



## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

1899 McCoy Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43220  
Parish Office (614) 451-4290  
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### 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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### 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: Oct. 24 Vigil, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. Larry Heckendorn

**Sunday: Oct. 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 9:15 a.m. Floyd Miller  
 11:00 a.m. Charles Caranna

**Monday: Oct. 26, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. Duane Palmo  
 8:30 a.m. Hilary and Gertrude Beth

**Tuesday: Oct. 27, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. Jeff Coleman  
 8:30 a.m. Stella Amicon Pardi

**Wednesday: Oct. 28, Sts. Simon and Jude**

6:30 a.m. Fr. Steve Baumbusch  
 8:30 a.m. Becky Uritus

**Thursday: Oct. 29, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. Donna Griffin  
 8:30 a.m. Charles Tomlinson III

**Friday: Oct. 30, Weekday Mass**

6:30 a.m. Joyce Smith  
 8:30 a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday: Oct. 31, Weekday Mass**

9:00 a.m. Douglas Lamb

**Vigil, Solemnity of All Saints**

4:30 p.m. Tricia Wagy

**Sunday: Nov. 1, Solemnity of All Saints**

7:30 a.m. Michelle Pappa  
 9:15 a.m. Catherine Bucher  
 11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

## BAPTISMS

**Khristos Kevin William Amado Kalavity,**  
 son of Kevin and Cynthia

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**Kirsten Benedict and Aaron Penick (2)**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM?

Baptism is the first sacrament of the Church. Through the waters of Baptism, we are washed clean of sin and become members of the Body of Christ, and the Church. Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

For more information and to schedule a Baptism, contact **Jen Wenzke** at [jwenzke@standrewparish.cc](mailto:jwenzke@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-4290, ext. 0.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Can you believe it is almost Halloween already? Yes, the spooky season is upon us. I have observed over the last 20 years or so how extensive the outdoor decorations people use for Halloween have become. When I was a kid, a jack-o'-lantern with a burning candle was the usual decoration. Nowadays, I often see giant skeletons, monsters, zombies, and horror movie villains, along with Halloween-colored strings of orange, green, and purple lights. There are even elaborate "graveyards" in the front yards of houses, including headstones with humorous epithets! Nothing like a haunted cemetery on a gloomy October evening to make you afraid of ghosts!

In general, though, I find cemeteries to be places of peace and tranquility. They remind me that the community of the Church is made up of the living and the dead. Whenever I visit Resurrection or St. Joseph Cemeteries on the occasion of a burial, I usually take a look around the area and read the names on the markers in the nearby rows, and it always seems like I easily find the graves of people I knew. It tells me that I have a connection to those who are buried there, and that I have a firm basis for my belief that we shall all be reunited in the new world to come.

Jesus, by His burial in the tomb and His Resurrection from it, has made the graves of those who believe in Him a sign of hope. A cemetery is a holy and peaceful place, not spooky and scary.

Halloween is October 31, and then we begin the month of November, which is dedicated to the Faithful Departed. Once again this year, we will have the Book of Remembrance in the vestibule of the Church from November 1-28, so you can inscribe the names of your departed loved ones and the whole St. Andrew community can offer our prayers for all of those whose names are written in the book, and all of the dead. The choir will also be presenting the annual Remembrance Service with choral selections, readings, hymns, and prayers on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the Church.

I hope that you are not frightened by the scary monsters that inhabit the Halloween graveyards, and instead, the remembrance of your departed loved ones brings joy to your heart and a smile to your face.

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney



**ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will collect for the "Support Our Seminarians" campaign following all Masses on October 24/25. This annual collection promotes priestly vocations within our Diocese and

provides financial support to form and educate future priests. If you prefer to donate electronically, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Knights-SOS-2026> or use the QR code. Thank you for your support of this program!



**»MAKE SANDWICHES WITH SVPD:** All parishioners are invited to join St. Andrew St. Vincent de Paul Society members and make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen **Sunday, Oct. 25, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass in the parish hall kitchen.**

**»DID YOU KNOW** 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"? We accept nonperishable food items and take them to the Pantry on a regular basis. Preferred items include pasta, rice, beans, soup. A complete list of items needed is on the inside of the lid. Please consider those less fortunate when you are shopping!



### IN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**SUNDAY, NOV. 1 | 3:00 PM | IN THE CHURCH**

The month of November is a special time in our Catholic tradition for remembering our departed loved ones. Please join us as the St. Andrew choirs and instrumentalists offer a special service in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away.

The hourlong program will include choral anthems, instrumental music, congregational hymns, Scripture readings, and reflections of remembrance, hope, and consolation. All are welcome.

## SUNDAY OFFERING

|                  | OCT 11    | YTD        |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>ACTUAL</b>    | \$ 20,582 | \$ 439,031 |
| <b>BUDGET</b>    | \$ 32,885 | \$ 460,385 |
| <b>LAST YEAR</b> | \$ 24,136 | \$ 417,956 |

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We encourage you to consider giving online through Pushpay, a safe, secure, and convenient way to give.

To sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewParishGiving> or use the QR. For more information, 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.



## EVERYTHING BUT THE TURKEY FOOD DRIVE

St. Andrew Parish and School is partnering with Catholic Social Services to present this special service opportunity. This community drive collects traditional Thanksgiving side items, pantry staples, and desserts to create meal boxes for our neighbors in need. Each box will provide everything needed to prepare a warm and comforting holiday meal – except the turkey.

Many organizations, churches, schools, and individuals have sponsored one item for the meal box. The St. Andrew Parish and School community is sponsoring instant mashed potatoes. **Our goal is to collect 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes now through November 2.**

Boxes can be dropped off in the parish or school offices (during office hours) or in the church parlor in the labeled box. For more information, contact **Mary Ann Abrams** at [abramsmmet@gmail.com](mailto:abramsmmet@gmail.com).



## 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).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28:**

**First Reconciliation/Communion Parent Meeting**  
4:30 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m., Nugent Parish Hall

This meeting is required for ALL school and PSR parents of First Communicants. Please attend one meeting.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 22:**

**Confirmation Retreat**

**Beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass**

All Confirmation candidates are required to attend. Note: We are looking for host families to help house our missionaries for this retreat. Call the Religious Ed. Office if you would like to host.

For more information, contact DRE **Christina Amweg** at [camweg1@cdeducation.org](mailto:camweg1@cdeducation.org) or call the Religious Ed. Office at 614-451-2855.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

**NOVEMBER 1**

*~regular Mass schedule~*

4:30 P.M. VIGIL, 7:30, 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

## THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**NOVEMBER 2**

*~celebrated during daily Mass~*

6:30 A.M. & 8:30 A.M.

## BUCKEYES, BAKE SALE & BAZAAR

### BUCKEYE INGREDIENT DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are asking for donations for our annual Buckeye-making Workshop. Needed items include Jif or Skippy creamy peanut butter (NOT low fat), Nestle semisweet chocolate chips, and Domino 10x confectioners' sugar. Look for the bin in the Parlor marked "buckeye donations." Please drop off donations by November 4. For more information, contact Denise Kish at 614-679-2897.

**ANNUAL BUCKEYE-MAKING WORKSHOP:** Join us in **Nugent Parish Hall** on **Wednesday, Nov. 11**, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (rolling and dipping), and **Thursday, Nov. 12**, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (dipping and packaging). It is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and participate in an annual event that has been a tradition for decades. You can also purchase buckeyes at that time. Come for a few hours or stay all day. Lunch and treats will be provided.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** Please consider donating treats. Pies (pecan and apple) are always popular, as well as cakes, breads, cupcakes, candies and cookies. **Bring your baked goods to the parish hall on Friday, Nov. 13, anytime until 6:00 p.m., or by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14.** Items may be left on a table near the kitchen. Please label items that contain nuts.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We need help unloading and loading cars, at the bake sale, at the kids cookie decorating table, in the kitchen during lunch, and raffle ticket sales. Shifts are from 8:45-10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, visit [tinyurl.com/Bazaar-Volunteer-2026](https://tinyurl.com/Bazaar-Volunteer-2026) or use the QR.




**ST. ANDREW PARISH**  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE**  
**Saturday, Nov. 14 | 9:00 AM-2:30 PM**  
**Nugent Parish Hall**  
**Crafts, Arts, Gifts, Decor, Bake Sale & More**  
 Contact: Judy McCombs • [judyzumba09@gmail.com](mailto:judyzumba09@gmail.com) • 614-446-4812

## Respect Life Month

October 2026

**»BOTTLES FOR LIFE 2026:** The Bottles for Life campaign is a simple yet powerful way to help women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Through the generosity of St. Andrew parishioners, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers can continue to provide ultrasounds and loving support to each of their clients. If you want to contribute, look for the empty bottles in the baskets in the vestibule, fill a bottle with change, cash, or a check and return it to St. Andrew Parish Office. The drive continues through October 25.



**»AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY:** Are you ready to put your faith into action? St. Andrew Knights Council 11275 invites all parishioners to participate in the Knights of Columbus initiative called Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). Through ASAP, the Knights of Columbus strengthens support for pregnancy resource centers in Columbus and we ask you to lend your support to either the Women's Care Center or Pregnancy Decision Health Centers using the **QR code** provided here. The National Knights of Columbus Council will match each council's \$500 donation with an extra \$100 up to a maximum of \$400.



**»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.

**»DONATE TO BIRTHRIGHT:** 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 pack-n-plays**), please use the bin in the parlor labeled "Birthright." Our parish Birthright representative delivers all donations to the Birthright free store! Birthright offers its clients emotional support, pregnancy tests, pregnancy information and referrals. All Services are FREE! For more information, call 614-221-0844 or visit [columbusohmain@birthright.org](mailto:columbusohmain@birthright.org).

»**SAINT MONICA CLUB** is a group of men and women who meet once a month to pray for loved ones who have left the Catholic faith. Our regular meetings resume on **Monday, Oct. 26, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** All are welcome!



»**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 the month (September through May, except December). Our next prayer meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.**

For information about these opportunities, contact Amy Lilly at [amylilly65@gmail.com](mailto:amylilly65@gmail.com).

»**WALKING WITH PURPOSE** is a great opportunity to make authentic connections, refuel and refresh, and learn more about God. Walking with Purpose meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts. Two sessions are now available for women of St. Andrew Parish:

•**OPENING YOUR HEART/FEARLESS AND FREE**  
Wednesday evenings | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | parish hall

•**FEARLESS AND FREE**  
Wednesday mornings | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | parish hall

You can register using the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/WWP-2026-27](https://tinyurl.com/WWP-2026-27). For more information, email [wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com).



»**THAT MAN IS YOU! APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME:**

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. Scan the QR code to join our group or just walk in. 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).



## LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

### SAT, OCT 31: Vigil, Solemnity of All Saints

#### 4:30 PM Mass

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| Peter Kleinhenz..... | EMHC-B - B1  |
| Judy O'Brien.....    | EMHC-B - B2  |
| Jim Macklin.....     | Lector - A   |
| Pamela Sprigler..... | Lector - B   |
| Myles Ezell.....     | Altar Server |
| Cecilia Petitti..... | Altar Server |
| Sally Karam.....     | Altar Server |

### SUN, NOV 1: Solemnity of All Saints

#### 7:30 AM Mass

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Jacob Fondriest.....            | EMHC-B - B1  |
| Alex Fondriest.....             | EMHC-B - B2  |
| Deb McEllistrem.....            | EMHC-B - B3  |
| John Pashke.....                | Lector - A   |
| Christina Carmell.....          | Lector - B   |
| Valerie Olson.....              | Altar Server |
| Jerry Kaltenbach (sub req)..... | Altar Server |

#### 9:15 AM Mass

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| David Nagle.....         | EMHC-B - B1      |
| Lindsay Kaleta.....      | EMHC-B - B2      |
| Clare Nduaguba.....      | EMHC-B - B CHOIR |
| Bob Chambers.....        | EMHC-B - B3      |
| Tricia Racher.....       | EMHC-C - C1      |
| Anna Wang.....           | EMHC-C - C2      |
| Suzanne Meyers.....      | EMHC-C - C CHOIR |
| Elizabeth Carpenter..... | EMHC-C - C3      |
| Patricia Mason.....      | Lector - A       |
| Jennifer Schaefer.....   | Lector - B       |
| Ariya Dhira.....         | Altar Server     |
| Avery Erford.....        | Altar Server     |
| Chase Ryder.....         | Altar Server     |

#### 11:00 AM Mass

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| A.J. Davis.....      | EMHC-B - B1  |
| Karen Huey.....      | EMHC-B - B2  |
| Grace Riddell.....   | Lector - A   |
| Carson Reider.....   | Lector - B   |
| Michael Riddell..... | Altar Server |
| Mateo Lessells.....  | Altar Server |
| Kellen Slater.....   | Altar Server |

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



## BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send requests to [bulletin@standrewparish.cc](mailto:bulletin@standrewparish.cc) by Monday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in that week's ePOST and Mass bulletin. Include a description, date, time, location, and contact name. If the Monday before publication is a holiday, all submissions must be received the Friday before (eight days before publication). Submissions may be edited for clarity or space.



### WELCOME OUR BLESSED MOTHER INTO YOUR HOME AND YOUR HEART!

Please prayerfully consider welcoming the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home to pray the Rosary with your family. THE NEW SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE! 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](https://tinyurl.com/ourlady2024). For more information, contact **Deb McEllistrem** at 614-309-4645 or [dmcellistrem@yahoo.com](mailto:dmcellistrem@yahoo.com).



### »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.

### »ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GREETER AT MASS?

We are looking for a few friendly faces to welcome visitors to the weekend Masses. This is a great way to get service hours, too. We encourage all adult volunteers to be Protecting God's Children compliant. If you wish to sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/SAP-Greeters-08](https://tinyurl.com/SAP-Greeters-08). For more information or to get involved in the Hospitality Ministry, contact **Jake** and **Ciara Decot** at [jdecot284@gmail.com](mailto:jdecot284@gmail.com).

### »BAPTISM BIB MINISTRY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Did you know that every baby baptized at St. Andrew receives a beautifully handcrafted white ruffled Baptism bib created by members of the Baptism Bib Ministry? We are looking for additional volunteers to cut and sew bibs and do simple embroidery. We are also looking for someone who can machine monogram the bibs with the parish name and year once the bibs are finished. All sewing work can be done at home. Material drop-off and pick-up can be arranged at your convenience. An example and detailed description of the process is provided.

These beautiful bibs are a keepsake and much appreciated by the parents of the babies baptized at St. Andrew Parish. For more information, contact Paula Volpe at 614-648-6491.

# SEEK

## \$50 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION

Use code SEEK\_SAVE50  
October 22-29 ONLY

Columbus, OH  
January 1-5, 2027



National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country, **November 1-7, 2026**. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

### EGAN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME ANNUAL VETERANS DAY FOOD DRIVE

Please consider a donation to help local needy veterans and their families. Nonperishable food items, personal care items, and monetary donations can be dropped off at either of Egan-Ryan's two locations at 403 East Broad Street, or 4661 Kenny Road, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning November 1 through 11. For more information, call 614-221-6665.

»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. Near 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.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON:** Join us **Friday, Nov. 6, at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring Father Michael Hartge, Diocese Vicar General, Moderator of Mission Advancement and Moderator of the Curia, who will speak about the Pastoral Planning Initiative. The Serra Clubs of Columbus are sponsoring the November meeting. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation. Reservations are not necessary, \$12 covers the lunch and meeting.

**SERRA CLUB PRIESTLY VOCATION ESSAY COMPETITION:** The Columbus Serra Club is challenging all eighth grade boys to write an essay of 500 words or less about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. **Essays are due Monday, December 7.** The authors of the 10 winning essays will each receive a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant toward a diocesan Catholic high school. The Catholic school system helps administer the competition for boys in Catholic schools. Eighth grade boys who do not attend a Catholic school can email [vocationessays@outlook.com](mailto:vocationessays@outlook.com) or text 614-558-0806 on how to participate.

**BISHOP WATTERSON OPEN HOUSE:** Save the date for Bishop Watterson's Annual Open House for prospective students on **Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**RED MASS:** Everyone is invited to attend the annual Red Mass on **Thursday, Oct. 29, 5:15 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral.** This Mass invokes the wisdom of the Holy Spirit for all justice professions in the Diocese. Even if you don't practice Law, you are encouraged to come to Mass and pray alongside those who do.

**ST. CHARLES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE:** Prospective students and their families are invited to discover all that St. Charles has to offer at our annual open house on **Sunday, Nov. 1, at 1:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.** The event will feature a brief presentation, guided campus tours, and opportunities to meet students, faculty, coaches, and representatives from our many clubs, activities, and athletic programs. Enjoy refreshments, connect with fellow future Cardinal families, and learn more about the St. Charles experience. For more information and register, visit [stcharlesprep.org/admissions](http://stcharlesprep.org/admissions). We look forward to welcoming you to campus!

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She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.<sup>1</sup> How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

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message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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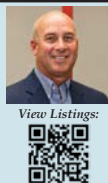


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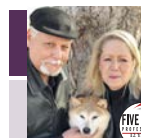
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