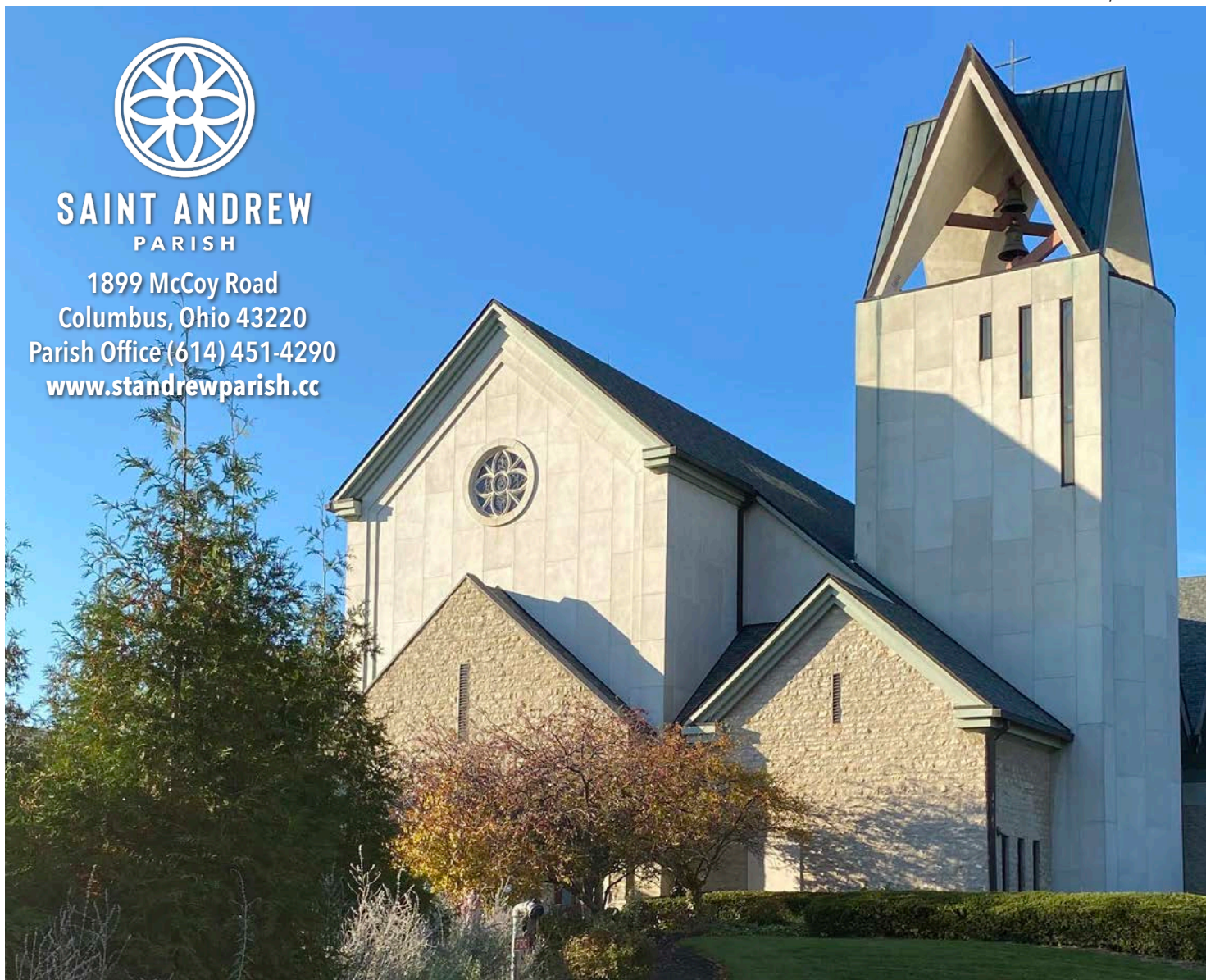




## SAINT ANDREW PARISH

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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 **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](mailto: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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-  [StAndrewUA](https://youtube.com/StAndrewUA)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday: Mar. 1 Vigil, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:30 p.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish

**Sunday: Mar. 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 a.m. Lloyd Mallett  
 9:15 a.m. Steve and JoAnne Gorman  
 11:00 a.m. Frank Zidonis

**Monday: Mar. 3, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Gene Perry, Sr.  
 8:30 a.m. Belmaggio/Little Families

**Tuesday: Mar. 4, Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Lawrence and Helen Call  
 8:30 a.m. Bob Sotak

**Wednesday: Mar. 5, Ash Wednesday**  
 6:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 8:30 a.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones  
 12:15 p.m. Joe and Louise Karam  
 7:00 p.m. Teresa Jacinta Paquette

**Thursday: Mar. 6, Lent Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. Paul and Lillian Wentzel  
 8:30 a.m. Jessica Eckhart

**Friday: Mar. 7, Lent Weekday Mass**  
 6:30 a.m. John Bucher  
 8:30 a.m. Ruth Reichley and Joanna Green

**Saturday: Mar. 8, Lent Weekday Mass**  
 9:00 a.m. Norma Johanni

**Vigil, First Sunday of Lent**  
 4:30 p.m. Mary Lou Kreber

**Sunday: Mar. 9, First Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish  
 9:15 a.m. Margaret and Ed Cantwell  
 11:00 a.m. William and Margaret DelTosto

### BAPTISMS

**Olivia Grace Gresky,**  
 daughter of Alexander and Emma Gresky

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY

**Doris Lortz,** mother of parishioner Phil Lortz

### FACILITIES & ROOM RESERVATIONS:

If you would like to reserve one of the meeting spaces 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). The event calendar can be viewed at [standrewparish.cc/calendar](http://standrewparish.cc/calendar).

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This week is a very important week – Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. There is also a Liturgy of the Word Service at 4:45 p.m., which includes the blessing and distribution of ashes. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes symbolize our repentance. They are an external sign of our internal conversion as we turn away from our sins and seek to purify our hearts and minds, and to love both God and our neighbor without ambiguity.

The process of repentance and renewal goes beyond the symbolic imposition of ashes on the first day of Lent. Indeed, the conversion of our hearts and our growth toward the perfection of Christ, who is being formed in us, is the work of a lifetime. So at the very least, we must apply ourselves diligently to seeking greater virtue and perfection all throughout the 40 days of Lent.

I have been reflecting on the prayer we said at Mass last Sunday (the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time).

*“Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.”*

Let us strive during this Lenten season to be “always pondering spiritual things.”

Please also pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, who is critically ill. May the Holy Spirit grant him healing and life!

Your Pastor,

Monsignor Stephan Moloney

### »GET A DONUT BEFORE YOU GIVE IT UP FOR LENT!

The **St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Council #11275** is hosting **DONUT SUNDAY** on **MARCH 2** in the parish hall after all Masses. Enjoy donuts, coffee, tea, and juice and learn more about the Knights council at St. Andrew and how you can become involved.



## Ash Wednesday, March 5

### MASS TIMES

6:30am, 8:30am, 12:15pm, and 7pm

### PRAYER SERVICE | ASH DISTRIBUTION

4:45pm

The 12:15pm Mass will be livestreamed at  
[www.StAndrewParishLive.com](http://www.StAndrewParishLive.com)

**THE ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION** will be directed toward JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs). All donations go directly to improve the quality of life for those we serve. This is a significant way to begin Lent. Located in downtown Columbus, JOIN is an agency of the Diocese’s Catholic Charities Office. Through your generosity, JOIN is able to help our neighbors with their essential needs such as food, personal care, household items, and diapers.

### »THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW PARISH

encourages all parishioners to take part in the annual Lenten “purple bag” project. Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5, you will find empty purple bags at the church entrances with a list of suggested women’s and men’s hygiene items attached to each bag. Grab a bag, put some items in (you do not need to include all items on the list) and return it to the church parlor anytime during Lent. Donated items are delivered to JOIN to distribute to our less fortunate neighbors.



**40 DAYS OF ADORATION** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, in the Diocese of Columbus. Every day for 40 days, different parishes throughout the diocese host Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day. **St. Andrew will host a day of Adoration on Tuesday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.** We ask parishioners to volunteer for a one-hour block of time on our day of Adoration to be in the presence of Christ. To sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/SAP-Adore-2025](http://tinyurl.com/SAP-Adore-2025) or use the QR code.



## SUNDAY OFFERING

	FEB 16	YTD
<b>ACTUAL</b>	\$ 45,339	\$ 1,117,537
<b>BUDGET</b>	\$ 32,692	\$ 1,078,846
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	\$ 34,359	\$ 1,160,210

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.



### »OPERATION RICE BOWL:

During the 40 days of Lent, we reflect on global hunger and actively help people suffering from a lack of proper nourishment through the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lenten almsgiving program. PSR and school students received Rice Bowls during class. Additional Rice Bowls are available for parishioners in the vestibule and parlor of the Church. If you choose, you can donate to the Rice Bowl Lenten program through ONLINE GIVING at [osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds](https://osvhub.com/st-andrew-parish/funds). For more information about the CRS Rice Bowl program, visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).



### »EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

is scheduled for **Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room** (the meeting room accessible through the parlor). If you'd like to become involved in this important and rewarding ministry, this is the perfect time to learn more. Confirmed parishioners ages 16 and older, are welcome to attend. Preregistration is not necessary. For more information, contact **Deacon Dowler** at 614-477-7049 or [ddowler@columbuscatholic.com](mailto:ddowler@columbuscatholic.com).



**»BLOOD DONORS ARE NEEDED!** Our next blood drive will be **Tuesday, March 18, 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. We also have a need for helpers to sign up as substitutes for registration and snack table. If you would like to be added to the list, call the Parish Office at 614-451-4290.



**American Red Cross**



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

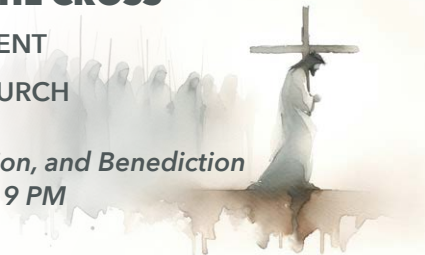
Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is simply the act of being in Christ's real presence while the Eucharist is on the altar. Adorers may stay as briefly or as long as they would like. Adoration concludes at 8:45 p.m. with Compline (end of day 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).

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH

*Exposition, Confession, and Benediction follow Stations until 9 PM*



### ST. ANDREW MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Rehearsals for the next eight-week session of the St. Andrew Choir and the St. Andrew Handbell Choir begin this week. Each of these groups will be preparing music for the upcoming Lenten Season and Easter Sunday. Please consider participating. The group is open to men and women of high school age and beyond, and rehearsals are typically held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact **Music Director Phil Lortz** at [plortz@standrewparish.cc](mailto:plortz@standrewparish.cc) or 614-451-1839.



### »RESOURCES TO HELP YOU WALK THE LENTEN PATH:

Lent is an important time of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus so as to enter into the joy of His Resurrection. We are offering a variety of resources to guide you through this holy season. These include guides for prayer and reflection for adults and kids, a helpful guide to the Stations of the Cross, calendar sheets for adults and kids, Lenten Gospel reflections and journaling, and, of course, *The Little Black Book*. Look for these resources and more in the vestibule and parlor beginning this weekend through the end of Lent, while supplies last.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
FISH FRY FRIDAYS**



**MARCH 21 | APRIL 4 | APRIL 11**  
**4:30-7:30 PM**  
**NUGENT PARISH HALL**

**\$17 ADULTS • \$15 SENIORS • \$10 KIDS**

**DINNER INCLUDES:**

Guinness beer-battered cod • Breaded butterfly shrimp • The O on Lane Wood-fired Pizza • Hand-cut festival french fries • Homemade tartar sauce • Dessert

**VOLUNTEERS &  
DONATIONS NEEDED:**

There are volunteer opportunities available and we are accepting dessert and beverage donations. To learn more, use the QR or visit our SignUpGenius at [tinyurl.com/Fish-Fry-2025](http://tinyurl.com/Fish-Fry-2025).



**MARCH  
SENIOR LUNCH**

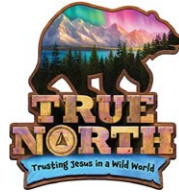
**THURSDAY, MARCH 13**  
**BRYCE ECK CENTER - KELLY HALL**

**Euchre~10 a.m. // Bingo~11 a.m. // Lunch~Noon**

The luncheons 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@cducation.org](mailto:kmccurdy@cducation.org).

**SACRED 2025  
REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**

**MONDAY, JUNE 23 - THURSDAY, JUNE 26**  
**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**



Children ages 4 through incoming fifth graders are welcome to join us for SACRED (Saint Andrew Children's Recreation Education Days). Campers will enjoy skits, crafts, snacks, recreation, education, and MUSIC! Plan to have FUN!

**REGISTER A CAMPER TODAY!**

To learn more and register, visit [tinyurl.com/SACRED-2025-REGISTER](http://tinyurl.com/SACRED-2025-REGISTER)

**ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

To learn more and volunteer, visit [tinyurl.com/VBS-VOLUNTEER-2025](http://tinyurl.com/VBS-VOLUNTEER-2025)

**NEED MORE DETAILS?**

Contact Sophia and Jennie Statczar  
[StAndrewSACRED@gmail.com](mailto:StAndrewSACRED@gmail.com)

**»ST. ANDREW SECOND GRADE  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 6883** will

be selling Girl Scout Cookies after the 7:30, 9:15, and 11:00 Masses on **Sunday, March 2**. Did you already buy cookies? The Troop will also be donating cookie boxes to Ronald McDonald House! We accept cash, credit, Venmo and PayPal.



**»FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY  
COMING IN MAY!**

Scouts of St. Andrew will demonstrate their appreciation for our chartered organization and parishioners by holding a special flag retirement ceremony on Sunday, May 18, 5:00-5:30 p.m. at the VFW on Walcutt Road. All are welcome to attend this special event! Scouts will accept any American flag that you would like to have appropriately retired. A box for donations is in the church parlor or, to make arrangement to have your flag(s) picked up, contact Eric Messerly at 614-446-5035.



**BECOME A SCOUT!** If your son is interested in joining scouts, contact Cubmaster **Steve Berling** at [ssberling.2012@gmail.com](mailto:ssberling.2012@gmail.com), or Scoutmaster **Eric Messerly** at [emesserly73@gmail.com](mailto:emesserly73@gmail.com).

**WEEKLY MEN'S STUDY:  
MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY  
FRIDAY MORNINGS**

7:00-8:00 A.M. // POLLMR\*

Join us for this new six-week video series "A Journey through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary" by Paradisus Dei. The videos are beautifully shot on location at Holy Land sites where Jesus lived, died and rose again! We will pray a scriptural decade of the Rosary following each video and discussion. No homework or preparation is required between sessions. Bring your rosary. Coffee is provided. For more information, contact **John Schechter** at 614-565-0824 or [jedwardschechter@gmail.com](mailto:jedwardschechter@gmail.com).

\*Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room



**»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, March 10, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church**. For information about this prayer ministry, contact **Amy Tague** at [amyliiss14@gmail.com](mailto:amyliiss14@gmail.com).

**»WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP)** is a women's ministry with a mission to help every Catholic woman encounter Jesus Christ through Bible study. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. **Our next Coffee Connect video, "Set the World on Fire," is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12.** All women are welcome to join us. For more information about this ministry or to register, email [wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:wwpstandrewcolumbus@gmail.com).

**»THAT MAN IS YOU! THE FIGHT OF FAITH** is back for the second half of the Fight of Faith Program that equips and enables men to engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in their daily lives. **The group meets from 6:30-8:00 a.m. at the Bryce Eck Center on Saturdays through May.** All men are welcome! For information or to register, contact **Colin Bellantis** at 440-728-4166 or [colinbellantis@gmail.com](mailto:colinbellantis@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, March 31, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** For more info and to RSVP, contact **Amy Tague** at [amyliiss14@gmail.com](mailto:amyliiss14@gmail.com).

**BULLETIN AND EPOST ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Send requests to [bulletin@standrewparish.cc](mailto:bulletin@standrewparish.cc) by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** for the upcoming weekend. Include a 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.

**LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS**

**WED, MAR. 5: Ash Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Mass**

Elizabeth Carpenter..... EMHC-B - B1  
Kathi Theado ..... EMHC-B - B2  
Wini Chuidian..... Lector - A  
Cecile Jalandoni-Chuidian ..... Lector - B

**7:00 PM Mass**

Rita Wanner ..... EMHC-B - B1  
Kris Pellissier..... EMHC-B - B2  
Christina Carmell ..... Lector - A  
David Varda ..... Lector - B  
Jan Ajuseh ..... Altar Server  
Janelle Ajuseh ..... Altar Server  
Adriel Ajuseh..... Altar Server

**SAT, MAR. 8: Vigil, First Sunday of Lent**

**4:30 PM Mass**

Rita Medaglia ..... EMHC-B - B1  
Pamela Sprigler..... EMHC-B - B2  
Cathy Covarrubias ..... Lector - A  
Tom Levenick..... Lector - B  
Vincent Dinovo..... Altar Server  
Agatha Foley ..... Altar Server

**SUN, MAR. 9: First Sunday of Lent**

**7:30 AM Mass**

Sudie Mitchell..... EMHC-B - B1  
Mike Miller ..... EMHC-B - B2  
Jason Mays ..... Lector - A  
Colin Bellantis ..... Lector - B  
Kyle Rudzinski ..... Altar Server  
Jake Meier ..... Altar Server

**9:15 AM Mass**

Mary Kaminski ..... EMHC-B - B1  
David Tague..... EMHC-B - B2  
Rosie Brandon..... EMHC-B - B CHOIR  
Dave Shiddenhelm..... EMHC-B - B3  
Herm Mollmann ..... EMHC-C - C1  
Anna Wang ..... EMHC-C - C2  
Jeff Wenzke ..... EMHC-C - C CHOIR  
Megan Bellantis ..... EMHC-C - C3  
Ciara Decot ..... Lector - A  
Jacob Decot ..... Lector - B  
Nick Holowchak ..... Altar Server  
Ave Holowchak ..... Altar Server

**11:00 AM Mass**

Damion Faulkner..... EMHC-B - B1  
Liz Meyers ..... EMHC-B - B2  
Jim Macklin..... Lector - A  
Mary Frecker..... Lector - B  
Carmella Olson ..... Altar Server  
Valerie Olson..... 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.





## RESPECT LIFE

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

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# Baby Essentials



## Drive



TO BENEFIT

# Women's Care Center

MARCH 5 - APRIL 20



*Scan Here!*

**PURCHASE NEEDED ITEMS USING THE QR CODE & HAVE THEM DIRECTLY SENT TO PARISH OFFICE**

QUESTIONS? CALL/TEXT CHAPMAN  
803-807-0130

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY FUNDRAISER "A SIGN OF HOPE"** is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at St. Andrew Parish. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by a brunch and program in Nugent Parish Hall. Guest speaker is Very Reverend Michael Lumpe. Cost is \$35/person. To register online, visit [bethesdahealing.org/events](https://bethesdahealing.org/events).

**THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM'S 2025 PIO CARDINAL LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE** will feature a presentation by Peter K. Kilpatrick, PhD, President of The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He will present "Beauty in Science" on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call 614-985-2274.

**ST. TIMOTHY NIGHT OF GIVING: DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES:** Join us Saturday, March 22, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the St. Timothy gym. The evening includes music, a costume contest and decades-themed activities. Money raised will be used for playground repairs and improvements. Admission is \$25 per person and includes appetizers and music from Columbus Blue Jackets DJ Matty Sexton. A cash bar will be available. More information: <https://sttimsevents.com/event/night-of-giving/>

**BISHOP WATTERSON'S 2025 MEN'S NIGHT** will be held on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Dominican Hall at Bishop Watterson. This year, we are celebrating excellence and honoring champions with remarks by Brian Kennedy, head coach of the BWHS 2024 football state champions, and Scott Dempsey, head coach of the Eagles' 2024 girls soccer state champion team. Other state champion coaches will be special guests. Tickets are \$100 per person with proceeds benefiting the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance. Ticketing and sponsorship opportunities can be found at [bishopwatterson.com](https://bishopwatterson.com). All are welcome!

## 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."*

**THE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER** exists to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthy pregnancies, and become nurturing and self-sufficient parents. Founded by a Catholic theologian Janet Smith, Women's Care Center is uniquely Catholic. The center is the largest, most life-saving pregnancy center in the nation, serving more women and saving more babies than any other. Our Columbus centers serve 4,100 women annually. One in seven babies born in Franklin County get their start at Women's Care Center.



# The Mass

## ***"Do This in Remembrance of Me"*** **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

### ✝ Part 59: The Lord's Prayer ✝

As we journey through our final preparations before Communion, we take a closer look at the **Our Father**. "At our Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: Our Father..." The Lord's Prayer is the first part of the Communion Rite. This prayer, of course, is the prayer given to us by Jesus in the Gospel (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4). These are the very words that Jesus gave us to pray! As a priest, I feel like one of the most common things people say to me is that they don't feel like they pray very well, or that they don't know what to say when they pray. Maybe the disciples felt this way when they asked Jesus how to pray. In response, he gave the words that we now know as the Our Father. Here is an opportunity to pray with confidence with words directly from the mouth of Jesus.

#### **A Daring Prayer**

Why does the priest say in the invitation, "we dare to say"? As Charles Belmonte notes, "This invitation is a very touching and most ancient formula (one alluded to as early as the fourth century by St. Jerome). It states that we should not dare (audemus) to utter what we are about to say—were it not for the express command of our Lord. He taught us to approach God as a son talks to his father" (Understanding the Mass, p. 169). According to the Diocese



of Peoria, "Our Lord used the word 'Abba' to express our filiation of the most high God. We are His sons and daughters and we call upon Him in a most intimate and familial term: Father. Our Lord desires we approach our Father with the serenity and confidence of children. Not only does he reveal this, but in a certain sense he commands it when he says, 'When you pray, pray like this... Our Father!'" ("A Study of the Mass, p. 17). We dare to call God our Father because Jesus said we could!

If you look through the Old Testament, we see a few people having a uniquely close relationship with God: Adam, Abraham, and others who talked with God (Genesis 3 and 18); Moses, whose face was radiant after being in God's presence (Exodus 34); Jonah and Job who talked with God when angry and frustrated (Jonah 4; Job 3 and 42), among others. As Edward Sri writes, "The ancient Jews certainly viewed God as the father of the people of Israel. But it was not at all common for an individual to address God as 'Father.' Nevertheless, this is precisely what Jesus calls us to do [...] and if he was speaking his native Aramaic, he probably used the word 'Abba' for father. This was an intimate, affectionate term similar to 'Daddy'... This underscores the intimate relationship we now have with God because of Jesus' work of salvation. Through our union in Christ, God has truly become our Father" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 124).

### God's Desire to Be Close to Us

Among some of the first words we learn as young children are "mommy" and "daddy." This is true for all different kinds of people with all different kinds of language. In some ways, these words are really central to who we are—people in relation to others. When Jesus taught us to pray, he said we should begin by saying, "Our Father." If a good translation of "Abba" is "Daddy," just think about how close God wants us to be! So close, in fact, that we could call him by a name that even a young child could recognize. What an amazing gift! What an amazing sharing in the life of God! No wonder we can pray with confidence—we have a Loving Father who loves us so much and so perfectly!

As the Diocese of Peoria has said, "The 'Our Father' itself is a model of prayer. It beseeches the Father, it praises and blesses Him, it recognizes His Divinity and Majesty. It asks and intercedes, asks pardon for our sins, avoidance of temptation and a deliverance from evil. It is so fitting we call upon our Father God in such a great prayer as we prepare to receive His great gifts... In this proximate preparation for Holy Communion, we are asking the Father for the gift of His Son. Unworthy as we are, we pray this in confidence, knowing of His infinite mercy and desire to share His gifts with us" ("A Study of the Mass, p. 17). Next, we'll look at this wonderful prayer in more depth, including the meaning of the petitions. In the meantime, if you decide to pray a few extra Our Father's, please pray one for me!

### For Reflection:

1. Peruse the passages Fr. Luke cites of persons speaking intimately with God (Genesis 3 and 18; Exodus 34; Jonah 4; and Job 3 and 42), and choose one of these texts for further meditation. Allow your reflection on this passage to lead you into your own open sharing with the Lord.
2. Give thanks to God for the men who have been models of loving fatherhood in your own life. Ask for forgiveness and healing in situations where men have not embodied loving fatherhood. Open your heart to enter more deeply into a filial relationship with God as Abba-Father.

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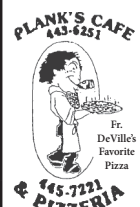
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