



## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

1899 McCoy Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43220  
Parish Office (614) 451-4290  
[www.standrewparish.cc](http://www.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.*

 [facebook.com/standrewparishua](https://facebook.com/standrewparishua)

 [standrewparishua](https://www.instagram.com/standrewparishua)

 [StAndrewUA](https://www.youtube.com/StAndrewUA)

### 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](http://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](http://www.standrewparish.cc) and select "Sacraments and Prayer."

For **ANOIDING OF THE SICK**, please contact a priest at the Parish Office and choose "Sacramental Emergency" from the list of 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](mailto:jwenzke@standrewparish.cc).



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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday: Nov. 15 Vigil, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Joseph and Patricia Koczan

**Sunday: Nov. 16, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 9:15 a.m. Gertrude and Hilary Beth  
 11:00 a.m. Carl and Ida Meyer

**Monday: Nov. 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

6:30 a.m. Gene and Sally Perry  
 8:30 a.m. Joe and Louise Karam

**Tuesday: Nov. 18, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. James W. Ferraro  
 8:30 a.m. Dr. Joseph Banks

**Wednesday: Nov. 19, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. Jackie Hammond  
 8:30 a.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones

**Thursday: Nov. 20, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. Shirley Pappa  
 8:30 a.m. Jim and Margaret Saffell

**Friday: Nov. 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Nolan  
 8:30 a.m. Phyllis DelTosto

**Saturday: Nov. 22, Weekday Mass**

9:00 a.m. Fr. Jim Willig

**Vigil, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

4:30 p.m. Bill Harder

**Sunday: Nov. 23, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:30 a.m. Bill Jones  
 9:15 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Stuhldreher

## BAPTISMS

**Heidi Ruth Buening,**  
 daughter of Andrew and Jessica

**Genevieve Noelle & Gwyneth Gabrielle Garman,**  
 daughters of David and Gloria

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**Kelsey Knoll and Robert Harris (1)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY**

**Ruth Cook**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to share some information about happenings in the Diocese of Columbus.

In the past few months, the diocese established a "Diocesan Disaster Response Plan," which is a guide "to help parishes, schools, and organizations mobilize people and resources to provide a coordinated and organized response in the event of a natural or man-made disaster anywhere in our diocese." Geographically, we are at a higher risk for disasters such as flooding and tornadoes, but this plan is meant to prepare for all kinds of disasters. Each parish was asked to designate a team to be the point of contact at the parish level. I have designated those people for St. Andrew Parish and our team and I have attended the diocesan training sessions. The diocese also established an emergency fund known as the "Spirit of Hope Disaster Response Fund," which will help support immediate and long-term needs in the event of a disaster. There will likely be an annual collection to support this fund.

On another front, I want to alert you that the Diocese of Columbus is asking us to participate in the "Disciple Maker Index," which is a survey about parish life. You may recall that we participated in the DMI about five years ago as part of the "Real Presence, Real Future" planning process. The Disciple Maker Index will take place during the season of Advent, which begins November 30. I am encouraging you to complete the DMI online as soon as it is available. We will provide information to you over the next two weeks with instructions and a link to the DMI survey. Paper surveys will be available upon request, but I hope you will use the online option for this survey as I consider it more secure and reliable.

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

### ADVENT CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE for \$5/box.

Look for boxes of candles in the vestibule. Use the envelopes provided near the candles to return payment by mail, drop into the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office. Candles are also available in the parish office. Stop by Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to say hello, pick up, and pay. Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 30.

## CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

All are welcome to our monthly knit and crochet meeting on **Monday, Nov. 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in Nugent Parish Hall.** We have needle workers of all levels. Please bring your own knitting needles (size 7 or 8) and/or crochet hooks (size G or H).



Each monthly meeting includes prayer, fun, and laughter while we make items for those in need. Easy patterns are provided and experienced knitters and crocheters are available to answer questions and provide guidance. For more information, contact **Darla Reed** at [drdjreed@outlook.com](mailto:drdjreed@outlook.com).

## ST. ANDREW SCHOOL NEWS

St. Andrew School is now accepting online applications for new students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. This includes siblings, cousins, friends, and neighbors. This also includes rising Kindergartners from St. Andrew Preschool!

It's easy to start the application process through the FACTS Family Portal! Visit [www.StAndrewSchool.com](http://www.StAndrewSchool.com) and go to the **NEW FAMILIES** drop-down menu. Select **REGISTRATION** and scroll down to open the **Inquiry and Online Application** link.

If you have a current student in grades K-7 that you'd like to re-enroll, the re-enrollment process for the 2026-27 school year begins Monday, Nov. 10, 2025.

We will send further instructions to current families when it is time to re-enroll. Like last year, we will have a firm re-enrollment deadline of December 31, 2025.

For more information, contact **Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator Lori Stofer** at [lstofer@cducation.org](mailto:lstofer@cducation.org).



SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

FALL OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, NOV 18 | 5-6:30 PM



## SUNDAY OFFERING

	NOV 2	YTD
<b>ACTUAL</b>	\$ 27,651	\$ 523,297
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$ 32,788	\$ 590,192
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	\$ 33,003	\$ 547,028

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](https://osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds) or contact Business Manager **Thomas Conigy** at [tconigy@standrewparish.cc](mailto:tconigy@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE A HOME VISIT WITH A PRIEST?

If you or a family member are sick, homebound, or hospitalized and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office at 614-451-4290 and speak with Msgr. Moloney, ext. 101, or Fr. Tabi, ext. 103. Visits may include reconciliation, Holy Communion, and anointing.

**IN AN EMERGENCY:** If someone is near death, call the parish office at 614-451-4290 and press 3 (Sacramental Emergency Line). A priest will respond as quickly as possible. If the call comes after business hours or on the weekend, please allow extra time as the priests may be attending to other sacramental needs.

**YEAR-END WIN-WIN:** Make your retirement savings work twice as hard before year's end. Donors 70½ and older can give up to \$108,000 tax-free from their IRA to a qualified charity like The Catholic Foundation, through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), lowering your tax bill while building St. Andrew's future through our endowment fund. For those ages 73 or older, QCDs also count toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for 2025. If interested, keep in mind that IRA rollovers can take up to a month to complete. For more information, contact Christy at 614-443-8893, ext. 1100 or [CSteffy@Catholic-Foundation.org](mailto:CSteffy@Catholic-Foundation.org) today!

## FACILITIES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces located at St. Andrew Parish, please contact **Jen Wenzke** at [jwenzke@standrewparish.cc](mailto:jwenzke@standrewparish.cc), or Greg Price at [gprice@standrewparish.cc](mailto:gprice@standrewparish.cc). To reserve space at the Bryce Eck Activity Center, please contact **Karen McCurdy** at [kmccurdy@cdeducation.org](mailto:kmccurdy@cdeducation.org). The parish event calendar can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/SAP-CALENDAR](https://tinyurl.com/SAP-CALENDAR).



## 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).



## UPCOMING EVENTS ST. ANDREW COUNCIL #11275 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### »CHRISTMAS WREATH PRESALE CONTINUES:

St. Andrew Knights will be in the parlor after Masses this weekend (and the next two weekends) to take wreath orders. Choose from 12" (\$33) or 16" (\$45) decorated wreaths. Sale ends Sunday, Nov. 23. Orders can be picked up after Masses on Saturday, Nov. 29, and Sunday, Nov. 30, on the parish hall patio. To order online, use the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/KCWreath-2025>. All proceeds benefit K of C charities.



### »BUTTER BRAIDS ORDER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 16!

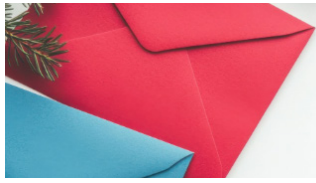
Choose from a variety of delicious pastries and cake rolls. If you'd like to order in person, Knights will be in the Parlor after Masses, November 9 and 16. To order online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Butterbraids1125> or use the QR. The deadline to order is Sunday, Nov. 16. Pickup is Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bryce Eck Center. There is no delivery.



### »THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE KICKS OFF AFTER THANKSGIVING!

It's not officially the Christmas season until the Christmas trees arrive. The Annual Knight's tree sale begins on Friday, Nov. 28, at the Bryce Eck Center, 4880 Reed Road. Stay tuned for more details including hours of operation, types of trees, and cost.





## PRAYERS & GREETINGS

*Each week, homebound ministers visit and distribute Holy Communion to more than 100 faithful individuals in nursing facilities or nearby homes. While the primary purpose of the visits are sacramental, ministers also provide homebound parishioners with a sense of community as well as assurance that they remain an important part of St. Andrew Parish.*

**PRAYERS AND GREETING CARDS:** As we get closer to the holidays, we ask that you and your family lift up in prayer the needs of the homebound who suffer with illness and infirmity, that they may find relief from pain, meaning in struggles, and healing in mind and spirit. If you are able, please consider providing a Thanksgiving and/or Christmas card with your thoughts of prayer, healing, and hope. We will have a marked collection box in the vestibule where you can drop off the card (or cards) and homebound ministers will deliver the cards to those they serve.

For more information, contact **Homebound Volunteer Coordinator Anna Wang** at [anna\\_m\\_wang@yahoo.com](mailto:anna_m_wang@yahoo.com).

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT ST. ANDREW

If you are 18 years or older and interested in volunteering with youth activities at St. Andrew Parish and School, **you must complete all steps listed below before volunteering for the first time:**



1. Attend a PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN training session. View a list of sessions and register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).
2. Provide a CLEAR BCI&I (and FBI if applicable) criminal background check (fingerprinting) \*\*and\*\* SELECTION.COM Fastrax® online background report. (When you register for a training session, you will be prompted to complete the SELECTION.COM Fastrax® portion of the background requirements.)
3. Sign the CODE OF CONDUCT.
4. Complete a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION.

For more information, visit [www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/](http://www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/) or contact **Mary Beasecker** at **614-451-4290, ext. 104**, or [mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc](mailto:mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc).

## MAKE SANDWICHES WITH SVDP

All parishioners are invited to join St. Andrew St. Vincent de Paul Society members and make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen on **Sunday, Nov. 23, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass in the parish hall kitchen.**

If you are looking for additional ways to help those in need, the St. Andrew Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has a collection bin in the church parlor marked "St. James the Less Food Pantry." Vincentians take donated items to the Pantry on a regular basis. A complete list of items needed is on the inside of the lid.

## »IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A COMPLIANT

**VOLUNTEER:** Effective January 2, 2026, ALL VOLUNTEERS are required to have a current, clear BCI background check (and FBI if applicable) on file to continue volunteering. Your background check must be renewed every five years. If your last background check is dated BEFORE January 2, 2021, your results have expired (or will expire soon). You may not volunteer again in any capacity until your background check has been updated and approved. For more information, visit [www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/](http://www.standrewparish.cc/parish-involvement/volunteers/) or contact **Mary Beasecker** at [mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc](mailto:mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



*Breakfast  
with Santa!*

**SUNDAY, DEC 7**

**AFTER ALL MASSES | NUGENT PARISH HALL**

Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and ePOSTs.

**MRS. CLAUS' KITCHEN WILL BE BACK AND BAKERS ARE NEEDED!** Mrs. Claus needs help filling cookie trays. Any

Christmas confection is gratefully accepted and cut-out cookies are a favorite. For more details and to volunteer to bake, assemble cookie trays, or help at the Bake Sale, visit our Signup Genius volunteer page at [www.tinyurl.com/santacookies25](http://www.tinyurl.com/santacookies25).

**»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 resumed the prayer ministry on **Monday, Nov. 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.** For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Lilly** at [amylilly65@gmail.com](mailto:amylilly65@gmail.com).

**»ST. MONICA BOOK CLUB:** All are welcome to this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members. The club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return. Our next meeting is on **Monday, Nov. 24, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** For more information, contact **Amy Lilly** at [amylilly65@gmail.com](mailto:amylilly65@gmail.com).

**»THAT MAN IS YOU! THY KINGDOM COME:**

Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day. Discover Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and, with a band of brothers, learn to live with an eternal perspective and embark upon the narrow road to salvation. Become the man we need to help rebuild the kingdom! **JOIN US SATURDAY MORNINGS** at the Bryce Eck Center. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast, followed by a presentation and group discussion at 7:00 a.m. Each session ends by 8:00 a.m.

**Use the QR to join our group.** Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact **Colin Bellantis** at 440-728-4166 or [colinbellantis@gmail.com](mailto:colinbellantis@gmail.com) or visit [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org).



**»MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:** Join us as we venture into the Old Testament and discuss the book of Ecclesiastes **each Friday through December from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.** In this Bible study series for men of all ages, there's inspirational commentary from popular theologians Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch, together with insights from the Church fathers and pertinent study questions. No homework or reading is required between meetings. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **David Varda** at 614-569-9558 or [dvarda129@gmail.com](mailto:dvarda129@gmail.com).

**BULLETIN HOLIDAY DEADLINE**

If you would like to submit information for the November 29/30 bulletin, all information **must be received before 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21.** The ePOST deadline is the same, Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Send requests to [bulletin@standrewparish.cc](mailto:bulletin@standrewparish.cc) Include a brief description, date, time, location, and contact name. Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

**LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS****SAT, NOV. 22: Vigil, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King****4:30 PM Mass**

Rita Medaglia..... EMHC-B - B1  
 Kathy Couvreur..... EMHC-B - B2  
 Mary Frecker ..... Lector - A  
 Angela Bonfante ..... Lector - B  
 Riley Foley (sub req) ..... Altar Server  
 Abbie Claprood ..... Altar Server  
 Emilee Claprood ..... Altar Server

**SUN, NOV. 23: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King****7:30 AM Mass**

Larry Hoffman ..... EMHC-B - B1  
 Peggy Hoffman..... EMHC-B - B2  
 Randy Doherty..... Lector - A  
 David Martin ..... Lector - B  
 Owen Poulton (sub req) ..... Altar Server  
 Izzy Poulton (sub req)..... Altar Server

**9:15 AM Mass**

Abigail Meyers ..... EMHC-B - B1  
 Lindsay Kaleta..... EMHC-B - B2  
 Mike Koehler..... EMHC-B - B CHOIR  
 Bette Jo Feeney..... EMHC-B - B3  
 Colin Bellantis..... EMHC-C - C1  
 David Tague..... EMHC-C - C2  
 Herm Mollmann ..... EMHC-C - C CHOIR  
 Linda Daley ..... EMHC-C - C3  
 Carson Reider..... Lector - A  
 Jennifer Schaefer ..... Lector - B  
 Ave Holowchak..... Altar Server  
 Nick Holowchak ..... Altar Server  
 Natalie Moffo ..... Altar Server

**11:00 AM Mass**

Jeff Wenzke..... EMHC-B - B1  
 Paul Buerger ..... EMHC-B - B2  
 Kolbe Krzeczowski ..... Lector - A  
 Ali Wright ..... Lector - B  
 Brinley McCurdy..... Altar Server  
 Noah Wenzke ..... Altar Server  
 Sabrina Wenzke..... Altar Server

**SUN, NOV. 27: Thanksgiving Day****9:00 AM Mass**

Debby Murphy ..... EMHC-B - B1  
 Liz Meyers ..... EMHC-B - B CHOIR  
 David Varda ..... Lector - A  
 Randy Doherty..... Lector - B  
 Ethan Blatt..... Altar Server  
 Grant Davis ..... Altar Server

To volunteer, visit [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/standrewcolumbus](http://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](mailto:mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-4290, ext. 104.





**»ROSARY FOR LIFE: ALL ARE WELCOME!** Join us every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary for Life. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the 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.



## RESPECT LIFE

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of His love for us. We realize that He always has a perfect plan for our lives."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"*

**»THE INFANT OF PRAGUE STATUE**, located at the far northeast corner of the Church, invites all of us to place our trust and seek God's providence in the one who is the true King of the Universe. In front of the statue, there is a supply of prayer cards that offer more information about the statue, and a wealth of prayers to recite and petition God for help. The prayer cards are available for parishioners to keep. There is no need to return the cards once you've used them.

**»WELCOME OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME:** There are many sign-up opportunities to have the Blessed Mother statue in your home for prayer and devotion. Each week begins on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and ends the following Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The statue is dropped off and picked up each week in the St. Andrew Chapel. Visit our SignUpGenius page at [tinyurl.com/ourlady2024](https://tinyurl.com/ourlady2024) or use the QR code to view upcoming available dates and learn more. For more information, contact Deb McEllistrem, 614-309-4645 or [dmcellistrem@yahoo.com](mailto:dmcellistrem@yahoo.com).



## PREGNANT? NEED A FRIEND?

Contact Birthright of Columbus. We provide emotional support, pregnancy tests, pregnancy information and referrals. All Services are FREE!  
614-221-0844  
[columbusohmain@birthright.org](mailto:columbusohmain@birthright.org)

*If you'd like to donate baby clothing, unopened packages of diapers and wipes, toys or supplies (absolutely no food, used car seats, used cribs or used pac-n-plays), please use the bin in the church Parlor labeled "Birthright."*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### YCP EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES ON HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP HABITS:

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is having a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 p.m. at The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 43215. There will be networking, free food, beverages and an insightful talk delivered by Michael Loschke on "Healthy Relationship Habits: How Catholics Build Business, Happiness and Spiritual Strength." Michael Loschke is a professional speaker, writer, advisor, and facilitator with more than 25 years of experience in senior management, business development, and marketing experience. Pizza, sides, and drinks are provided. For questions, contact **Naomi del Guidice** at [naomi.delguidice@ycpcolumbus.org](mailto:naomi.delguidice@ycpcolumbus.org).

### ADVENT WREATH CRAFTING WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE:

On Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:00 p.m., the Dominican Sisters of Peace are having an evening of prayer, crafting Advent wreaths, and communal fun for single Catholic women. Guests will be able to create their own Advent Wreath to pray with during the season and enjoy a hot cocoa bar with light refreshments. RSVP is required to participate to Sister Ana Gonzalez, OP, at [ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org](mailto:ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org). Address details and parking information will be provided upon receiving the RSVP but the event will take place at the Dominican Sisters of Peace House of Welcome. The cost is FREE. Participants will receive materials for their crafting project at the event. RSVP is required by Tuesday, Nov. 18, as spacing is limited. This event is part of the Sacred Season & Creative Expressions: Liturgical Craft Night with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and is made possible with the support of a Columbus Catholic Foundation Grant.

**A RORATE CAELI MASS:** St. Mary Magdalene Church will celebrate a Rorate Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 a.m. A Rorate Caeli Mass is celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the "Light of the World." As Mass progresses, the church becomes brighter until the risen sun fills it with the light of day. A light breakfast will be served following the Mass. The Mass will be located at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Avenue, Columbus, 43204. For information, contact Alice at 614-274-1121 or [acarrier@saintmarymag.org](mailto:acarrier@saintmarymag.org).

# Reduce your income taxes...

...and invest in the future success of students in Our Catholic Schools!

Give today!



**Did you know that you can redirect the Ohio income taxes you already pay to create need-based scholarships for students to receive an authentic Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus? When you give to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, the state of Ohio allows you to claim a dollar-for-dollar credit\* against your state tax liability.**

*\*Ohio tax credit is up to \$750 per person, or \$1,500 if married filing jointly. Based on tax rates posted by the Ohio Department of Taxation, an individual with an annual income of \$40,000 has an average state tax liability of \$750. Consult a tax advisor for guidance on your specific situation. The Diocesan Education Corporation (dba Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund) is a certified scholarship granting organization (SGO) in the state of Ohio.*



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- 1** Visit [www.emmausroadscholarship.org](http://www.emmausroadscholarship.org) to make a secure gift or mail us a check!
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Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the Universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

## REFLECTION

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands.

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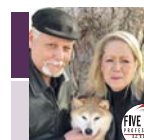
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