

HE IS Risen

EASTER 2025



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Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

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www.saseasschool.org

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school.stveronica.org

Vision

St. Mary Magdalene Family of Parishes
will celebrate Christ in the Eucharist, form
joyful disciples, and evangelize others
through loving service and acts of kindness.

WELCOME

Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family – Saint Andrew, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Veronica. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish family, please contact the parish office or visit www.saintmarymagdalene.org.

POINTS TO PONDER

We continue our fifty-day celebration of the Easter Season, which culminates on Pentecost Sunday on June 8 (*penta*, meaning *fifty* in Greek). This week, I have been considering how we encounter Christ in the Sacraments because we have been celebrating so many milestones in people's lives through the celebration of Sacraments in our parishes.

Biblical Theologian Gerhard Lohfink has a wonderful quotation that I think may be worth your reflection as we continue to walk with those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil, the infant baptisms that we regularly celebrate on Sundays, the First Communicants in our Family, those people whom we anoint for healing, the funerals that regularly celebrate with our families, the Sacrament of Penance by which people are set free and, of course, the Sunday Eucharist that defines us as Catholics. Consider this:

"In baptism, Christians have died with Christ and been raised to the communion of the saints. The real 'location' of present eschatology is in the sacraments. Every baptism immerses someone in the fate of Christ and the communion of believers. Every reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation means placing oneself even now before the Last Judgment, and in that judgment, through the mercy of God, being set free. Every reception of the Eucharist is participation in Jesus' Last Supper, and the bread that is broken and eaten is a participation in His death, the breaking of His life, His self-surrender. At the same time, the eucharistic meal is the beginning of the eternal wedding feast with God." (*Is This All There Is?: Resurrection and Eternal Life*, Liturgical Press, 2017, p. 253)

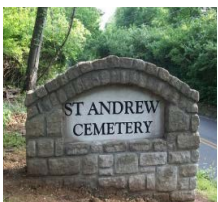
In short, you and I die with Christ each and every day as we live our lives in faith – what we call the Paschal Mystery. In this, we live the *eschatology* (a word that we use meaning our own death, judgment and final place in eternity) even here on earth, in that every moment of our life is preparation for what we will experience for all eternity.

This is why we need the Sacraments. This is why we need one another on the journey. This is why for fifty days we sing our full-throated "Alleluias." This is why we are people of hope.



Fr. Del Staigers

ST. ANDREW CEMETERY



St. Andrew owns a beautiful cemetery on South Milford Road. Originally, it was donated to St. Andrew in 1865 from the Laudeman family. To purchase lots or niches, please contact Jon Soellner, Business Manager, at 513-831-3353.

CLEANING OUT CLOSETS?

Seton's Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing (infants through teens) for our upcoming Clothing Giveaway, which is on Saturday, July 19th. We also accept toys, books, and small household items. If you have donations or questions, please call/text Jeanne Wahl at 513-503-1475 or Patti Baechtold at 513-675-3456. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Key: (A): St. Andrew, (S) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (V) St. Veronica

Monday, May 12

8:00 a.m. (S) Special Intentions of Pete and Kathy Loveless
7:30 a.m. (V) John Iacobucci †

Tuesday, May 13

7:30 a.m. (A) Thomas & Kathy Costello †
7:30 a.m. (V) Barney Lammert †

Wednesday, May 14

8:45 a.m. (S) Alvin H. Janson, Jr. †
12:00 p.m. (S) Norma Huff & Family †
9:00 a.m. (V) Neal Berter †

Thursday, May 15

12:00 p.m. (A) Mary Helen Petry †
12:00 p.m. (V) Cathy Gerbus †

Friday, May 16

8:00 a.m. (S) Leslie Case †

Saturday, May 17

7:30 a.m. (A) Jim Cafferky †
5:15 p.m. (A) People of our Parish
5:00 p.m. (S) Vincent Polimeni †
4:00 p.m. (V) Ruth Crooker †

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. (A) Fr. Chris Worland Anniversary
11:00 a.m. (A) Fr. Cordier Anniversary
8:00 a.m. (S) Mary Jane Ollendick †
10:00 a.m. (S) People of our Parish
8:00 a.m. (V) People of our Parish
9:30 a.m. (V) Mary Holthaus †
11:30 a.m. (V) Brendan Snyder †

† – Deceased

***Correction for May 5 and 11 should have read Intentions of Michael Cronin.*

Raffle Donations Requested!

Are you an artist or crafter that could donate an item? Are you a small business looking for exposure that could donate? Could you donate a themed basket? Do you have a valuable item that you'd be willing to donate? All of these things will help make the raffle better than ever! We hope you can help!

Thank you!

Contact Megan Walsh to donate:
513-827-8200 or meganmeow613@yahoo.com



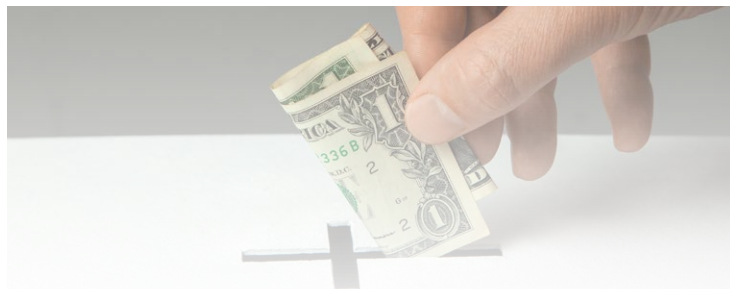
All proceeds benefit our school!



Sun | May 18 | 11:30am

HICKORY WOODS GOLF COURSE

**Register Online &
View Sponsorship Opportunities
at saseasschool.org/saseas-golf-classic**



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for May 4, 2025

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

St. Andrew

Weekly Collection Total \$ 10,125.00
Weekly Collection EFT \$4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget \$15,000.00
Weekly Total \$14,125.00

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Weekly Collection Total \$10,441.25
Weekly Collection EFT \$3,791.00
Weekly Collection Budget \$15,000.00
Weekly Total \$14,232.25

St. Veronica

Weekly Collection Total \$8,600.00
Weekly Collection EFT \$8,239.00
Weekly Collection Budget \$17,500.00
Weekly Total \$16,909.00



OH, NOW I GET IT!

By Fr. Jeff Kemper

What in the world are next Sunday's readings about?

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts: 14:21-27 THAT CITY: Derbe. This is the story of that later part of Paul's and Barnabas' first missionary endeavor, often returning to local churches they had established, encouraging them while they suffered for the faith and establishing structures and ministers for them from among the local people. **PRAYER AND FASTING:** These elders received Holy Orders. At Antioch, Paul and Barnabas announced that God had revealed that Gentiles, too, were to be baptized.

Rev 21:1-5 In this vision, John sees the eternal Kingdom of God after creation as we know it has passed away. **HEAVEN AND EARTH:** The whole of everything created. **SEA WAS NO MORE:** The sea was seen as the home of evil forces. **NEW JERUSALEM:** The Church at the end of time. **COMING...GOD:** In the Jewish mindset, God was in heaven. **BRIDE:** The Church purified through the end of time suffering is the spotless bride of Christ. **GOD'S...HUMAN RACE:** God will dwell with all saved humanity in a way that humans can "see." **ONE WHO... NEW:** Jesus completes the work renewing all creation which was begun by this Paschal Mystery, His dying and rising.

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 Judas departs to betray Jesus, which Jesus sees as the immediate beginning of His glorification, that is not simply His Resurrection from the dead, but the glory that comes through Jesus' Paschal Mystery. Both the Father and the Son are glorified in the love that they show the world and the victory over sin and death for our salvation. While earthly eyes will see only the gruesome torture and execution of Jesus and the apparent failure of His mission, heavenly eyes will see the victory of love. **NEW COMMANDMENT:** The command to love was found in the Old Testament, but it is new in so far as it is now to be the universal love Jesus acts out in His dying and rising in which even the enemies of God now have access to salvation. **MY DISCIPLES...ANOTHER:** The credibility of the Gospel will be found in the practice of the divine love which the disciple show among members of the Church [and to those outside the Church to whom they preach].

Question of the Week: May 18, 2025, 5th Sunday of Easter – John 13:31-33a,34-35

Jesus says we are recognized as His disciples by how well we love one another. Which issues in your life are calling for an extra outpouring of love and charity?



Join us for Mass on Memorial Day

Monday, May 26 at 9:00AM
St. Veronica Church

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

Baptism Class

for parents who would like their children
under the age of 7 to be Baptized

Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the
Parish Office Conference Room

To Enroll, go to:
saintmarymagdalene.org/baptism
and select a Baptism class at the bottom



Annual Memorial Day Field Mass

Monday, May 26th
10:30 a.m. Memorial Day Presentation
11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Mass
with Archbishop Robert G. Casey, Celebrant
12:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary in Section 28, Veterans Garden

Join us for this day of remembrance and prayer on the sacred ground of Gate of Heaven Cemetery. We will gather at the Priest Mound for the Memorial Day Presentation and the Annual Memorial Day Field Mass.

Our remembrance gathering expresses our faith in Christ's resurrection, our gratitude for those who served and died for our country, and for all our loved ones and friends interred on this sacred ground.

Transportation will be provided from parking areas to the Priest Mound for those who need assistance. Please bring your folding chairs.

There will be light refreshments after Mass for all.

In case of rain, the Mass will move to Good Shepherd Parish at 8815 East Kemper Rd.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Patriotic Rosary at 12:30 p.m. in the Veterans Garden, Section 28. All are invited. Please join us!

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Gate of Heaven Cemetery Resurrection Society Marian Hour

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR ALL DECEASED PRIESTS

Saturday, May 31 at 3:00 P.M.
11000 Montgomery Rd.

*Honoring Life on Sacred Ground
 Christ Yesterday, Today and Always*
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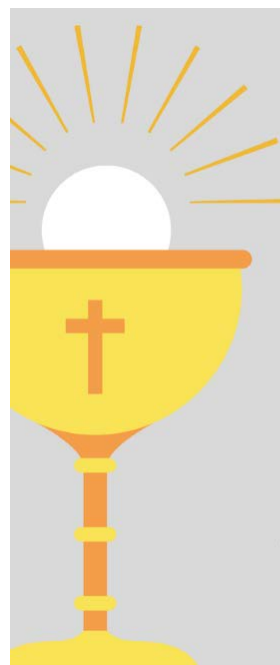
Can you knit or crochet? Consider making prayer shawls on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Veronica!

Upcoming dates: May 13
 in the Parish Ministry Center from 1-2:30pm

Join others in fellowship while we create prayer shawls to comfort those who are struggling.



Monday, May 19th
 St. Andrew Parish Office
 10:30am



Please pray for our 2nd grade students as they receive their

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 17th & 18th
 at St. Veronica Church

INFORMATION CENTER



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew

Saturday: 5:15 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

St. Veronica

Saturday: 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Thursday: 12:00 p.m.,
Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday: 8:45 a.m.
(August-May when school is in session), 12:00 p.m.

St. Veronica

Monday & Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.
(only when school is not in session), 9:00 a.m. (August-May when school is in session), Thursday: 12:00 p.m.,
First Friday of the month only: 7:30 a.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Andrew: Saturday, 4:15 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 3:30 p.m.

St. Veronica: 2:30 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Andrew: First Tuesday of the month, after 7:30 a.m.
Mass until Noon.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Fridays after 8:00 a.m. Mass
until 1:00 p.m. and the first Friday of the month,
6:00 p.m.-Midnight

St. Veronica: First Wednesday of the month,
1:00-5:00 p.m.

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Save these dates for
our festivals!

St. Veronica:
June 27-29, 2025

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
August 15-17, 2025

JOIN US FOR FUN AND
FESTIVITIES THIS SUMMER!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

*Know that the LORD is GOD,
he made us, we belong to him,
we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.
- Psalm 100:3*



SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON

Saint of the Day: May 17

Patron Saint of Shepherds

In Paschal's lifetime the Spanish empire in the New World was at the height of its power, though France and England were soon to reduce its influence. The 16th century has been called the Golden Age of the Church in Spain, for it gave birth to Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, Francis Solano, and Salvator of Horta.

Paschal's Spanish parents were poor and pious. Between the ages of seven and 24 he worked as a shepherd and began a life of mortification. He was able to pray on the job and was especially attentive to the church bell, which rang at the Elevation during Mass. Paschal had a very honest streak in him. He once offered to pay owners of crops for any damage his animals caused!

In 1564, Paschal joined the Friars Minor and gave himself wholeheartedly to a life of penance. Though he was urged to study for the priesthood, he chose to be a brother. At various times he served as porter, cook, gardener, and official beggar.

Paschal was careful to observe the vow of poverty. He would never waste any food or anything given for the use of the friars. When he was porter and took care of the poor coming to the door, he developed a reputation for great generosity. The friars sometimes tried to moderate his liberality!

Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. People flocked to his tomb immediately after his burial; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690 and was named patron of eucharistic congresses and societies in 1897.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament occupied much of Saint Francis' energy. Most of his letters were to promote devotion to the Eucharist. Paschal shared that concern. An hour in prayer before our Lord in the Eucharist could teach all of us a great deal.

Read the full article: "Saint Paschal Baylon" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-paschal-baylon/> (Accessed April 29, 2025).