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# 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](http://www.saintmarymagdalene.org).

## POINTS TO PONDER

“As you grow older, you will discover that the most important things that will happen to you will often come as a result of silly things, as you call them — ‘ordinary things’ is a better expression. That is the way the world is,” wrote the rabbi and novelist, Chaim Potok.

With that in mind, I’d like to highlight a few “ordinary things” that are, in fact, essential to our shared life in the St. Mary Magdalene Family.

### 1. OCIA: A Pathway into Our Life of Faith

Within our parish family, we offer a year-round OCIA process — the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as RCIA, where “Rite” has now become “Order” — there’s a long explanation, but we’ll save that for another time). This isn’t simply a series of classes for those who want to be baptized. Rather, it is a full immersion into the Catholic way of life — an introduction not just to doctrine, but to a living relationship with Christ and His Church. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please contact Elizabeth Otte. This is the ordinary way that adults become Catholic — and a beautiful journey it is.

### 2. Faith and Politics: A Needed Distinction

I’ve noticed that some Catholics grow uneasy when it seems like the Church is “getting political.” It’s important to remember: the Church has no place in partisan politics. But what is often mistaken for politics is, in fact, the Church’s moral teaching — teachings that are universal, not local or agenda-driven.

The Church has the responsibility to form and inform the moral conscience of its members, and to speak truth into the world — not the other way around. Before assuming a political bias, it’s worth pausing to ask: What is the Church actually teaching here? Often, you’ll find it’s not politics — it’s the Gospel.

### 3. School and Sunday Worship

Our parish schools open next week, and with them come the joy and energy of new beginnings — students, families, and staff filling our campuses with life and purpose. Many of our parishioners make real sacrifices so that our children can receive a Catholic education. But we must remember: The heart of every parish is not its school, but the celebration of the Eucharist. Our schools support the mission of evangelization, but they don’t replace it.

To our school families: Sending your children to Catholic school does not fulfill your Sunday obligation. Your primary commitment is to worship — to be present at weekend Mass with your children. Sports, busy schedules, or even good intentions are not substitutes for the Eucharist. There is no Catholic education without the celebration of the Eucharist.

These may seem like “ordinary” things — a process of initiation, a distinction between moral teaching and politics, a reminder to attend Mass — but as Potok reminds us, it is often through the ordinary that the most important things happen.

Let’s not miss the grace in what seems routine.



*Fr. Del Staigers*

## GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM

A new 6-week St. Mary Magdalene faith-based Grief Support Program will begin on Wednesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Office Conference Room with meetings every other week. The program is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. If you or someone you know is dealing with grief, this is an opportunity to begin the healing process and learn how to move forward. Studies indicate that working through your grief with others is helpful in the healing process. For more information, contact Judy Hoffman at 513-831-0587, Carol Glaser at 513-295-5829, or Ruth Brothers at 513-312-0850.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## Monday, August 11

- 8:00 a.m. (S) Marilyn Schockman †
- 7:30 a.m. (V) Norman & Estelle Scott

## Tuesday, August 12

- 7:30 a.m. (A) Jake Geiman †
- 7:30 a.m. (V) Teresa Staigers/Gilbert Waymeyer †

## Wednesday, August 13

- 12:00 p.m. (S) Nancy Simmons †
- 7:30 a.m. (V) Bethsabe Rios-Castro †

## Thursday, August 14

- 12:00 p.m. (A) Erin Abbot †
- 12:00 p.m. (V) Brendan Snyder †

## Friday, August 15

- 6:00 p.m. (A) People of our Parish
- 12:00 p.m. (S) People of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. (V) People of our Parish

## Saturday, August 16

- 7:30 a.m. (A) Tom Germann †
- 5:15 p.m. (A) Celeste Riehle †
- 5:00 p.m. (S) Philip & Leora Fanell †
- 4:00 p.m. (V) Katie Nienaber †/ People of our Parish

## Sunday, August 17

- 9:00 a.m. (A) Jim Cafferky †
- 11:00 a.m. (A) People of our Parish
- 8:00 a.m. (S) People of our Parish
- 10:00 a.m. (S) Nancy Simmons †
- 8:00 a.m. (V) Meghan & Dawson Davis †
- 9:30 a.m. (V) Maryann Iacobucci †
- 11:30 a.m. (V) Emma Grace Gibson †

† – Deceased

## ST. VERONICA SENIOR MEETING

The August Meeting of the St. Veronica Seniors is on Thursday, August 14, 2025. As usual, we start with social time of donuts and drinks at about 12:00 p.m. Our meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Bingo to follow. Come join old friends and make new friends. We are a casual and friendly group. All St Mary Magdalene Family are invited and welcome.

We will be starting signups for a trip to LaComedia for the Christmas musical of *Scrooge* on Friday, November 21, 2025. We are limited to the first 55 paid reservations. For additional info, contact Ben Buerger at 513-315-0205 or 6491ben@gmail.com.

# Feast of the Assumption

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS!

St. Veronica: 7:30am  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: noon  
 St. Andrew: 6:00pm

\*\*There will not be Eucharistic Exposition at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for August 3, 2025

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

#### **St. Andrew**

Weekly Collection Total .....	\$ 9,687.00
Weekly Collection EFT .....	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Total .....	\$ 13,687.00

#### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Weekly Collection Total .....	\$ 12,074.00
Weekly Collection EFT .....	\$ 3,791.00
Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Total .....	\$ 15,865.00

#### **St. Veronica**

Weekly Collection Total .....	\$ 19,358.00
Weekly Collection EFT .....	\$ 8,239.00
Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$ 17,500.00
Weekly Total .....	\$ 27,597.00

# OH, NOW I GET IT!

By Fr. Jeff Kemper

*Insights into the readings for next week!*

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Jer 38:4-6, 8-10** Near the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians, Jeremiah was persecuted by the ruling class because of his fidelity to his prophetic mission. Zedekiah, a weak king, handed him over to the princes. **THREW...CISTERN:** To die in misery by starvation.

Jeremiah is rescued by a court official sympathetic to his cause. **CUSHITE:** From Ethiopia.


**Heb 12:1-4** One of the themes of the Letter to the Hebrews is to endure the suffering that comes with following Christ. **CLOUD OF WITNESSES:** A multitude of examples of endurance and fidelity to God from the Old Testament and contemporary Christians. Using the metaphor of a race, they will win if they rid themselves of the burden of sin which weighs them down, and if they keep their eyes on the prize which motivates and serves as an example, Christ Himself. He endured much more than anyone because He kept the joy of victory in the forefront of His mind during his Passion. With this in mind, they will be able to bear their suffering and come to share in Christ's victory.

**Lk 12:49-53** Jesus is speaking of the purpose of His mission and the cost to Him of carrying it out. **SET... FIRE:** Fire is an Old Testament symbol of purification (i.e., fire-tried gold). **I WISH...BLAZING:** It will be Pentecost when the Spirit comes in tongues of fire. **BAPTISM...BAPTIZED:** The Greek meaning of the word is to be immersed. Jesus speaks of his Passion as an immersion into His suffering. **ANGUISH:** The dread of the suffering to come; however, it will bring redemption. **DO YOU...EARTH?** Jesus' death and resurrection will not bring a "happily ever after" storybook peace, but one that reaches fulfillment in heaven through the endurance of suffering. He realizes that those who follow Him will pay a price for their faith, even being disowned and disinherited by family. Jesus is not calling people to intentionally fight, but to be prepared for the loss of cherished relationships because they follow Him.

### Question of the Week:

August 17, 2025, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 12:49-53

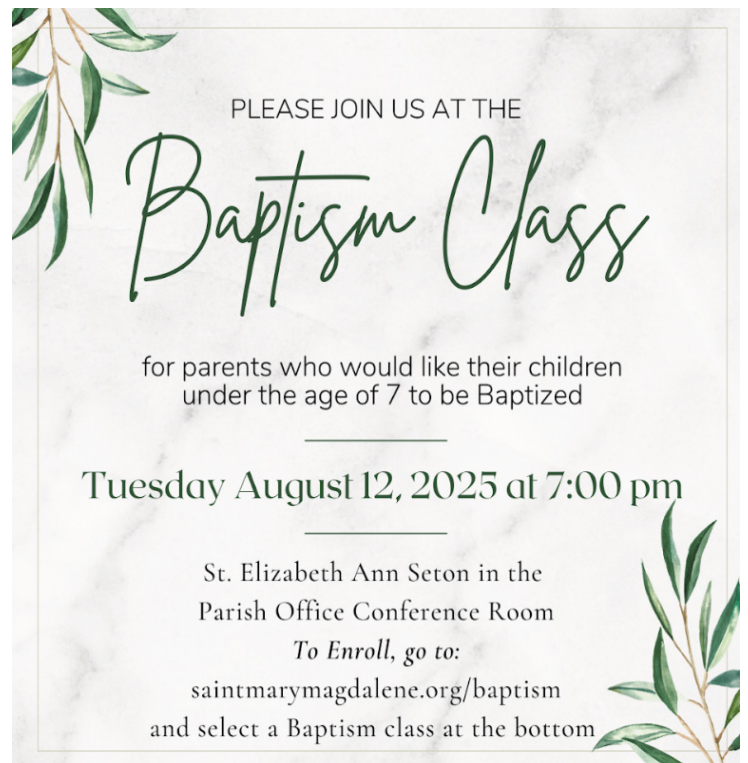
Where has standing up for your beliefs led to conflict?



True Devotion to Mary  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School  
\*please enter through the doors  
closest to the church.

August 19th  
6:30-8:30pm

Questions?  
Contact Eileen  
513-324-5889 or  
epdevcreux@hotmail.com



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

# Baptism Class

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

Tuesday August 12, 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

## SETON FESTIVAL DONATIONS



We are still in need of many items. Donations will be accepted anytime now until Festival. If you are unable to drop off at the church, please email [kpickett@saintmarymagdalene.org](mailto:kpickett@saintmarymagdalene.org) to arrange pickup. We appreciate all the donations we have received.

Please also consider signing up to work a shift or two!!! It is really a great way to get to meet and know some truly amazing parishioners that we have at Saint Mary Magdalene. Scan the QR code or go to the parish website. If you need help, please email [kpickett@saintmarymagdalene.org](mailto:kpickett@saintmarymagdalene.org). Looking for New or Gently used items for our Bid and Buy Booth. Please call Sue Lang if you have anything to donate. 513-312-8137.



### Some Bid and Buy sneak peaks.....

- Dale Robertson Jewelry Certificates – Value \$250.00
- O'Bannon Golf for 4 – Value \$400.00
- 7-day stay in the Smokey Mountains, August 30-September 7 – Value over \$1,300.00
- Lots of Squishmellows
- Wine Cooler



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

*Festival*

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

\*New this year\* - be sure to check the tabs at the top of the sign-up for the different volunteer areas (food, midway, kids, etc).



### Did you hear? It's about time for Choir!

All St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family choirs are welcoming new and former members. Mark your calendars for practice dates below:

-August 20th: **St. Andrew, Elizabeth Ann Seton Adult Choir** & **St. Veronica Choir** rehearsals begin

-September 13th: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's 3rd-8th grade Children's Choir** starts at 3:30pm for 5 pm Mass

Please contact the Music Directors for more information.

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 St. Veronica, Paul Bresciani: [pbresciani@saintmarymagdalene.org](mailto:pbresciani@saintmarymagdalene.org)

## Grief Support Group

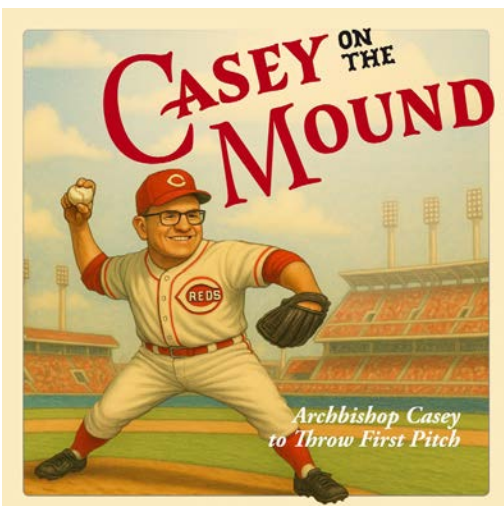
### Navigating the Death of a Spouse

St. Veronica Welcome Center  
 Second Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

August 13, 2025  
 @ 6:30 pm

You're suddenly single...  
 Now what do you do?  
 We understand what you're going through.

Questions? Contact Carol,  
[cglaser@saintmarymagdalene.org](mailto:cglaser@saintmarymagdalene.org)



Archbishop Casey throws out the ceremonial first pitch before the Cincinnati Reds home game versus the St. Louis Cardinals on **Saturday, August 30 at Great American Ballpark**. Archbishop Casey's pitch will be around **6:25 p.m.** prior to the game, which begins at **6:40 p.m.**

The first pitch will be part of a **special night at Great American Ballpark** with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In addition to Archbishop Casey's participation, the evening will include a celebration at the beginning of the new academic year of the Catholic schools across our archdiocese. Catholic school principals from all 87 grade schools and 24 high schools will be invited onto the field around **6:20 p.m.** to be recognized before the game. Join us at the ballpark by purchasing discounted tickets for the August 30 game through Reds ticketing at the following link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati2>. For each discounted ticket purchased through this website, **\$5.00 will be donated to the Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.**

# 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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## Outreach Racetrack Ministry

HELP US TO PROVIDE DINNER AND MINISTRY TO THE BARN WORKERS AT BELTERRA RACE TRACK!

**August 19, 2025**

THROUGHOUT HORSE RACING SEASON, DIFFERENT CHURCHES TAKE TURNS PROVIDING DINNER TO THE BARN WORKERS WHO ARE OFTEN MIGRANT WORKERS WITHOUT RELIABLE ACCESS TO FOOD OR MEALS. AFTER DINNER, VOLUNTEERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP WITH THE CHAPLAIN AND THE WORKERS.



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



Monday, August 18th  
St. Andrew Parish Office  
10:30am

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

*May your kindness, O Lord,  
be upon us who have put  
our hope in you.*

— Psalm 33:22

### SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

*Saint of the Day: August 14*

*Patron Saint of Addicts, Recovery from drug addiction*

Maximilian Mary Kolbe entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv at 16 and became a novice.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations. A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one." As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest." No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Read the full article: "Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-maximilian-mary-kolbe/> (Accessed July 22, 2025).

