



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.

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.

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: **Sep 16 Vigil, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:30 p.m. Robert and Anna Mae Jones

Sunday: **Sep 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Robert Lee Prior
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention

Monday: **Sep 18, Weekday Mass**
 6:30 a.m. Barbara and Edmund Herb
 8:30 a.m. Les Hess

Tuesday: **Sep 19, Weekday Mass**
 6:30 a.m. Margaret and Ed Cantwell
 8:30 a.m. Ray Vandeweghe

Wednesday: **Sep 20, Weekday Mass**
 6:30 a.m. Gene Perry, Sr.
 8:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
 of the Palmo Family

Thursday: **Sep 21, Weekday Mass**
 6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Luckett
 and Tiemeier Family
 8:30 a.m. Kate Cahill

Friday: **Sep 22, Weekday Mass**
 6:30 a.m. Margaret Curtin
 8:30 a.m. Dr. John Woods

Saturday: **Sep 23, Weekday Mass**
 9:00 a.m. Norma Johann

Vigil, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Jim Saffell

Sunday: **Sep 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:30 a.m. For the people of St. Andrew Parish
 9:15 a.m. Bill Jones
 11:00 a.m. Gilia Iafolla

BAPTISMS

Nora Josephine Webber, daughter of Marie

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF...

Shirley Pappa
 Mike Feeney
 Mary Pizzola

FACILITIES AND ROOM RESERVATIONS AT ST.

ANDREW PARISH: If you would like to reserve one of
 the meeting spaces at St. Andrew Parish, please contact
 Jen Wenzke, jwenzke@standrewparish.cc, or Greg Price,
gprice@standrewparish.cc. The event calendar can be
 viewed at standrewparish.cc/calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the Eucharistic Revival is taking place across the United States as well as in our Diocese of Columbus and our parish of St. Andrew.

One of the reasons that the bishops of our country feel this revival is necessary is because, according to polls and surveys, many Catholics do not believe the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Christ.

Many Catholics no longer believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

This has been described as a "catastrophe" because the Eucharist is the central mystery of our faith, it is what we celebrate at Mass. In the Holy Eucharist, Christ gives Himself to us, His true Body and Blood, under the appearance of bread and wine. When Jesus declared to His disciples, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:53-54)

Some of them said, "This is a hard saying; who can accept it?" (Jn 6:60). And they no longer followed Him.

The Eucharistic Revival is needed in order to re-awaken the faith of Catholics in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, such that they do not doubt that they receive the true Body and Blood of Christ when they receive Holy Communion. Whenever a Catholic receives Communion, the priest or minister of Communion holds up the host and says to the communicant, "The Body of Christ." The communicant is supposed to answer by saying, "Amen." That "Amen" is a declaration of faith, affirming that the communicant does in fact believe that they are receiving the true Body of Christ.

But what if they receive it without really believing that? Our senses tell us it is bread and wine – only faith can see the Real Presence of Christ.

St. Paul in the first letter to the Corinthians, after describing the Institution of the Eucharist by Jesus Himself at the Last Supper warns us: "Whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup unworthily will have to answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor 11:27-29)

This is why it is SO VERY IMPORTANT that in this time of Eucharistic Revival, we awaken our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist!

Your Pastor,

Msgr. Stephan Moloney

SCOUT POPCORN SALE!

Support the Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA of St. Andrew Parish by purchasing popcorn after Masses on September 16 & 17, and 23 & 24! Popcorn makes a great game-time snack or gift to give. Thank you for your support of the sale, which helps the boys attend summer camp and enjoy other enriching activities throughout the year!



PRAY AND PLAY IN SEPTEMBER

Join with other families after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays at the St. Andrew Playground. All parish families are invited! While you are welcome to stay and play any Sunday, we would like to invite specific groups on the following Sundays:

- September 17:** 3rd and 4th grade families
- September 24:** 5th and 6th grade families

For more information, contact Jen Wenzke at jwenzke@standrewparish.cc

CALLING KNITTERS & CROCHETERS:

You are invited to our upcoming meeting, **MONDAY, SEPT. 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall.** We have needleworkers of all levels, so bring your knitting needles (size 7 or 8) and crochet hooks (size G or H) and join the fun of socializing and being productive as we make things for those in need. We will provide easy patterns. If you'd like to learn more, call Marilyn at 614-315-7320.



TROOP 296 CAMPALOOZA SEPTEMBER 24 // 4:30PM-6:30PM

St. Andrew parking lot by the playground

Join the Scouts of St. Andrew Troop 296 to learn more about the scouting experience! Scouts will be demonstrating U.S. Flag etiquette, setting up a tent, starting a fire, first aid basics, campfire cooking, pocketknife safety, and knot tying. Students of all ages are welcome to attend and current involvement in scouting is not required.

Questions? Please contact Scoutmaster Jim Galvin at 614-397-8930 or powelloh@tutoringclub.com.

SUNDAY OFFERING

	SEPT. 3	YTD
ACTUAL	\$ 38,315	\$ 269,914
BUDGET	\$ 32,212	\$ 322,115
LAST YEAR	\$ 25,377	\$ 268,384

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 Conigly, tconigly@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-4290 ext. 6.



EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration, on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 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 will end with Compline (end of day prayers), followed by

Benediction at 8:45 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN WOSA MEMBERS FOR A SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: Women of St. Andrew (WoSA) members invite all to Eucharistic Exposition on **Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 8 to 9 p.m.** We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary followed at 8:45 p.m. with Compline and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Make time to be in Christ's presence and open yourself to the graces which flow from the Eucharist!

FORMED is a digital streaming service – available to St. Andrew parishioners free of charge – that provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. To register, visit www.FORMED.org, click on Sign Up (top right of page), enter NWWM42 (this is our parish access code). There is something for everyone: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kid's programming. Give it a try!



A CLOSER LOOK

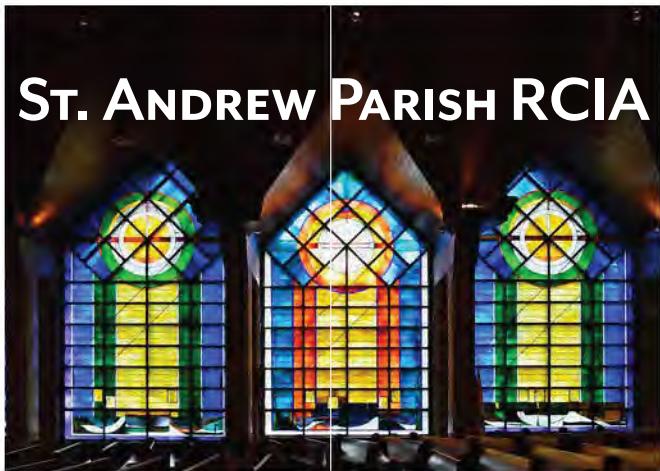
Christian Marriage, Remarriage, Divorce, and Annulment from a Catholic Perspective

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 // 7:00 PM // MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Join us for an informative discussion about the Sacrament of Marriage and the Catholic church's laws regarding marriage, divorce, remarriage, and annulments. Presented by Msgr. Moloney, pastor and canon lawyer, the program is especially helpful for those who want to validate a current marriage in the Catholic church or wish to remarry in the Catholic church. It's also helpful for those who want to learn more about Catholic marriage after a divorce.

For more information, contact **Emily Jaminet**, director of RCIA and Adult Faith Formation at ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.

St. Andrew Parish RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA* (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) at St. Andrew Parish offers you the unique opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith within our welcoming parish community. Consider making St. Andrew your spiritual home.

SCHEDULE:

Within the St. Andrew RCIA program, men and women at all stages of their faith journey come together in a non-threatening and welcoming atmosphere to learn more about the Catholic Church. The RCIA program includes weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. **The first meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 27.**

DISCOVER:

- Learn about the Catholic faith.
- Learn how to pray.
- Learn about the Holy Mass.
- Come to love the Sacraments.
- Grow in Christian fellowship.
- Discern God's will in your life.
- Experience initiation with fellow parishioners at the Easter Vigil.

We would love to have you join us in the journey of becoming Catholic. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Emily Jaminet, ejaminet@standrewparish.cc or call the Parish Office, 614-451-4290 ext. 10.

**Please note: RCIA will soon change to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).*

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THAT MAN IS YOU!

THAT MAN IS YOU: The Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires.

It's not too late to join! The program continues through mid-December. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast, followed by a presentation and group discussion at 7 a.m. Each session ends by 8 a.m.

For more information and to register, contact Colin Bellantis at 440-728-4166 or colinbellantis@gmail.com.

To learn more about THAT MAN IS YOU!, visit www.TMIY.org.

LAST CALL FOR RUNNERS AND WALKERS!

The Josephenum 4-Miler is Saturday, Sept. 30, and we're putting together a St. Andrew Parish team – NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. Join individually, as a family, or gather a group of friends. Whatever you prefer. If you are interested, contact Tony King, standrewtrackandfield@gmail.com.

We may schedule a few opportunities to prepare for the race. On the day of the event, we will meet up at specific location on the Josephinum campus before the race as well. If there is enough interest this year, we will grow the program next year. For additional information, about the event or to register, visit. m3ssports.com.

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ST. ANDREW PARISH MISSION

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2023

Featuring Dr. Edward Sri,
theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker.



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED!

All activities take place on Sunday evenings at the Bryce Eck Center unless otherwise noted.



UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST CALLED:

We will view and discuss "Real and True"
September 24, October 8, October 22

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL FIRST CALLED:

We will view and discuss "Search"
September 17, October 1, October 15, October 29

Our theme this year is friendship! Please join us to learn more about true friendship with Jesus.

For more information about FCYM and how to register, visit standrewparish.cc/youth-ministry/ or contact Maria Moore at 614-439-3571 (cell), 614-459-1402 (office), or mmoore@standrewparish.cc.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT ST. ANDREW

Wednesday, Oct. 11 // 6 p.m. // via ZOOM

For complete details and links to forms, visit www.standrewparish.cc and select the "Become a Volunteer" link on the homepage or contact Mary Beasecker, mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

**Register for a training
session at www.virtus.org**



To keep all of our activities safe for our youngest parishioners, all volunteers are asked to complete the following: **1)** a Volunteer Application; **2)** a PGC volunteer training session; **3)** a background check; **4)** the Volunteer Code of Conduct. Information about all of this can be found at www.standrewparish.cc.

ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PSR SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN! Classes are held on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. for grades K-7, and at 7:00 p.m. for Grade 8. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 614-451-2855 if you missed registration and would like to enroll in our Parish School of Religion.

Our theme this year: FRIENDSHIP! What does it really mean when Jesus says He is our FRIEND?

PARENTS OF THE PARISH WEDNESDAY NIGHT GROUP (NEW!): You asked and we listened! All St. Andrew Parish parents are welcome to this new discussion group on Wednesday evenings from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall. The purpose of this group is to build community among parents with a common interest in learning more about our Catholic faith. Discussions will be facilitated by DRE Tina White.

Upcoming parent group dates and topics include:
October 4, 11, 18: Presence
November 1, 15: Forgiven
November 29: The Faith Filled Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) has returned to the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Children ages 4-7 are invited to join Liz Meyers and CLOW Youth Leaders every Sunday during Mass. For more information, contact Liz Meyers, emeyers@standrewparish.cc or 614-451-2855.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 20, PSR Opening Liturgy:

Students will gather in their classrooms at 4:45 p.m., and parents may join us in the church at 5 p.m.

September 27, Confirmation Parent Meeting:

Parents will meet in the parish hall at EITHER 4:30 p.m. OR 6:00 p.m. (choose one).

October 25, First Communion Parent Meeting:

Parents will meet in the parish hall at EITHER 4:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (choose one).

For more information, contact Tina White at twhite@cdeducation.org or 614-451-2855.





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



Learn, Grow and Share at St. Andrew
**ENCOUNTER THE REALITY OF OUR
EUCHARISTIC LORD**

All parishioners are encouraged to join us for small group study sessions beginning Monday, Oct. 9. Focused on spiritual formation, the sessions include a video presentation followed by prayer and discussion within the small groups. Each session will last approximately two hours.

**Study sessions will be held in the parish hall on the following MONDAYS:
October 9, 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 13 and 20.**

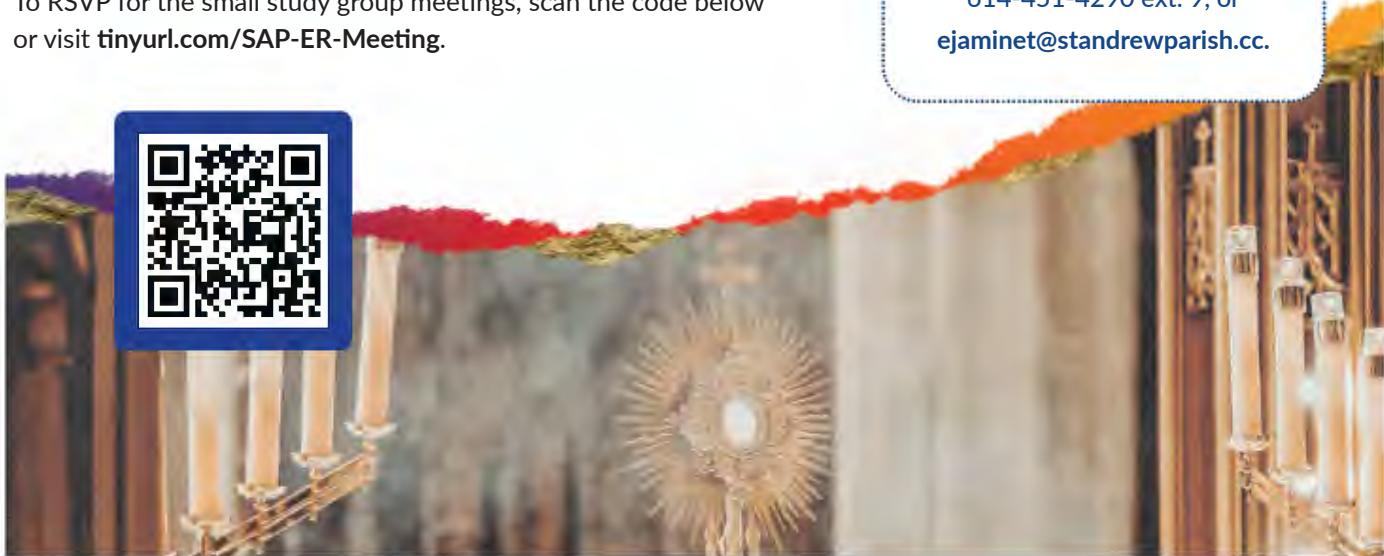
We hope to have a great turn out for the seven-week program, and lay the groundwork for the parish mission with Dr. Sri on December 6, 2023.

To RSVP for the small study group meetings, scan the code below or visit tinyurl.com/SAP-ER-Meeting.



**SAINT ANDREW
PARISH**

For more information about the National Eucharistic Revival and adult faith activities at St. Andrew Parish, contact Emily Jaminet, 614-451-4290 ext. 9, or ejaminet@standrewparish.cc.





SAINT MONICA BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

5:30-6:30 PM // PARISH HALL

Give up worry and turn to prayer with the Saint Monica Book Club! All are welcome to this once-a-month study. St. Monica represents persistent, unfailing prayer for fallen-away family members. The Saint Monica Club includes all devoted parents who have experienced the pain of a child leaving the Faith and have prayed ceaselessly for their return.

For more info and to RSVP, contact Amy Tague, at amyliss14@gmail.com.

MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP:

All men of the parish are welcome to join us on Friday mornings, from 7:00-8:00 a.m., in the Parish Office Lower Level Meeting Room as we study the Old testament Book of Isaiah!

We use study materials from theologian and author Scott Hahn. No homework or reading is required between meetings. For more information, contact John Schechter at 614-565-0824 or jschechter@sbcglobal.net.

LECTIO PETER: THE CORNERSTONE OF CATHOLICISM

Join us on Tuesday evenings for this informative and relevant video-based series. We meet each week through mid-November from 7:15-9:15 p.m., at the Bryce Eck Center.

The weekly Bible Study includes a short video followed by small group discussions. The study guide, leader guide and videos for this study are available (free) on FORMED. More information will be provided at the first evening. If you wish to purchase the optional study guide, visit ignatius.com/lectio-peter-leader-guide-5pelgp/.

If you have additional questions, please contact Kathy Miller at Kathy.Miller725@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

SAT, SEP 23: Vigil, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

Bob Chambers	EMHC - B1
Patricia Irsik	EMHC - B2
Mike Luckett	Lector - A
Tom Levenick	Lector - B
Drew Busch	Altar Server
Kaci Watson	Altar Server

SUN, SEP 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass

Mike Plahuta	EMHC - B1
Deb McEllistrem	EMHC - B2
Ann Pratt	Lector - A
Cathy Covarrubias	Lector - B
Trevor Ezell	Altar Server
Myles Ezell	Altar Server

9:15 AM Mass

Jane Dickson	EMHC - B1
Bob McFadden	EMHC - B2
Dave Shiddenhelm	EMHC - B CHOIR
David Tague	Lector - A
Jim Macklin	Lector - B
A.J. Chatlos	Altar Server
Nate Chatlos	Altar Server

11:00 AM Mass

Mike Koehler	EMHC - B1
Stephanie Stephenson	EMHC - B2
Wini Chuidian	Lector - A
Cecile Jalandoni-Chuidian	Lector - B
Vivian Templeman	Altar Server
Kolbe Krzeczkowski	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 the Parish Office, 614-451-4290.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Send requests no later than Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following weekend. Include a brief description, date, time, location and contact name and send to bulletin@standrewparish.cc. Bulletin requests may be edited for clarity or space.

ePOST WEEKLY EMAIL: To subscribe, contact Mary Beasecker, mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc. The ePost includes information about upcoming events and activities within the parish. To submit information, please email to Mary before Noon on Mondays. ePOST submissions may be edited for clarity or space.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. CHARLES HOLDING WOMEN'S AUDITIONS FOR FALL PRODUCTION, *INSPECTING CAROL*: The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women's auditions for its fall production, *Inspecting Carol*, by Daniel Sullivan, Tuesday, Sept. 19, and Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 E. Broad Street. (You need only attend one of the two days). Auditions are open to all high school women in Central Ohio. Rehearsals for *Inspecting Carol* will begin Monday, Sept. 25, at 4:00 p.m. Production dates: November 16-19, 2023. For additional information, email Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

2023 PDHC GALA DINNER, SEPT. 21: We invite you to join with us to celebrate 42 years of rescuing lives and impacting generations at our annual Gala on September 21 in Columbus. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and program begins at 7 p.m. Special guest speaker is Scott Klusendorf. Event takes place at the Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Road in Columbus. Our theme is "For Such a Time as This." Always free to attend, the Gala is a great time to learn more about Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, our pro-life community and the current state of events. Register at <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org/>.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS will hold its **Annual Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m., at Mozart's**, 4784 N. High Street. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$20 for children. In addition to a delicious lunch, there will be a silent auction and raffle. For more information and tickets, contact Sue Wilson at columbusohmain@birthright.org or 614-313-5150. Thank you for your continued support of Birthright of Columbus!

ODU TO HOST FALL LECTURE SERIES EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 28: Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will host the second of four lectures focusing on the university's theme for the 2023-2024 academic year: *truths we have learned*. ODU Associate Professor of Education Dr. Marlissa Stauffer will present "Considering How Changing Ideas on Truth Impact Students" at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28. The free event is open to the public and will take place in Sansbury Hall in the Colonial Room located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219.

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY TO HOST PREVIEW DAY ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25: All high school students are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's Preview Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25. The free event will take place on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. Students will have a chance to tour campus, explore majors, and learn about ODU's Honors and Early Admission programs. Register today at ohiodominican.edu/Preview.

Catholics across Ohio are praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena for the defeat of Issue 1. This week the Joyful Mysteries will be prayed each day.



Join us in prayer for the defeat of Issue 1.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here → or at www.pray54ohio.org



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a **one-day bus trip to Louisville, Kentucky, for the Notre Dame vs. Louisville football game on Saturday, Oct. 7**. Cost is \$239 per person which includes: bus, ticket, sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks. Children accompanied by parent are welcome. Only 50 spots available.

In addition, St. Mary Magdalene is also sponsoring a **Cleveland Browns vs. Indianapolis Colts one-day bus trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, Sunday, Oct. 22**. Cost for this trip is approximately \$195 per person and includes all the same amenities as the other bus trip. Only 37 spots available.

If you are interested in one or both of these trips, contact Julius Palazzo at. Jmpalazzo@juno.com or 614-946-5729.

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The Mass

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

Part 4: Entrance Hymn/Antiphon

Now that we have reminded ourselves of our Baptism (holy water), given reverence to Jesus present in the tabernacle (genuflection), and quietly said our prayers of preparation, we are ready to stand for the Introductory Rites. For most parishes, these rites will begin with a hymn or the Entrance Antiphon.

There is no doubt that everyone has their “special way” of singing during the Mass. Some really belt out the song, whether they have a pleasant voice or not. Some lightly mumble the words so that even if they had a microphone, you could barely hear them. Some seemingly know the songs so well that they don’t even open the books! Some must have such a deep interior connection with God that they don’t even sing out loud—just in their hearts!

Let us pray

Why do we sing? Looking back in our history and to the Jewish roots of our liturgy, we see that music and singing is an important part of our prayer together. Singing is one of the most fitting praises for God, since it involves the body and soul even more than speaking. (Singing is a lot more work than speaking!) When we sing, we use our whole beings to praise God. The General Instruction for the Roman Missal explains the importance of singing:

“The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord’s coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing

is for one who loves,' and there is also the ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'" (GIRM, no. 39).

Given these admonitions, "Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass" (GIRM, no. 40).

At the beginning of Mass, the most common options for the "Entrance Chant" are an Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon. The purpose of singing at this time is "to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers" (GIRM, no. 47). The Entrance Hymn or Antiphon helps us to "get into" what we are about to do; it helps us set aside everything else that is going on in our lives and helps us to prepare our hearts to praise God and participate in the Mass. This singing especially reminds us that we are a community, because it is the first act that we all do together at the Mass.

"Be not afraid!"

I often hear individuals say, "I feel self-conscious because my voice is terrible!" To quote our Lord, Pope St. John Paul II, and many others: "Be not afraid!" God gave you the voice you have, and in singing praise to him, you are offering the gifts (or lack thereof) that he gave you. So, pick up that hymnal and join the song!

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on your participation at Mass as an opportunity to fulfill the exhortation of Psalm 96: "Sing to the LORD a new song;/ sing to the LORD, all the earth./ Sing to the LORD, bless his name;/ proclaim his salvation day after day." (Ps. 96:1-2)
2. Both the Old and New Testament offer many examples of individuals responding in songs, or "Canticles," to God's saving action, such as Moses and Miriam (Ex. 15:1-21), Moses (Dt. 32:1-44), Hannah (1 Sm. 2:1-10), David (1 Chr. 29:10-13), Tobit (Tb. 13:1-8), Judith (Jdt. 16:13-17), Sirach (Sir. 1:1-13), Isaiah (Is 20:1-6; 45:15-25), Jeremiah (Jer. 31:10-14), Daniel (Dn. 3:52-88), Habakkuk (Hab. 3:2-19), Zechariah (Lk. 1:68-79), the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:46-55), and Simeon (Lk. 2:29-32). Take time to meditate on a scriptural Canticle and see how God moves you to respond.



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