY OFFERING

	APR 20	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 41,484	\$ 1,421,823
BUDGET	\$ 32,692	\$ 1,373,076
LAST YEAR	\$ 32,372	\$ 1,432,822

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.



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. Adoration concludes at 8:45 p.m.

with Compline (end-of-day prayers) and 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); Walking With Purpose (third Tuesday); Men of the Parish (fourth Tuesday).

MAKE YOUR GENEROSITY LAST FOREVER

Your faith has given you so much. Now, you can ensure future generations receive the same gift. St. Andrew has endowment funds, managed by The Catholic Foundation, which provide lasting support beyond the weekly offertory. These endowments help keep our parish strong for years to come. Many parishioners have already committed to securing this future. Will you join them? A gift of cash, stock, real estate, or retirement assets can leave a legacy that lasts forever. A gift today will shape the Church of tomorrow.

For more information or to begin planning, contact **Christy Steffy** at 614-443-8893, ext. 1100, or email CSteffy@Catholic-Foundation.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 OCIA CANDIDATES

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



Starlett Clement
Trisha Davis
Patti Hansen
Desara Korreshi
Sydney McCurdy
Theresa Poole
Phillip Lawrence Sebben
Logan Suiter
Emily Szollosy
Matt Vekasy
Ian Wagner

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

TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DIAPER DRIVE

One in two families requires assistance with diapering their babies. Together we can reach our goal of collecting one million diapers in May of 2024 to support moms and babies in our communities.



MAY 1 ~ MAY 16

Drop off your diaper donations in the parlor or at the designated collection area in the school. Sizes 4, 5, and 6 are always most in demand.

Our goal is to collect 10,000 diapers.

CONTACT:

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

»PRAYER SHAWLS: The Knit and Crochet Ministry has spent many hours handcrafting Prayer Shawls intended to provide a warming embrace for those who are in need of comfort and peace. A selection of shawls, in various sizes for children and adults, are available for parishioners to take for themselves or to share with someone. The gift of a Prayer Shawl is a tangible reminder of God's care and love, encouragement, and inspiration. Look for the shawls in the lower cabinet, just to the right of the chapel entrance.

St. Andrew Parish

Ministry Expo

when
Saturday, May 17 | Sunday, May 18
Following all Masses

where
Nugent Parish Hall

Refreshments provided!

"Serving One Another"

Hosted by St. Andrew Parish Council, the Ministry Expo gives parishioners the opportunity to learn more about the many organizations and activities available within our local parish community.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Enjoy cookies on Saturday and donuts on Sunday and check out each ministry/organization booth. Representatives from each group will be on hand to answer questions and share their experiences. Discover the many opportunities for collaboration, creativity, learning including leadership roles, liturgical ministry, adult and youth faith formation, and a variety of events and activities for everyone, from very young to seniors.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you'd like more information about the Ministry Expo, send an email to St. Andrew Parish Council at parishcouncil@standrewparish.cc.



WELCOME OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME AND YOUR HEART!

During the month of May, we pay special honor to our Blessed Mother. In 1965, Pope Paul VI shared, "During this month, Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month,

too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."

Throughout this month, we ask you to prayerfully consider welcoming the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home to pray the Rosary with your family. Additional dates have been added to the sign-up! Each week begins on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and ends on the following Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Statue drop off and pick up is in the St. Andrew Chapel in the chairs. To learn more, use the QR or visit tinyurl.com/ourlady2024. For more information, contact **Deb McEllistrem** at 614-309-4645 or dmcellistrem@yahoo.com.



WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT UPDATE:

We are blessed to have so many hardworking parishioners willing to help decorate the church during the holiday seasons. The beauty of our sanctuary enhances the worship experience for all who visit. We are looking for a few volunteers throughout the year to help maintain the worship area. This includes watering plants and flowers on a regular basis. If you are interested, contact **Anna Wang** at anna_m_wang@yahoo.com.



DID YOU KNOW the white cloth draped on the crucifix in the sanctuary represents the resurrection of Christ? This cloth remains on the crucifix from Easter Sunday through Ascension Sunday. As you enter the sanctuary over the next few weeks, look up at the white cloth and reflect on the beauty and glory of the Resurrection of Christ. Think about the 40-day period it represents, when the Risen Jesus visited His disciples, teaching and loving them, and preparing them for the coming of the Paraclete, His Holy Spirit.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

»MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER MINISTRY:

All women of the parish are welcome to join us in prayer for our children, family members, and friends who struggle with the Catholic faith or have left the faith entirely. We meet the second Monday of each month. Our next prayer meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 12, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church**. For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Tague** at amyliss14@gmail.com.

»**SAINT MONICA CLUB** is a group of men and women who meet on the last Monday of every month to pray for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. **The next meeting is Monday, June 30, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall**. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, we will not meet in May. For more info and to RSVP, contact **Amy Tague** at amyliss14@gmail.com.

»MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE

STUDY: Join us every Friday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Lower-Level Meeting Room to discuss the letters of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus. Learn about Paul's encouragement and admonishments to his trusted assistants and the young congregations he founded.



In this 20-week Bible study series for men of all ages, you'll find inspirational commentary from popular theologians Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch, as well as insights from the Church Fathers, geographical maps, and pertinent study questions. No homework or reading is required between meetings. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **John Schechter** at (614) 565-0824 or jedwardschechter@gmail.com.

JOIN US IN THE GARDEN on **Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Garden Club members maintain the perennial garden by the grotto, the garden in front of the parish office and the red cannas around the McCoy Road parking lot. Bring your garden gloves and hand tools and enjoy fellowship, fresh air, and a little gardening. We meet near the flower garden with the swing. You can come as often as your schedule allows and as weather permits. For more information, contact **Karen Bruns** at 614-216-4694 or kbruns145@gmail.com, or **Rosemary Scholl** at 614-270-2020 or rischoll47@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, MAY 10: Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Mass

Lynda Guenther EMHC-B - B1
Kathi Theado EMHC-B - B2
Jim Macklin Lector - A
Mary Frecker Lector - B
Cecilia Petitti Altar Server
Miriam Devine Altar Server

SUN, MAY 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Mass

Colin Bellantis EMHC-B - B1
Linda Daley EMHC-B - B2
Randy Doherty Lector - A
John Pashke Lector - B
Ariya Dhira Altar Server
Hannah Gandu Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Mike Luckett EMHC-B - B1
Abigail Meyers EMHC-B - B2
Kathy Cowen EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Sudie Mitchell EMHC-B - B3
David Tague EMHC-C - C1
Lindsay Kaleta EMHC-C - C2
Tom Levenick EMHC-C - C CHOIR
Mark Pardi EMHC-C - C3
John Schechter Lector - A
Carson Reider Lector - B
Ty Moore Altar Server
Noah Woods Altar Server
Nick Holowchak Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Mike Koehler EMHC-B - B1
Martha Radtke EMHC-B - B2
Marty Majka Lector - A
Damion Faulkner Lector - B
Peyton Niangoran Altar Server
Kellen Slater Altar Server
Jaxson Arnett Altar Server

To volunteer, visit www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus, or use the QR. If you need help with your username or password, contact **Mary Beasecker** at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 104.



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Send requests to bulletin@standrewparish.cc by Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location, and contact name. If Monday is a holiday, all submissions must be received the Friday before. Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

Prayer for the Election of a New POPE

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with
unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

»**ROSARY FOR LIFE: ALL ARE WELCOME!** Join us on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary for Life. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. After Mass, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We provide prayer aid booklets and materials. On the first Saturday of each month, the St. Andrew Council Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary and Chaplet. On all the other Saturdays, the women of the parish lead the prayers.

»ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #11275 will hold its next membership meeting on **Monday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center.** Come early as we pray the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss our many upcoming programs for the busy holiday season. Stay after the meeting for fellowship and refreshments.

Any male 18 or older and a practicing Catholic can join the Knights. To learn more, visit www.kofc.org.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN FOR MOMMIES MATTER!

With a vision of every mother embracing her dignity and value as a woman, Mommies Matter journeys with single, pregnant mothers from all over Central Ohio, from their pregnancy to the birth of their child, and beyond. This Mother's Day, you're invited to join Mommies Matter in their efforts by making a donation between May 4-11 in honor of the special mother in your life. Those who become a monthly donor (or increase their monthly donation) of \$9 or more, or who make a one-time donation of \$40 or more, will receive a Mommies Matter T-shirt. All donors in these amounts will also be entered into a drawing to win a micro-facial at The Spa at River Ridge in Dublin. For more information, visit www.mommiesmatter.org/mothers-day.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION:

Mark your calendars for the Celebration of Our Lady of Consolation at the Basilica and Shrine (315 Clay St., Carey, Ohio, 43316) the weekend of May 24-26.

Saturday, May 24

Noon: Re-creation of the original 1875 procession of the Miraculous Statue

5:00 p.m.: Normal weekend Mass

8:00 p.m.: Full Shrine Devotions with Rosary Procession

Sunday, May 25

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: Normal weekend Masses for the Sixth Sunday of Easter with special remembrance of Our Lady

2:00 p.m.: Full Shrine Devotions with Rosary

Procession - Friar Tommy Piolara, OFM Cap., will preach on Learning Compassion in an Afflicted World

Monday, May 26

9:00 a.m.: Solemnity of Our Lady of Consolation Mass in the Upper Basilica with Shrine Devotions following Mass

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A Day of Shrines and Wines

*One-Day Pilgrimage to Maria Stein, Ohio
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Thursday, June 5, 2025

**Bus Boards at St. Andrew Church at
8:00 AM, Returns by 7:00 PM**

Experience a day of spiritual enrichment with a guided tour of the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics and the historic St. John the Baptist Church. Enjoy fellowship and fun with fellow wine-lovers! Have lunch at the shrine, Mass with Fr. John Puodziunas (President of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land), inspiring talks and time to explore the grounds, courtyard, museum and gift shop. End the day with a wine tasting led by noted wine enthusiast Dan Tarpay and paired with delicious charcuterie.



Cost is \$115 per Person

(Includes Bus, Tour Guides, Light Breakfast Items, Lunch, Wine Tasting, Gratuities)

**Scan the QR code or visit ffhl.org/regions/columbus/rsvp to register. Space is extremely limited – register early!
Call Sharon Hess at (614) 204-5111 with any questions.**

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The Appeal

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2025



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COLUMBUS**



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The Mass

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel



Part 67: The Showing of the Host



"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." After his genuflection to Our Lord really present in the Most Holy Eucharist, the priest raises the chalice with the host and proclaims these words of St. John the Baptist (Jn 1:29). This part of the Mass is called the **"Showing of the Host."**

The current General Instruction of the Roman Missal includes a paragraph on this part of the Mass: "Then the Priest shows the faithful the Eucharistic Bread, holding it over the paten or over the chalice, and invites them to the banquet of Christ; and along with the faithful, he then makes an act of humility, using the prescribed words from the Gospels" (GIRM, 84). There is really a communication going on here. Like St. John the Baptist, the priest is proclaiming the presence of the Lord Jesus and pointing him out so that everyone may know he is with us. Then the priest extends an invitation to those who are able to partake in this special gift, the Holy Eucharist.

An Invitation and a Gift

"Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." As Edward Sri indicates, "these words are taken from a climactic moment in the book of Revelation and indeed, the entire Bible (Rv 19:9)." The scene is set as the great multitude in heaven is singing together the Lord's praises. Sri continues, "And the angel instructs John to write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb' (Rv 19:9). What is the festive supper of the Lamb? It is the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist. First of all, the supper and the Lamb bring to mind the Passover supper in which Jews would sacrifice a lamb and eat of it as the main course of the meal... But this passage tells us something even more dramatic. In Revelation 19:6-9, the Lamb is revealed to be a bridegroom! And that means this Passover supper is a wedding feast. The Bridegroom-Lamb is Jesus, and the Bride represents us, the Church, whom Jesus is coming to wed... When you hear those words at Mass, do you realize that you are receiving a wedding invitation? You are being called to participate in the marriage feast of Jesus and his Church" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 138, 140).

We are so blessed by his invitation and the gift of Jesus himself. What do we do now? The only right thing to do is to be honest with the Lord about his generosity and recognize that without his grace and mercy, we could never be worthy of such a gift. Thankfully for us, the words of the centurion from the Gospel (see Mt 8:8) summarize well what our response should be. After the showing and "Lamb of God," the priest and the people respond, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

Our Response and Reception

As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "We respond to this invitation of the priest to receive the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with humility. Like the centurion servant who recognized himself unworthy to have the Lord 'under his roof' to heal his child, it calls to mind our humility—and the Lord's divine majesty that He can do this work despite our weaknesses" (A Study of the Mass, p. 19). As Edward Sri notes, these words of the centurion are also a prayer that "expresses a great faith that surpasses many others in the gospels and amazes even Jesus: he believes Jesus can heal from afar, simply by speaking his word... Jesus praises this man for his faith. Just like the centurion, we recognize our unworthiness to have Jesus come under the 'roof' of our souls in holy communion. Yet just as the centurion believed Jesus was able to heal his servant, so do we trust that Jesus can heal us as he becomes the most intimate guest of our soul in the Eucharist" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 142).

The Diocese of Peoria reminds us: "it is for this reason that Jesus came into the world, as 'people who are well do not need doctors, sick people do!' 'I have come to seek out those who are lost!' In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus seeks us out! He comes to our doors and He knocks. Our reception of Communion is an opportunity to allow Him into our hearts..." (A Study of the Mass, p. 19).

The Lord Jesus, of course, knows our failings. That he wants us anyway is what makes his love so powerful and so amazing. That he would offer his very Body to us is even more amazing. It is natural for us to desire to repay a kindness, but what do we do when the kindness is the greatest gift in the history of the world? Thankfully, the rest of the Mass will help us to know what to do!

For Reflection:

1. Pray with the account of Jesus healing the centurion's servant in Mt 8:5-13. If desired, extend your meditation to include the accounts of other healings and miracles in the rest of this chapter. Reflect on your own identification and/or connection with one or more of the persons who encounter Jesus, and ask for the healing you need at this time.
2. Reflect on what may be blocking the door of your heart or obstructing the Lord Jesus' entrance. Make it a point to receive the Sacrament of Penance to prepare yourself to welcome Jesus more freely and fully in Holy Communion.

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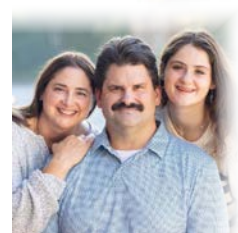
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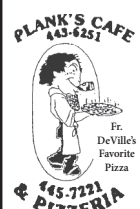
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