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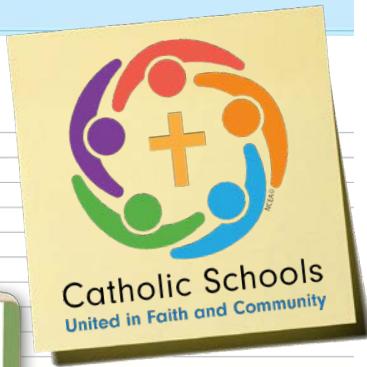


SAINT ANDREW PARISH

1899 McCoy Road
Columbus, Ohio 43220
Parish Office (614) 451-4290
www.standrewparish.cc



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2020 Catholic Schools Week

Our Open House
is next Sunday!
February 1
noon-2 pm
Please Join Us!

...or call the School
office for a Tour!
614.451.1626

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 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.

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:	Jan. 24, Third Sunday Vigil in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m.	Jeanne Lombardi
Sunday:	Jan. 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.	Duane Palmo
9:15 a.m.	Norma Johann
11:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Lisa Decot
Monday:	Jan. 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus
6:30 a.m.	John and Rosemary Persinger & Joseph and Katherine Reed
8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Tuesday:	Jan. 27, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	Shirley Pappa
8:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Mallett and McCort Families
Wednesday:	Jan. 28, St. Thomas Aquinas
6:30 a.m.	Mary and Bill Buoni
8:30 a.m.	Marie Pieper
Thursday:	Jan. 29, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	Gerard Colgan
8:30 a.m.	Terri Albarracin
Friday:	Jan. 30, Weekday Mass
6:30 a.m.	Carl and Ida Meyer
8:30 a.m.	Bill Harder
Saturday:	Jan. 31, St. John Bosco
9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Holonitch
4:30 p.m.	Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	For the People of St. Andrew Parish
Sunday:	Feb. 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.	Nancy Guzzo
9:15 a.m.	Jim and Sally Doherty
11:00 a.m.	Peter and Mary Paraskos

BAPTISMS

Eloise Christine Spahr,
daughter of Anthony and Madeline

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY

Marjorie Spellacy
Charles Caranna

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever been sound asleep and in the middle of a vivid dream, and then suddenly you hear your alarm clock ringing? This wakes you up and you are brought back to reality. Whatever you were dreaming about, as realistic as it may have seemed, disappears and you dismiss it from your mind as "just a dream."

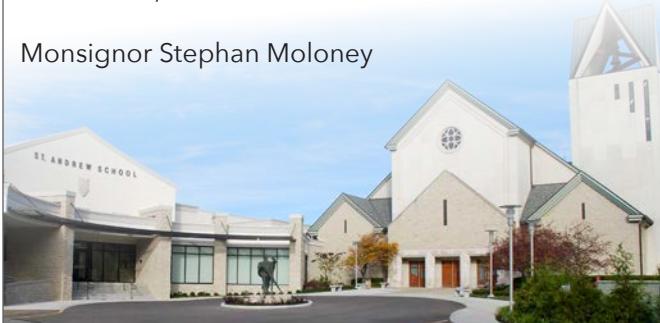
I think this is a good analogy for something that happens during the Mass. I had this insight recently as I was celebrating Mass. At the elevation, as I raised and adored the Host, I also heard the altar bells ringing as they were rung by the altar servers. I recalled that the tradition of ringing the bells at the elevation is very old, and it was intended to call the people's attention to the sacred action taking place at the altar. It occurred to me that those bells serve as a kind of "alarm clock." If we are not paying close attention to the action at the altar, or perhaps we are daydreaming or lost in our thoughts, those ringing bells should wake us up and bring us back to reality, the reality of Jesus Christ truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament! The altar servers perform a valuable and important service by ringing the altar bells at the elevation of the Host and Chalice. May the sound of those bells always draw our attention to the real presence of Christ, right before our eyes.

On another note, this week (January 25-31), we observe Catholic Schools Week. This is a time for all Catholic school students, families, teachers, and supporters to celebrate our pride in our Catholic schools and all that makes them great! Our Catholic schools are unique because they exist to educate our students and evangelize them in authentically Catholic doctrine and practice.

May God bless you all during these cold January days and keep you safe.

Your Pastor,

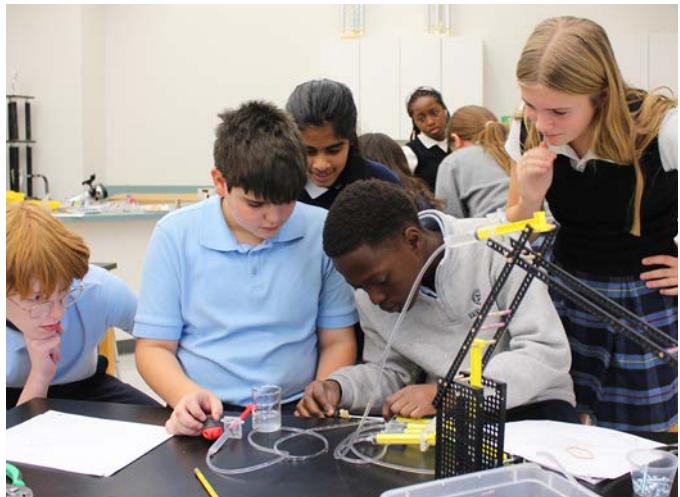
Monsignor Stephan Moloney



PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENT DATES HAVE CHANGED

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WITH DONUT SUNDAY!

All parishioners are invited to Donut Sunday on **February 1** to enjoy a sweet start to Catholic Schools Week! Hosted by the St. Andrew Home and School Association, you can enjoy donuts, coffee, juice, and visit with school students, teachers and parents.



We invite all parishioners with school-age children to come and see what an excellent Catholic education is all about. Guests can tour the school facilities, meet students, school parents, teachers and staff, and get answers to your questions.

Private tours are also available. For more information about a tour or St. Andrew School, contact **Joel Wichtman** at jwichtma@cducation.org, or call the school office at 614-451-1626.

SUNDAY OFFERING

	JAN 11	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 24,792	\$ 944,839
BUDGET	\$ 32,788	\$ 950,866
LAST YEAR	\$ 20,796	\$ 943,069

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.



»PHASE 1: PARISH DATA MIGRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 2

During the first week of February, we will begin transitioning our giving tool at St. Andrew Parish to a new, more efficient resource: **Pushpay**. This is just the beginning of the larger transition to update and transfer all parishioner records. To make this parish-wide giving transition successful, we need your help in moving your gifts to Pushpay. Our goal is to complete the giving part of the process by March 1, 2026. After that time, OSV Online Giving will no longer be available to parishioners.

IF YOU CURRENTLY GIVE ONLINE, LOOK FOR AN EMAIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3. All parishioners who have an OSV online giving account will receive an email from Pushpay prompting you to make the switch to Pushpay. **THIS IS NOT A SCAM.** This should only take a few minutes of your time. Once you create a new Pushpay giving account, return to your OSV account and cancel your gifts.

If you have any questions or run into any issues during the switch, contact Business Manager **Thomas Conigy** at tconigy@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 106.

We are truly grateful for your ongoing support and generosity to the parish.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2025 annual contribution statements are available upon request! To receive a copy of your statement via email, send a request to accounting@standrewparish.cc.

cc with "statement" in the subject line, and your name and/or envelope number in the message. For more information, to pick up your statement in the parish office, or receive it by mail, contact Business Manager **Thomas Conigy** at 614-451-4290 or tconigy@standrewparish.cc. If you give online, you can print your giving statement through OSV at www.osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/giving/funds.



EUCARISTIC 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 SANDWICHES WITH SVDP ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

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



“...Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” ~Matthew 25:40

»IF YOU MAKE DONATIONS TO SVDP USING THE ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET, beginning this month, you will notice a change in your packets. Each month will include an envelope earmarked for donations to St. Vincent de Paul instead of an envelope each quarter. Eviction notices are on the rise in Franklin County, even within our parish boundaries. A monthly contribution, regardless of amount, provides the St. Andrew SVDP Conference a consistent level of funding to assist an increasing number of needy families who are facing eviction. Please note: You may also donate electronically at osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds. We carefully assess each request for assistance to assure we use your donations wisely.

»ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

If you are a St. Andrew School or PSR student (grade 4 and older) interested in becoming an altar server, mark your calendar for the next server training session on **Sunday, Feb. 1, at 2:00 p.m. in the church** with Msgr. Moloney. Training lasts about 30 minutes. Parents, if you have questions about server training and want to register your child for training, contact **Kathy Dowler** at kdowler@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-2855.



SHORT-TERM MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Because of the tremendous response to last year's Confirmation Choir, new singers are once again invited to take part in this unique musical opportunity. This special choir is open to men and women (of high school age and older) willing to attend at least two of three Thursday rehearsals (February 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m.), in addition to the afternoon Confirmation liturgy on Sunday, March 1 (warm up and Mass from 2:15-4:30 p.m.). So, for the many people in the pews who like to sing but are unable to make a longer-term commitment, this opportunity is especially for you! You don't need to audition. You don't need to be able to read music. You don't need any formal music training. You won't have to sing by yourself. You only need to have an interest in singing, the ability to match pitch, and availability to participate. It's a perfect short-term commitment!



There is no commitment beyond these dates. It would be great to welcome some brand new voices for this short-term opportunity. Participation allows you choir loft seating for Confirmation and also fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation for that weekend.

If you're interested, contact **Music Director Phil Lortz** BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 at plortz@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-1839 so music can be prepared for you. Come share your gift of song!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:00 PM - PLAY BEGINS
NUGENT PARISH HALL



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.

LOOK TO HIM AND BE RADIANT

Psalm 34:6

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

MOTHER NATALIA

MEG HUNTER KILMER

FR. JOHN LOCOCO

Sr. MARY GRACE

RACHEL MUHA

MASS CELEBRANT:
BISHOP FERNANDES



WEBSITE



EMCEE: JEN TICE



MUSIC: MEREDITH JOY KELLER



REGISTRATION

www.columbuscatholicwomen.com

WOMEN OF ST. ANDREW...

If you plan to attend the conference, you are invited to carpool and sit with other women of the parish.

For more information, contact **Amy Lilly** at 614-499-1902 or amylilly65@gmail.com.

»**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. On the table near the statue, prayer cards are available that provide a novena to recite and petition for God's help. The prayer cards are available for parishioners to keep. There is no need to return the cards once you've used them.

»**THE HEARING LOOP SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE**

DURING MASS: For those who experience hearing loss and use hearing aids, St. Andrew Parish offers the telecoil, or T-coil, hearing loop system in the church. The T-coil hearing loop system reduces most background noise and improves understanding of speech and music. **If you would like to take advantage of the T-coil function in the church**, you will need to ask your Hearing Care Provider (HCP) to add it to your device. After this, simply press the button on the back of your hearing aid and select the program that your HCP has assigned to T-coil.

»**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. **We will resume meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** For more information, contact Amy Lilly at amylilly65@gmail.com.

»**THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY VIDEO SERIES:**

Join us **Thursday, Jan. 29, from 9:15-10:45 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room** to explore the **Glorious Mysteries**. The series includes reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories with breathtaking scenery, beautiful sacred art, and inspiring music. Our discussions lead to deeper encounters with Christ in personal prayer and contemplation. Come every week or as often as you are able. **This series continues through February 26.** For information, contact **Sharon Hess** at sharonhess612@gmail.com or 614-204-5111, or **Peggy Rennick** at peggyrennick@gmail.com or 614-266-7712.

»****NEW* MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN:**

Join us as we venture into the **Songs of Solomon** on **Fridays from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose 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.

»**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 or visit www.TMIY.org.



»**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. **Our next ministry meeting will be held Monday, February 9, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.** For information, contact Amy Lilly at amylilly65@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, JAN. 31: Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

Dee Pellissier.....	EMHC-B - B1
Stuart Sprigler.....	EMHC-B - B2
Cecile Jalandoni-Chuidian.....	Lector - A
Wini Chuidian.....	Lector - B
Samantha Zarick.....	Altar Server
Noah Watson (sub req).....	Altar Server
Cara Beth Harmon	Altar Server

SUN, FEB. 1: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass

Deb McEllistrem	EMHC-B - B1
Anna Wang	EMHC-B - B2
John Pashke	Lector - A
David Varda.....	Lector - B
Jerry Kaltenbach	Altar Server
Elrad Nartey	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Abigail Meyers.....	EMHC-B - B1
Herm Mollmann	EMHC-B - B2
Linda Daley	EMHC-B - B CHOIR
Jane Dickson	EMHC-B - B3
Suzanne Meyers	EMHC-C - C1
Colin Bellantis.....	EMHC-C - C2
Lindsay Kaleta.....	EMHC-C - C3
Anna Wang	Lector - A
Randy Doherty.....	Lector - B
Tommy Chatlos.....	Altar Server
William Popovich.....	Altar Server
Emma Purcell	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Corso Padova.....	EMHC-B - B1
Liz Meyers	EMHC-B - B2
David Martin	Lector - A
Marty Majka.....	Lector - B
Parker Maurer	Altar Server
Sebastian Randles.....	Altar Server
Ethan Train	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 **Mary Beasecker** at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290, ext. 104.



BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOLARSHIP is a multi-year \$2,000 scholarship to any rising ninth grade student who is attending a Catholic high school in the 2026-2027 school year. Awards from the Nativity of Mary Scholarship are \$2,000 per year. Provided that the student remains in good standing and continues to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus, the scholarship will be renewed each year until that student graduates. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-nativity-of-mary-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is February 27.

THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIP awards \$800 to a student (rising eighth grade through rising high school senior) who plans to attend or is currently attending a Catholic high school during the 2026-2027 school year. Applicants will need to show a financial need via FACTS tuition assistance information and provide a letter of recommendation from a community leader (clergy, youth minister, teacher, etc.) confirming active involvement in the applicant's Catholic faith formation. This is a single year scholarship. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-hands-and-feet-of-christ-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is February 27.

FLORENCE MOSES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP is a one-time \$1,000 award to a Diocese of Columbus Catholic high school senior who has been accepted to and enrolled in the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. To apply, visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/florence-e-moses-nursing-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is February 27.

Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships empowering hundreds of young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/.

If you have any questions about the scholarship process, please feel free to contact **Dan Kurth**, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

»**THE CATHOLIC TIMES IS GOING ALL DIGITAL IN FEBRUARY!** For more than a decade, there has been ongoing discussion regarding the sustainability of *The Catholic Times* newspaper. The cost of producing/printing the twice monthly publication has risen significantly, while having a limited reach. The digital sphere has antiquated waiting for news to arrive at your doorstep, as information is available at our fingertips 24/7. The time is right to refocus diocesan monies, resources, and staff to a more dynamic, cost-effective, and far-reaching platform.

In mid-February, *The Catholic Times* will be moving to a solely digital platform. We are proud of the publication, the contributors, and the hard work of our staff. Now, we can amplify the good news of the 23 counties of our diocese to an even greater degree.

Scan the QR code to read more about this exciting change in *The Catholic Times*.



»**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The Catholic Foundation (located at 257 East Broad Street) is seeking a Campaign Data Coordinator who excels at getting the details right and managing multiple projects simultaneously. An ideal candidate has strong organizational skills, high-accuracy data entry, efficiency in back-office operations, and exceptional customer service skills.

Primary responsibilities: processing gift entries and maintaining donor database accuracy; managing pledge records and tracking redemption schedules; generating campaign progress and donor activity reports; providing operational support for partner capital campaigns; and coordinating pledge fulfillment reminders and updating donor records.

Preferred qualifications: data entry experience with high accuracy standards; strong attention to detail and organizational skills; proficiency in database systems, CRM platforms, and Excel; ability to manage multiple campaigns simultaneously; and excellent communication skills and commitment to donor confidentiality.

To apply: The Campaign Data Coordinator position is full-time with excellent benefits and a pay range of \$24-26/hour. If this sounds like you and you want to join a fast-paced and faith-filled team, please email your résumé and cover letter to support@catholic-foundation.org with the subject line "Campaign Data Coordinator Application."



ST. ANDREW CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

Vincentian Spirituality is the seeking to bear witness to the love of Christ through prayer, meditation on the scriptures, the teaching of the Church, through our daily lives, and in our relationship with those in need.

During the 2025 Fiscal Year (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025), nine full members and 18 associate members of the St. Andrew Society of St. Vincent de Paul participated in activities to serve those in need. Members responded to 72 requests, assisting 218 individuals and family members. Fifty-one in-person consultations were made with neighbors living in our parish area requesting assistance, as well as with other people referred to our conference by the Columbus SVdP Council. Parishioners' monetary and in-kind donations enabled the St. Vincent de Paul Society to continue works of mercy and helped alleviate suffering for the needy in our local community and in the neediest areas of the diocese.

WORKS OF MERCY

Total Dollars Spent: \$67,168

Total Volunteer Hours: 1,137

FEED THE HUNGRY/GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY ~ totaling \$4,344 and 386 volunteer hours

- Assist with providing free lunches to the needy at St. Lawrence Haven: 60 volunteer hours.
- Prepare sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven and Holy Family Soup Kitchen: \$2,001 and 140 volunteer hours.
- Contribute bottled water and snacks to St. Lawrence Haven's free lunch program: \$418 with 6 volunteer hours.
- Contribute to the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets at St. James the Less Parish: \$500.
- Deliver food donated by parishioners to St. James the Less Food Pantry: 126 volunteer hours.
- Prepare cooked turkeys for the Thanksgiving meal at the St. Lawrence Haven: 44 volunteer hours.
- Provide food gift cards to those in need: \$925.
- Help support the food bank of St. Vincent de Paul conference in Mexico: \$500 plus 10 volunteer hours.

CLOTHE THE NAKED ~ totaling 67 volunteer hours

- Assist with serving families at the SVdP Clothing Center: 45 volunteer hours.
- Conduct parish collection drive of donated clothing, winter hats, gloves, blankets and linen: 22 volunteer hours (a large truck was filled with clothing and other items donated by St. Andrew parishioners).

SHELTER THE HOMELESS ~ totaling \$62,279 and 390 volunteer hours

- Assist with payment of rent, utility bills, and other housing expenses of 72 households with a total of 218 family members.

VISIT AND COMFORT THE SICK AND ELDERLY ~ totaling \$45 and 144 volunteer hours

- Send cards during Christmas and Easter to homebound parishioners and those in nursing homes: \$45 and 13 volunteer hours.
- Visit the elderly in nursing homes: 131 volunteer hours.

BURY THE DEAD ~ totaling \$500 and 150 volunteer hours

- Contribute to help support the SVdP Diocesan Council Funeral Fund: \$500.
- Coordinate the SVdP Diocesan Council Funeral Fund to help with funeral costs of 147 individuals: 150 volunteer hours.

THANK YOU! SVdP members wish to thank St. Andrew parishioners for your support and generosity.

If you are interested in joining our group and helping us serve our less fortunate sisters and brothers, please contact **Erin Hennessey** at eghennessey@aol.com.

The 29th Annual
**CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**
**CALLED
TO BE SAINTS**
TAKE COURAGE

**Saturday
February 28, 2026**



Kasich Hall † Ohio Expo Center, Columbus

Adoration 6:00am • Registration 7:00am • Conference 8:00am - 3:00pm



Matt Birk



Father Robert Spitzer



Justin Fatica

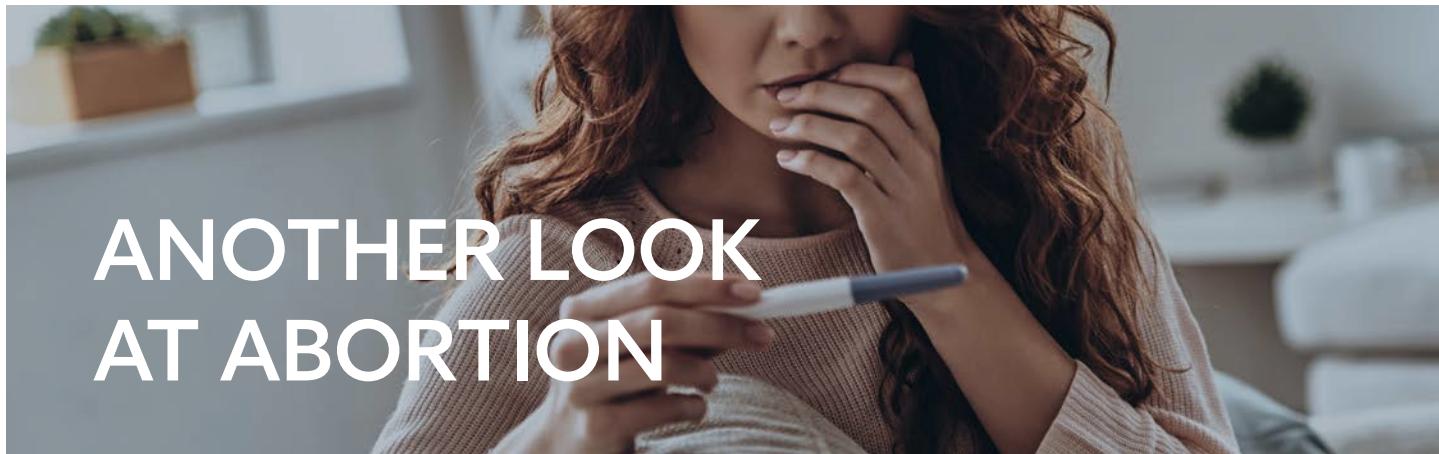
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- † Reconciliation
- † Holy Mass
- † Breakfast & Lunch
- † Faith Organizations

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ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION

Uniquely You

From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music. If you'd been born just 23 weeks after conception, your chance of survival would be 50-80 percent; by 25 weeks, it's over 90 percent, and that's still *months* before full-term birth.¹

Now, if someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; just minutes before birth, it's legal in many states and called abortion.

Abortion and the Law

The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand that was ushered in by the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. This regime was based on the indefensible view that the U.S. Constitution forbids government from protecting the preborn child in the womb from the violence of abortion. The Supreme Court in *Dobbs* concluded that there is nothing in the Constitution's text, history, American legal tradition, or the Court's precedents that justified the extreme holding of *Roe*.

In *Dobbs*, the Supreme Court returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the Federal and State levels. It will take time for the *Dobbs* decision to play out and there is great variation in how states treat abortion. In the

meantime, abortion is legal in more states than not, and more work is needed in the coming months and years.

Effects of Abortion

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many mothers, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Many women experience overwhelming guilt, shame, and grief. Other effects have also been documented: depression, withdrawal from others, eating disorders, self-punishing behaviors like "cutting," sexual dysfunction and problems with intimacy, alcohol and drug dependency, problems bonding with other or subsequent children, abortion-related nightmares, and other sleep problems.²

Family relationships may suffer as the aborted child's father, grandparents, or other family members experience their own guilt, grief, or loss. Even if the mother keeps her abortion secret, family members can be distressed by changes in the mother's behavior and mental or emotional health.³

What the Church Teaches

The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. Every intentional abortion is gravely wrong.⁴ In April 2018, Pope Francis wrote: "Our defence of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development."⁵

The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. For example, a baby

conceived in rape is not an aggressor deserving death by abortion. She is innocent, like her mother. They both deserve compassionate care and support, not more violence. Abortion doesn't bring healing or peace, but both can be found in the courageous decision to give birth to the baby.

Today, many babies diagnosed prenatally with a disability are aborted. Frightened parents, unsure of their ability to care for such a child, can trust that God gave *them* this child for a reason. Parents raising children with disabilities often write about the unexpected joys and transformative effect on their families.⁶

Even when the disabilities are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth, “many parents who carried their children to term say that protecting their baby and honoring his or her natural life, no matter how brief, was profoundly healing.”⁷

Very rarely, continuing a pregnancy may put a mother’s life at risk—for example, because of a tubal pregnancy or aggressive uterine cancer. It is morally licit to remove the threat to the mother’s life by removing the cancerous uterus or the fallopian tube where the child implanted, even though it is foreseeable that the child will die as an indirect and unintended result of such surgery.

But abortion—a direct and intentional taking of a child’s life—is never morally permissible.

What Are We to Do?

Love them both! Support women who need help during *and after* difficult pregnancies through the work of your diocesan Respect Life office and local pregnancy care centers.

Educate yourself and others about struggles some experience after abortion, and find out where to refer those seeking help at www.hopeafterabortion.org. If you feel called to support your local ministry, contact your diocesan Project Rachel Ministry office for ways you might help.

Stay informed about key federal legislation and the voting records of your elected representatives by visiting www.humanlifeaction.org and www.usccb.org/prolife. Stay updated on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan pro-life office.

Most importantly, pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

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