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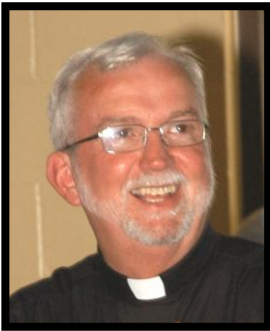
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“As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.” (Mark 1:16)

Why not like this all the time?

Father Rob Waller, Pastor of St. Andrew Parish



In our country we use the word “vacation.” In other parts of the world, those who speak English use a word that has its origin in “holyday.” Europeans do not take vacations. They go on “holiday.” A period in which a break is taken from work or studies or chores for rest, travel or recreation is a “holy day.” Mention of a “working vacation” would bring an irresolvable puzzle to faces.

Sitting at the ocean with the water lapping over my feet, or taking a long morning walk, or leisurely enjoying the day’s first cup of coffee, early June made me wonder, “Why can’t we live more like this all the time?”

Why not go on vacation, why not keep holydays, why not go on holiday more often? During the summer months we can name three (what we call) holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. As Catholics we have fourteen holydays: one on August 15 and the other baker’s dozen on Sundays. Why not create even more holidays and holydays for ourselves, while faithfully keeping these that are already on our calendars?

We don’t have to drive twelve hours to the beach. We can go on holiday closer to home, like saying a morning prayer, or eating lunch at a picnic table, or taking a stroll after supper, without spending a lot of time or cashing in an annuity at the gas pump. Do you have a deck or a screened-in porch, a perfect place to be as the sun is on the way up or on the way down? How often will you “go on holiday” this summer? “Why can’t we live more like this all the time?” is a question worth asking ourselves.



At the Altar and a Desk *By Fr. Rob Waller*

It seems odd to be “welcoming” Deacon Tim Schutte. He was baptized at St. Andrew, and has served here as deacon for seven years. But as of the first of June, in addition to continuing his duties and ministries as a deacon, he has been hired as a Pastoral Associate of Adult Formation. He will have responsibility for Christ Renews His Parish, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and Adult Education of all kinds. One of our parishioners called his coming on fulltime “a good hire for the parish.” A pastoral staff member of a neighboring parish called it “a brilliant move.”



Deacon Tim Schutte

Fostering Faith in a Place of Belonging

I have “belonged” to our Faith community since 1960, the year of my birth. Over these 51 years my sense of “belonging” has grown with every encounter with my parish family. Regardless of new or old parishioners, your stories have touched me deeply; helping my faith increase and my sense of belonging to grow.

When meeting new parishioners I feel God’s presence. Just listening to why you chose Saint Andrew as your place of worship, the joy of your first child’s birth or the young men and women who hear God calling them to a vocation. These stories are as varied and different as the people who tell them.

I feel God’s presence also with senior parishioners. I hear stories of the “good old days,” when the altar was turned and a mosaic of St. Andrew appeared, along with stories of nuns in habits teaching in our school. My favorite story is First Fridays and the Saint Andrew Coffee Cake.

The RCIA process begins with sharing one’s life story. Being willing to listen fosters a new sense of belonging to the storyteller. And while we listen, faith deepens. God is working in and through us. How sneaky of God to reside in a simple story, yours and mine.

When asked to share your faith story, please do. Then listen intently to others as they share their walk with God. Who knows? Your faith may be enriched, but the storyteller will feel a renewed sense of belonging. How sneaky of God to share the gift of His presence with and through you.

Charitable IRA *By GREG OLIVER*

A GREAT WAY TO GIVE ----- Charitable IRA donations are again permitted. This isn’t an estate tax law per se, but it factors into estate planning and it is certainly worth noting. Charitable IRA rollovers are back in 2011 (we don’t know yet if they will be around in 2012). There may be less financial incentive for families to make these rollovers given the much higher gift and estate tax exclusion this year, but others will act on their altruism.

The charitable IRA rollover allows an IRA owner age 70½ or older to gift up to a total of \$100,000 in IRA assets to one or more qualified charities or non-profit organizations (a move that can count toward his or her annual RMD). It has to be a direct transfer – the gift must pass directly from an IRA sponsor to the charity. The IRA account holder doesn’t get a tax deduction, but he or she can potentially bypass the income tax on the distribution.

STEWARDSHIP OBSERVATIONS

Shirley Soellner, Pastoral Associate for Facilities and Finances

NEW WEBSITE – Our website, www.standrew-milford.org, contains a lot of information about our parish, i.e. bulletins, newsletters, Fr. Rob's videos, calendar, etc. Two parishioners, Michelle Hendrickson and Joe Schweickert, who are web "gurus" are designing a new website, with assistance from Kathy Rinn and me. This website will be easier to browse and will have much more information. We are hoping for a late summer launch date, but our old website will continued to be updated until then.



DONATING STOCK GIFTS TO ST. ANDREW CHURCH – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has simplified the process of donating stock to St. Andrew. We now have a separate account at Fifth Third for stock transactions. St. Andrew can accept stock donations for operating funds or specific projects.

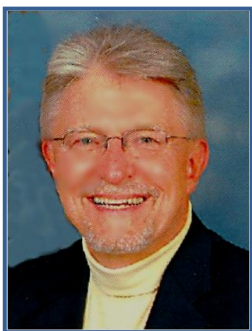
MATCHED GIFTS – Did you know that some employers will match your donations to St. Andrew? Over 500 companies in Cincinnati will match your gift. Some of the larger matching companies include GE, Procter & Gamble, PPG Industries, and US Bancorp. If you need assistance, please contact your Human Resource Department, or call me at 831-3353.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS are gratefully accepted at St. Andrew Church. You can even designate a particular fund for your memorial or honorarium. Donor names will be listed in the bulletin, unless otherwise specified. Family members will be notified of the donation, but not donated amount. Memorial and honorarium envelopes are in the church vestibule, or you may stop in the Parish Office to set up your gift.

Proclaiming the Word By Mike Hazard

Summer is here again and those who like hot humid weather can rejoice. I was recently in Savannah, Georgia and was blessed to stay in a nice hotel on the Savannah River. Savannah has the second largest port on the east coast and many very large cargo ships steamed up the river past the hotel. It was fun to sit on the balcony in the evening and watch these behemoth ships move slowly toward the port. They were stacked high with cargo containers and sat

low in the water from the heavy load. Many of the ships leaving the port were apparently empty—freed of the heavy weight of their cargo now sitting high in the water allowing you to see more of the ship's hull exposed above the water line.



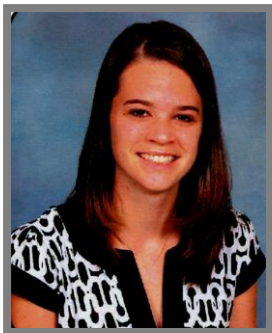
This reminded me of us humans and the stress and weight of the cargo we carry in our lives. It can be the weight of family troubles, lack of employment, stressful employment, worry, illness, or any of an array of issues that we face today. The weight of these slow us down and pull us down in the river of our lives. But, as Catholics we are blessed as we have a port to unload the weight of life.

At Sunday Eucharist we can bring the heavy cargo of our lives and place it on the altar to be offered up in the sacrifice of our Mass. And, we are also blessed to hear the word of God in the Scriptures that can also fill us with hope and love and lighten our load. When we leave our port of call on Sunday we, too, sit high in the water ready to steam ahead on the waters of our weekly lives.



SMILE News

By Catherine Fasano, Youth Minister



We have a group of 24 students and adults traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for our summer mission trip July 9-16 with *Young Neighbors in Action*. The group has been actively fundraising and preparing for this journey and is excited for what service we may be able to provide. Special thanks to all who have helped us with this endeavor. Please keep all of us in your prayers during this time. A welcome home event will be held on Sunday, July 31st at 7pm at St. Andrew in the Church Hall. All are welcome to join us to look at pictures and hear our stories.

SMILE is continuing to go to summer Adoration. Feel free to join us any Friday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton between 11am-noon with lunch following in the pavilion.

The Youth Group has a game night at SEM Villa scheduled for July 21st and August 18th. Come play games with the residents from 6:30-8pm.

Mark your calendars for our SMILE kick-off event for the 2011-2012 school year. This will take place on Sunday, September 18th at St. Andrew.

Release forms will be distributed through St. Andrew School and PREP/PRP classes at the beginning of the year. This release form will be kept on file for all local Youth Group events (meetings, dances, service projects, etc.). Every person interested in participating in a Youth Group event will need to complete a form. Thank you in advance for filling these out and returning them early. Call the Youth Office if you have any questions.

The Youth Group will be attending, for the first time, the National Catholic Youth Conference November 17-20 in Indianapolis. This is an exciting opportunity to get together with Catholic youth from all over the United States. More information about this exciting opportunity will be in the bulletin. Visit ncyc.nfcym.org to check it out!

Holy Name News

by Phil Groeber

Baseball...Hot Dogs...Ice Cold Beer... The Boys of Summer are still at it.

The Holy Name Softball Team is still playing on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 till dark, thru Labor Day. It's rumored that Anheuser Busch is going to televise some of the games, and that Hudepohl Beer is going to sponsor the games on Radio. However, Blatz Beer is wanting to sponsor the radio, also. It's also rumored that Cox Tool is going to become a major sponsor...possibly building a stadium. Fred Riehle of Cox Tool

has had several meetings with the ball club ownership.

It's rumored that Holy Name is being represented by Attorney Don White. It's rumored that Dusty Baker is trying to sign Fred Riehle to a Reds coaching job. Joe Morgan, Johnny Bench and Ronnie Oester have all been out watching these Holy Name guys. Come out on Wednesday evenings for some fun softball.



The Holy Name Society creates an opportunity for the men of the parish to come together for Mass, prayer, cards, fun, food, and to work for the Church. We meet the second Monday of each month, except July, in the Church basement, after 7 PM Mass. Our meetings last about 30 to 45 minutes, followed

by a light lunch, and cards, poker/pinochle. You will be a newcomer only once. Next meeting, Monday, August 8.

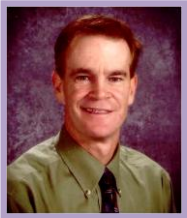
A Big Thank You to Steve and Kathy Singer for hosting the June Grillin' and Chillin' meeting .

Parishioner Spotlight – Betty Konrad

Would you like to live to be 100? Our St. Andrew Spotlight Parishioner, Betty Konrad is 102. What's her secret? Would you believe chocolate ice cream? It sounds simple enough, right? Well, there may be more to it than that. Betty Konrad's continued health is likely more attributed to her endless desire to be on the move. Born Betty Lacher in Carthage, Ohio on March 31, 1910, she attended St. Charles Bartholomew Parish School - currently operating as St. Charles Borromeo - and graduated from St. Aloysius Commercial School.



Betty's memories include frequent visits to Indian Lake in Lima, Ohio. Her parents had a summer cottage on the lake. Fishing, swimming and walks to the arcade filled her family's summer - it goes without saying that she likely tied her own fishing knots and baited her own hooks! Through the years, Betty traveled extensively in the United States and Europe; she even took a cruise through the Panama Canal!



Bob Huxell
Spotlight
Editor

Betty often used her *spare* time to quilt.....by hand. Tying knots is a generational legacy of the Konrad family. At a young age, Betty was taught by her father, a tailor in Carthage, to tie rosary knots. Betty's own legacy as a rosary maker now includes four generations of the Konrad family.

"Coffee Please" in Madeira is the original location of the Konrad's Miami 5&10 Store. The family lived above the store. The Konrads operated the store for 20 years before Fred and Betty bought a farm in Newtonsville. There they built a house and Betty's passion for gardening took full bloom. She was a member of both the Madeira and Goshen Garden Clubs. The pair stayed on the farm until they moved to SEM Laurel's in the mid 1990s. Soon after their arrival, the Konrads had a shrine built to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fred and Betty tended the flower arrangements for the shrine for many years. The Konrad descendants include 4 children, 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. A visit with Betty Konrad is more than a lesson in history. She currently lives at SEM Haven where visitors are always welcome. If you do decide to drop by, remember the chocolate ice cream.

St. Peter Claver School Food Drive

By Jane Kneipp

The food drive for St. Peter Claver School was a huge success thanks to the generosity of St. Andrew parishioners. Two van loads of food were delivered on April 12th to the school. Arrangements were made beforehand with the school for the older boys of St. Peter Claver to help carry the boxes of food from the vans to the school pantry located in the administrative office across the street from the school on Thirteenth and Main Streets. The boys were a big help and quickly had the job completed. A wide variety of food was donated. Breakfast food, snack food and food for lunch will go a long way to feed the boys as they complete their summer enrichment program. The small things that we do together as a parish family become a big blessing to others. Thank you, St. Andrew families, for your love and generosity to St. Peter Claver Latin School for Boys.



**" Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be a loving expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but your heart."
~Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

PREP NEWS

It's now time to start planning for the upcoming year! Please register your child at your earliest convenience. Forms are available on the parish website www.standrew-milford.org . Print them complete and mail in or drop off forms and payment no later than July 20 to the attention of Kathy Bitzer. Grades K-8 meet on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45. Classes for 3 and 4 year olds are held Sundays during 11:00 am Mass and class sizes are limited.



Kathy Bitzer
Associate for
Religious Education

Our **PREP** program ended for the summer with an awesome family day theme of Marketplace AD where the **PREP** families enjoyed learning some of the traditions of when Jesus was a child with hands on activities such as games, food, weaver, potter, storyteller and Synagogue.



I want to congratulate the recipients of the Knights of Columbus Religion Awards: 6th graders: Chloe Elleman and Matthew Burgess; 7th graders: Annie Ciambro and Jack O'Toole; 8th graders: Alexis Armacost and Nicholas Marthey.

We are in need of a few Catechists to join our team this year. If you are willing to share your faith with the children of St. Andrew I would love to hear from you. You will be amazed at how rewarding sharing your faith can be! For more information please contact Kathy Bitzer at Kathy@bizcinci.rr.com or 831-3353.

Fr. Otto J. Herrmann Christian Values Awards for 2011



Mitchell Hartwell

Following their tradition of the past eight years, the SASEAS Alumni Committee again presented the "**Father Herrmann Christian Values Award**" to a St. Andrew Campus seventh grader, Mitchell Hartwell and to a fifth grader from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Campus, Amanda Reinhart. Recipients received a credit of \$500 toward their next school year's tuition.



Amanda Reinhart

"**The Father Herrmann Christian Values Award**" was created by the Alumni Committee in recognition of Rev. Otto J. Herrmann as the founding father of the St. Andrew School system. The students are selected by their teachers on the basis of their exemplification of Christian values instilled at SASEAS School. Recipients of the award from previous years are: 2004 – Kelly Zeller and Alex Breeze; 2005 – Mary Beth Mueller and Zoe Curry; 2006 - Anna Callahan and Zachary Malec; 2007 - Tom Paquette and Kimberly Roundtree; 2008 - Katie Swing and Andrew Reinhart; 2009 - Beth Zappia and Libby Woodard; and 2010 - Lauren Moeller and Megan Rack.

The **SASEAS ALUMNI COMMITTEE** sponsors the awards through proceeds from their annual Alumni Social, begun in 2003, as a way of passing on the faith through our Catholic schools. All alumni from the first graduating class of 1949 through the present graduating class of 2011 were invited to attend the annual Alumni Social. Between 75 and 150 alumni return to St Andrew each spring to enjoy an evening of old friends, food, games, raffles and line dancing.

Find the SASEAS Alumni Group on Facebook – [St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton \(SASEAS\) Alumni](#)

Christ Renews His Parish

By Amy Schroeder

I heard about Christ Renews His Parish years ago from friends in other parishes. My friends told me to strongly consider participating if it ever came to my parish. When I was a student I used to attend a couple of retreats each year, and I remember how meaningful it was to spend some quiet time with the Lord. However, as an adult I rarely allowed myself the luxury. So when this retreat was announced in the parish newsletter several years ago, I considered attending. However, there was always a conflict: soccer games, travel, and other commitments. I finally realized I had to make the time.

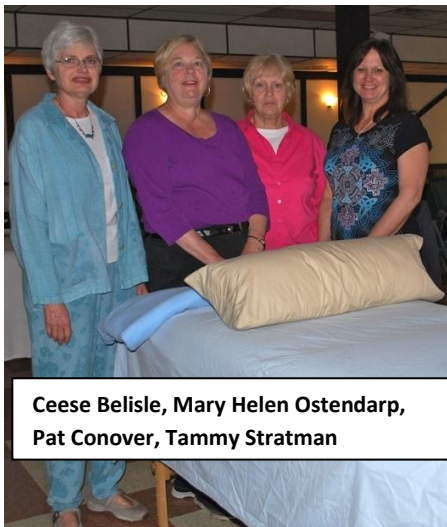


My Christ Renews His Parish weekend was such a blessing. It was a time where women could share life experiences and spend time together in prayer. There were women of all ages, from a variety of backgrounds, and I realized that I had only been associating with a fraction of our parish. We laughed and cried together, and became closer to each other and to God. The Holy Spirit has renewed all of us and has strengthened our bond with St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes. Several of us continue to meet and support one another as we plan to share our joy in Christ with other women during the next retreat.

The women of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Andrew parishes are invited to go through this weekend renewal experience on August 6-7, 2011, at St. Andrew. A Christ Renews His Parish Weekend for men is planned for September 24-25 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For further information or registration, contact Amy Schroeder (831-4136, or amyts@cinci.rr.com) for the women's retreat, or Mike Brewer (ncfd32@yahoo.com) for the men's retreat.

The St. Andrew Healing Touch Ministry

By Ceese Belisle, Coordinator



Ceese Belisle, Mary Helen Ostendarp,
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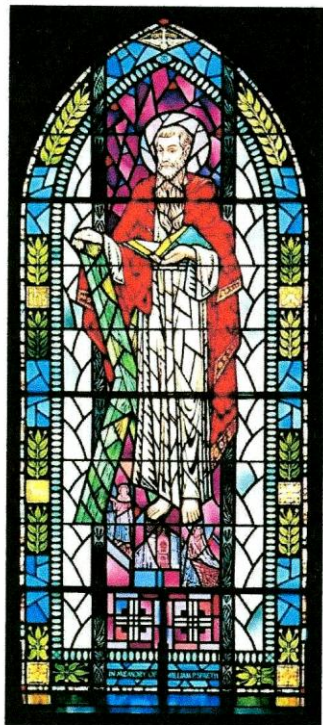
The St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch Ministry team members wish to thank all those who attended our monthly sessions of prayer and healing from September to May. Over 70 ministry sessions were given during this time. We appreciate the opportunity to experience God's presence and love with all who come to our Healing Touch ministry sessions. We acknowledge God as the source of all healing. During June, July and August we do not hold scheduled monthly sessions but healing touch is still available by individual appointments. Any interested person can call 313-7169 and team members will respond to accommodate you.

Men, women and children enjoy this ministry. Comments from those who attend healing sessions, and recommend them to others: "It gave me peace of mind and soul, as well as physical relief and comfort." "I felt closer to God." "I was able to pray again." "I felt more relaxed."

This past year, our Healing Touch ministry has participated in two outreach projects. Last summer we participated in Camp Courage, which is a children's camp sponsored by Cancer Family Care. These children either have cancer themselves or have a family member with cancer. We also participated in an evening for Mothers of Preschoolers, sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. All participants, both the children and the mothers, were appreciative of our ministry. We thank God for the opportunity to respond to God's call to serve each other through compassion and experience God's love and grace.

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Congratulations to the Eighth Grade Class of 2011 of St. Andrew St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

Kathleen Barcomb, Christopher George Becker, Ryan Keith Belleman, Kimberleigh Joy Burdorff, Ethan Edward Callahan, Anthony Joseph Castelli, Michael Chacko, Brendan Nicholas Collins, Sydney Alysse Connor, Elissa Kristine Dashley, Kelsey Nicole Donahue, Christina Rose Driskell, Lauren Joan Fisher, Carter Francis Frey, Emma Kathleen Galvin, James Michael Giebler, Molly Katherine Grothaus, Austin James Herriott, Hunter Alan Park Hofmann, Trevor Scott Hogue, Joshua Michael Hollander, Alex Michael Johnson, Colleen Marie Johnston, Caroline Alyse Johnstone, Ericka Marie Kaimer, Nicholas Joseph Keri, Lillian Kim Koczwar, Kevin Douglas Korneffel, Sean Patrick Lacey, Anthony Brandon Martin, Connor James McCracken, Emily Heath Mehne, Claire Susan Messer, Lauren Nicole Moeller, Heather Nicole Myers, Samuel Charles Oliver, Alana Christine Osterday, Leah Maxene Sen Gao Pentecost, Anna Kathleen Pierce, Stacey Nicole Pitman, Loren Elizabeth Powell, Andrew Charles Reinhart, Andrew Charles Richards, Carmen Colleen Ruiz, Nicole Erin Schertzer, Whitney Ann Schroeder, Jeffrey Troy Shagena, Nicholas Lawrence Shooner, Kristen Marie Teter, Marissa Katherine Vilardo, Stephen Xavier Voto, William Dominic Weber, Natalie Anne Wenstrup, Meaghan Marie Wheeler, Henry Eli Woodard IV, Anthony Dominic Zappia.



Welcome to the July/August issue of The St. Andrew Network. It is the purpose of the St. Andrew Parish newsletter to center the parish in Christ, our community and the people we serve. We invite your articles, pictures and comments and ask that you submit them by August 12 for the September/October issue. All submissions are edited for space, clarity and appropriate content. Send to Chris Nunner, Editor, standrewparishnewsletter@fuse.net or call (513) 575-2116.