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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.

POINTS TO PONDER

Since many people travel during the summer, I am repeating my column from August 10, so that everybody has the opportunity to have this important information.

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 this 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.

A huge **THANK-YOU** to Tom and Kim Pickett for chairing the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Festival. It is a huge responsibility to organize this important fundraiser and community event. Thanks, also, to all booth chairs, volunteers and anybody who helped with set up, teardown. Of course, a festival is reliant on great parishioners who selflessly step up to oversee booths, work behind the scenes in manifold ways, and come to be present to spread such positive energy. As you know, it takes some time to get the financial results of the Festival. But it is safe to say that all three days were filled with happy people having fun. That’s is the most important part of a parish festival. Thank you, everybody.



Fr. Del Staigers



A move away doesn’t have to mean staying away. Ask someone why they are disconnected with the church, and the answer is often simple: “I moved.” Or “We never really settled into a new parish.” Chances are, you know someone who has gone through a major life change that derailed their routine. You could be the connection they’ve been waiting for. Together

Sunday is coming up on September 14. Start a conversation. Share how much being part of this community matters to you. Then invite them to come with you. Because the Church is meant to be our home together.

OH, NOW I GET IT!

By Fr. Jeff Kemper

Insights into the readings for next week.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 MY CHILD: A term of endearment, regardless of age. **HUMBLE... GOD:** The greater our talents and abilities, the more we must recognize that all comes from God for service to others. **SUBLIME...NOT:** Do not think you have all the answers.

MIND...WISE: Proverbs are one of the ways to know the will of God. **ATTENTIVE EAR:** Listening to know the truth and will of God. **WATER... SINS:** Just as water quenches fire, so do alms bring us forgiveness and keep us from the fires of hell.

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a APPROACHED...THEM: The encounter of the Israelites with God at Mt. Sinai, one of terror and fear. In contrast, Christians encounter God in the context of Mt. Zion, the heavenly place of victory of divine love and confidence in it. While they are not completely in Mt. Zion, they already share its graces, which enable them to endure the sufferings of following Christ. **ASSEMBLY:** All the faithful who have died. **FIRSTBORN:** Christ and His followers. **JUST...PERFECT:** Saved by Christ. **SPRINKLED...ABEL:** Christ's Blood calls out for divine mercy even more than Abel's called out for justice.

Lk 14: 1,7-14 SABBATH...CAREFULLY: Jesus is invited that the Pharisees might catch him in a violation of Sabbath law. **CHOOSING...TABLE:** In the Mediterranean culture of the time, being held in honor and seen in places of honor was a chief value. **WHEN...HONOR:** On one level, Jesus is speaking of social etiquette, but on another, of a new value, a new virtue, for living: humility. Often, we see the parable play out in life, but it will definitely play out in heaven, where the meek, the humble of heart, will inherit the land (Mt 5: 5). **WHEN...DINNER:** The wealthy in Jesus' day entertained peers or higher-ups, in order that they might be repaid with an invitation to dinner. **INVITE...REPAY YOU:** Living in humility means reaching out to those who will not boost one social standing, but to those who are held in esteem in God's eyes, those mentioned in this verse. **RIGHTEOUS:** Those who care for the anawim (the helpless poor who rely on God for sustenance).

Question of the Week:

August 31, 2025, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 14:1, 7-14

SIMPLY SENIORS

As the leaves begin to change color and cooler weather prevails (we hope), mark your calendars for the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family Seniors Oktoberfest gathering on Friday, September 12 in the St. Andrew Church Hall (basement). The chair lift, which is closer to the Rectory, is available for those unable to do steps. Our special presentation, "Do Not Call," by our parishioner Sharon Bohlen, will focus on how to avoid pesty calls from telemarketing and will highlight our afternoon. We will begin the afternoon arriving at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at 12 Noon, with a German-themed lunch (hot dogs, metts, brats, potato salad, etc.). Come dressed in your favorite German attire, even if you are not German. It will be fun to see all the different fashions. Please RSVP to Marti Kleinfelter, marthakleinfelter@gmail.com, 513-404-8172 or Sue Burroughs, sueburroughs1944@gmail.com, 513-877-2153 by Monday, September 8. Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with fellow parishioners and learn valuable information.

Join our 6-week faith-based grief support program.

Starting **Wednesday, September 17**, this program will offer a supportive and faith-based environment for those facing a loss.

September 17 What is Grief?
 October 1 The Grief Process
 October 15 Hope During Loss
 October 29 Healing After Loss
 November 5 Taking One Step Forward
 November 19 Lessons Learned from Grief

Wednesdays from 10:00am-12:00pm in the St. Andrew office conference room.

For more information, contact Judy Hoffman at 513-831-0587,
 Carol Glaser at 513-295-5829, Ruth Brothers at 513-312-0850
 or the parish office at 513-831-3353.



St. Mary Magdalene Family has been Scrooged

Join your friends at LaComedia Dinner Theatre for a matinee performance of *Scrooge: The Musical*. We leave on Friday November 21 from St Veronica at 9:30 a.m. and St Elizabeth Ann Seton about 9:45 a.m. for lunch and the play. Cost is \$ 80.00 for lunch, play and bus. We are limited to the first PAID 46 reservations. Mail your check to St. Veronica Seniors at 4473 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road , Cincinnati, OH 45244. Contact Ben Buerger for additional info: ben6491@gmail or 514-315-0205.

Tuesday evening Bible Study will begin September 9th and run through October 28th. Time is **6:30-8:00 p.m.** Meetings will be held in the **John XXIII area of the St. Veronica Parish Ministry Center**. The topic is the Seven Sacraments. The book to be used is *Living the Sacraments: Grace into Action* by Bert Ghezzi and is available from Amazon for \$17.99 or \$9.99 Prime Kindle. To register, contact Mary Ann Fodor at mafodor1946@gmail.com. Please include your full name and telephone number in your email message and necessary study materials will be sent to you.

Mass Plus +
Embodied Prayer
For All St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners

Catholic worship is embodied worship. God’s encounter with us happens through physical acts. Words we speak with our mouths and hear with our ears. Actions we do. Gestures we perform and

postures we take. Our bodily actions in liturgy are more than they appear – they are the way we meet the divine mystery. Much of our focus in liturgy is on words. But worship for Catholics requires our bodies: to gather, to stand, to sign our flesh with the cross. What does it mean for us to pray with our bodies?

September 14	Embodied Worship
October 12	The Sign of the Cross
November 9	Postures
January 11	Actions and Objects
February 8	Lent & Triduum
March 8	Processions



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St. Veronica Holy Name Society wishes to thank everyone who participated, volunteered, and donated to our **2025 Tom Patt Memorial Golf Outing**, especially our sponsors:

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first 15 years of marriage

When

- Fridays, 6-8 PM**
- Sept. 19, 2025**
- Oct. 17, 2025**
- Nov. 21, 2025**

Where

Health United Building (HUB)
1723 Cleneay Ave.
Norwood, OH 45212



Food and childcare provided free of charge!

Respect Life Outreach Meeting

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

6:15 PM
ST. ANDREW PARISH
CENTER MEETING ROOM

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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.

Family of Faith 25-26



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COMMUNITY OF FAMILIES

Teaching our children to know, love, and serve Jesus

Classes begin Sep 7!

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ALL men of the Parish Family are welcome!

That Man Is You

Fridays, beginning September 12

St. Andrew Church Basement

Breakfast 6:00 am

Program 6:30 - 7:30 am

Join at any point of the year!

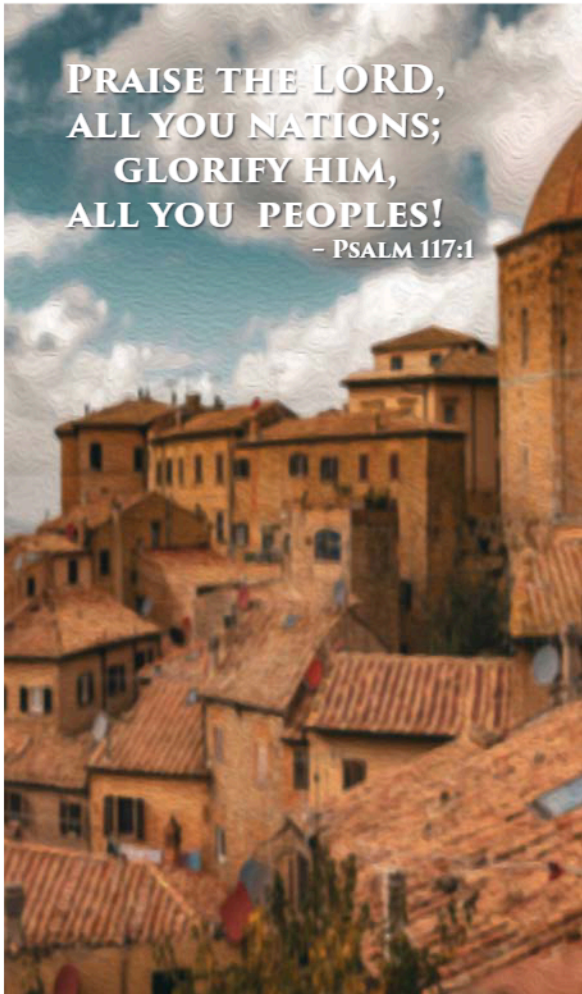
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- *Faith-based interactive program*
- *Fosters and promotes Moral & Scriptural-based Male Leadership Development*



SAINT OF THE WEEK

**PRAISE THE LORD,
ALL YOU NATIONS;
GLORIFY HIM,
ALL YOU PEOPLES!**
- PSALM 117:1



SAINT MONICA

Saint of the Day: August 27

Patron Saint of Alcoholics, Conversion, Mothers and Wives

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy – "all flesh is evil" – and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Read the full article: "Saint Monica" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-monica/> (Accessed July 24, 2025).