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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.

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St. Veronica Church
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St. Veronica School - (513) 528-0442 - www.stveronica.org

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

“Communication is not only the transmission of information, but it is also the creation of a culture.” These are the words of Pope Leo in May. These words are also vital for our understanding of where the Archdiocese of Cincinnati finds itself in our multi-year planning process. We are uncovering the culture of the church as we find ourselves in the reality of 2025, and beyond. Here are a few recent items that urge us to be traditional in our beliefs and contemporary in our practice.

Archbishop Casey and the **Girl Scouts** have reached an agreement allowing troops to continue meeting in Catholic Church facilities. Both sides affirmed mutual respect for each other’s values. Our Family had not made changes since we had a year to do so. This is a good reminder that we can disagree without being disagreeable, and that mutual respect builds true understanding. I am grateful that our archbishop has exhibited his leadership in a way that builds the human community in this manner.

Fr. John Bok celebrates his 90th birthday this month and has announced he will not return to St. Andrew in 2026. He will preside at these upcoming Masses on October 18 (5:15), November 16 (9:00) and December 14 (11:00). Fr. Bok has been coming to St. Andrew for the past eighteen years, and we will have a parish gathering following the 11:00 Mass on December 14. Fr. John has shared his humble, faith-filled presence with us for all these years, and we are truly grateful.

The Ohio Bishops Conference has released a statement presenting the church’s position on **Immigration**, rooted in our belief that all life must be respected by repeated insistence that all life is sacred. While every nation has the right to legally control its borders, the safety and well being of all people seeking a safe life must be respected. This, as we all know, is not an easy balance to maintain, but the right for respect and safety is uncompromising in our teachings. I urge you to read the Bishop’s statement to gain a clear understanding of our moral obligation to care for all God’s people in a manner that is fair and just. <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/immigration>

Finally, something for you to chew on from **Pope Leo XIV** in an address he gave in May. *For her part, the Church can never be exempted from speaking the truth about humanity and the world, resorting whenever necessary to blunt language that may initially create misunderstanding. Yet truth can never be separated from charity, which always has at its root a concern for the life and well-being of every man and woman. Furthermore, from the Christian perspective, truth is not the affirmation of abstract and disembodied principles, but an encounter with the person of Christ Himself, alive in the midst of the community of believers. Truth, then, does not create division, but rather enables us to confront all the more resolutely the challenges of our time, such as migration, the ethical use of artificial intelligence and the protection of our beloved planet Earth. These are challenges that require commitment and cooperation on the part of all, since no one can think of facing them alone.*



Fr. Del Staigers

Scrooge The Musical

Join your friends at LaComedia Dinner Theater 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 have ten seats left. Don't be left out. Mail your check to St. Veronica Seniors at 4473 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Contact Ben Buerger for additional info. at ben6491@gmail.com or 514-315-0205.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 13	
8:00 a.m.	(S) Erin Abbot †
7:30 a.m.	(V) Eva Krieg †
Tuesday, October 14	
7:30 a.m.	(A) Jim Cafferky †
7:30 a.m.	(V) Intentions of Carol Glaser
Wednesday, October 15	
8:45 a.m.	(S) Dennis Wood †
12:00 p.m.	(S) Michael Looby †
9:00 a.m.	(V) Joan & Joe Westhoff †
Thursday, October 16	
12:00 p.m.	(A) Dick Haas †
12:00 p.m.	(V) PhaoLo DANG XUAN KHOAN †
Friday, October 17	
8:00 a.m.	(S) Robert J. VanWormer †
Saturday, October 18	
7:30 a.m.	(A) Alan Fritsch †
5:15 p.m.	(A) Celeste Rirhle †
5:00 p.m.	(S) Nancy Simmons †
4:00 p.m.	(V) Brendan Snyder †
Sunday, October 19	
9:00 a.m.	(A) Scott Wedding †
11:00 a.m.	(A) People of our Parish
8:00 a.m.	(S) People of our Parish †
10:00 a.m.	(S) Doug Liming †
8:00 a.m.	(V) Michael Hatfield †
9:30 a.m.	(V) Mary Holthaus/ Emma Grace Gibson †
11:30 a.m.	(V) People of our Parish

† – Deceased

Men of St. Mary Magdalene!

Please join the St. Veronica Holy Name Society for our

Oktoberfest

Annual Open House Grill-Out

Monday October 13th, 6-8pm

St. Veronica Parish Ministry Center, room OLMC

Come learn about the volunteer and social activities that make your HNS great! If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Tom Pielage at 513-225-5070

(but you do not need to RSVP to attend!)

Pray for Those who Serve and Protect...

Please Pray for family members and parishioners of Saint Mary Magdalene Family in Active Duty, Firefighters, Police Officers, EMT: Ben Buscek, Alex Koszo, Larry Johnson, Colleen Johnson, Sargent John (Jack) Muthig, Michael Knecht, Jeff Ridge, Major Brian Tilly, Kyle Norris, Airman Charles Hatfield, Michael Olind, Jasmine Howard, Paul Lane, Phil Nause, Jacob Pearson, Captain Nick Whitehead.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sharing God's Gifts

Sunday Offering for October 5, 2025

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

Baptism Class

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

Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

St. Andrew in the Parish Office Meeting Room

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

St. Andrew	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 9,192.69
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Total.....	\$ 13,192.69
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 10,253.00
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 3,791.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
Weekly Total.....	\$ 14,044.00
St. Veronica	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 20,404.25
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 8,239.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 17,500.00
Weekly Total.....	\$ 28,643.25

OH, NOW I GET IT!

By Fr. Jeff Kemper

Insights into the readings for next week.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EX 17:8-13 AMALEK: A tribe descended from Esau. **JOSHUA:** Moses' assistant. The Israelites, much smaller in number than Amalek, face off in battle. Moses intercedes with God for victory. **STAFF OF GOD:** The rod Moses had used when confronting Pharaoh to

show God's power. **HANDS RAISED UP:** A posture of prayer in which arms are extended and palms open and raised up, such as the priest often uses at Mass.

2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2 Paul spurs Timothy on to persevere in belief because from the time of his Jewish infancy till now; God has revealed it to him through the Scriptures. **ALL SCRIPTURE:** At this point, the books of what we call the Old Testament. To know the Scriptures is to be able to do the actions that draw people into the life of Christ. **PRESENCE...**

JESUS: God is the witness of Paul's charge to Timothy. It is through constant, and self-sacrificing proclamation of the Word that God makes the Gospel effective.

Lk 18:1-8 Immediately before this passage, Jesus had been teaching about the end time, which will bring its own tribulations and suffering. What is needed to endure this time is patient endurance through persistent prayer. Jesus knows the ease with which people can give up on prayer when things are difficult. **JUDGE:** The local magistrate, probably a Roman appointment; in this case, he cares about nothing for anyone but himself. The widow is a fighter, persistent in her pursuit of justice. The judge comes to realize that she will not give up and she is wearing him down.

STRIKE ME: The Greek boxing term meaning to give a black eye that then came to mean to humiliate someone. Jesus goes on to say that if an evil man will give in to persistent badgering, how much more will the Lord hear the cries of the people He loves. **SPEEDILY:** How is it that God acts speedily if we have to persevere in prayer? I think it means that God will act swiftly at the proper moment of opportunity as He sees it.

Question of the Week:

October 19, 2025 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 18:1-8

How might you “pray always” and also “pray all ways?”

Mass Plus +

Embodied Prayer

Postures and Gestures in the Liturgy

October 12 10:30-11:25 AM

Details

- Between 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass
- St. Veronica Welcome Center
(Door to the Right of Main Church doors)
- Talk includes informal discussion
- Come to one session or more!

October 12 Topic:
The Sign of the Cross

Zoom available
Contact:
ebesl@saintmarymagdalene.org
Presented by
Emily Besl

St. Mary Magdalene Parish
St. Veronica Campus Welcome Center
4473 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd,
Cinti, OH

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

Eucharistic

+ Procession +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

The St. Andrew Holy Name Society is providing bus transportation to the 11th annual Eucharistic Procession. The bus will pick up at St. Andrew Church at 8:00am, just after the 7:30am Mass. We will process from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains approximately 2 miles to Old St. Mary's Church. We will arrive back at St. Andrew by about 12:00pm. All men and boys are welcome to join us. This is a wonderful way to give witness to our faith.

Please RSVP Steve Singer @ 513-608-5020 or ssinger647@gmail.com.

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family:

It is our pleasure to provide you with this financial report and summary for the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family (hereinafter, "SMMPF").

Overall, SMMPF is in great financial health, ending the Fiscal Year with an operating surplus of \$357,599. This is great news because we have some major upcoming expenses: updating the Andrew school building, flooring in the Church at Veronica, and a new roof at the Seton school building and HVAC in the Church. The report on the opposite page will provide you with information about each Church, School, and the Family as a whole. As you review it, please note that each Church has its own column to reflect its specific revenues and expenses with the final column listing the consolidated numbers of SMMPF. While our aim is consistency, please know that each Church classifies some of its expenses differently. Direct comparisons should not be made as each has its own strengths and challenges. This letter will emphasize a few highlights.

St. Veronica School completed a renovation to the nursing station and intervention office, while also making the final payment for the painting of the classrooms and offices. The Parish implemented a new phone system that is fully integrated with St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The harsh winter resulted in over \$23,000 in snow removal expenses and a \$7,000 repair to a storm catch basin. Parishioners responded generously to appeals by donating over \$53,000 for *Giving Tuesday* and increasing total church donations by over 10% from the prior year! Looking forward, our focus is rebuilding cash reserves while continuing to save for a major flooring project in the Church.

St. Andrew also completed several improvements to its facilities: refinishing the Church Doors, installing a new sound system, and adding a drop ceiling in the school building. While offertory decreased a bit over last year, there was a \$30,000 increase in general donations. The Church also raised \$20,000 for *Giving Tuesday* to pay for the new sound system in the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, with a \$35,000 contribution from SASEAS, replaced bleachers in the gym for \$55,000. Additionally, the heating unit in the school gym required repairs amounting to \$12,500. Seton also sealed the parking lot for \$7,000 and incurred expenses of \$15,000 for snow removal. Parishioners raised over \$25,800 for *Giving Tuesday* towards a new sign for the front of the School and Parish. Seton Parishioners remain incredibly generous in their contributions to the life of the Parish.

SASEAS and St. Veronica Schools continue to see an increase in enrollment:

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
St. Veronica		
Preschool	52	51
K-8	298	309
TOTAL	350	360
SASEAS		
Preschool	119	117
K-8	190	227
TOTAL	309	344

The Ohio Ed Choice program continues to be a boost to enrollment and family support. The Churches also provide financial support to the students through a subsidy or scholarship to help offset costs. Next year, SASEAS grades 6-8 will return to the St. Andrew School building.

Thank you for your generosity – your time, your talent, and your treasure. Your noble sacrifices help us radiate vibrant life. We are confident that SMMPF will continue to meet the challenges we face and grow deeper as a Community of Faith.

May the Grace, Peace, and Love of God be with you.

**St. Mary Magdalene
Statements of Activities
Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)**

	<u>St. Veronica</u>					
	<u>Church</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>St. Andrew</u>	<u>St. Eliz. Ann Seton</u>	<u>SASEAS</u>	<u>Consolidated SMIM Family</u>
REVENUES						
Sundays & Holidays	\$ 963,306	-	\$ 751,486	\$ 814,429	-	\$ 2,529,221
Other Donations	12,305	165,063	93,026	49,508	160,198	480,100
Tuition and Fees	-	2,618,460	-	-	1,451,498	4,069,958
Parish Subsidies	-	-	-	25,000	205,290	230,290
Latchkey Fees	-	-	-	32,295	-	32,295
Festival	61,403	-	-	60,225	-	121,628
Bingo	-	-	-	41,000	-	41,000
Capital Improvements	22,576	-	23,382	58,771	-	104,729
Interest Income	-	-	31,482	12,806	7,131	51,418
Other Revenues	20,832	102,265	117,560	15,679	146,862	403,198
Total Revenues	<u>1,080,422</u>	<u>2,885,788</u>	<u>1,016,936</u>	<u>1,109,712</u>	<u>1,970,978</u>	<u>8,063,836</u>
EXPENSES						
Wages	397,908	1,732,518	336,998	381,759	1,124,705	3,973,888
Benefits	182,167	615,959	153,933	162,678	310,474	1,425,211
Total Wage & Benefits	<u>580,075</u>	<u>2,348,477</u>	<u>490,931</u>	<u>544,437</u>	<u>1,435,179</u>	<u>5,399,099</u>
Building & Grounds	60,660	182,745	107,681	73,796	-	424,882
AOC Assessment	94,938	-	83,809	95,004	(181)	273,570
Utilities	38,988	101,059	78,647	57,318	36,385	312,397
General Insurance	22,223	26,276	24,636	27,252	10,695	111,082
IT, Copiers & Equipment	22,353	76,077	18,567	12,713	53,095	182,805
Capital Expenditures	-	-	27,900	56,544	-	84,444
Parish School Support	-	-	112,810	117,480	-	230,290
Supplies	-	-	15,663	20,253	50,785	86,701
Other	148,591	212,703	38,884	88,837	111,952	600,967
Total Expenses	<u>967,828</u>	<u>2,947,337</u>	<u>999,529</u>	<u>1,093,634</u>	<u>1,697,909</u>	<u>7,706,237</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 112,594</u>	<u>\$ (61,549)</u>	<u>\$ 17,407</u>	<u>\$ 16,078</u>	<u>\$ 273,069</u>	<u>\$ 357,599</u>
		<u>\$51,045</u>				







October Topic:
St. Faustina
Bl. Fr. Michael
Sopocho



Oct Speaker:
Alison Estes,
Parishioner




Gratitude

Adult Day-Retreat for Parishioners based on St. Mary Magdalene: Faithful Steward

Saturday, October 25, 2025
 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
 Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Space is Limited
 Scan to Register or
 Call Elizabeth Otte
 513-831-3353 Ext 104



Details & Registration

Learn... Enjoy Fellowship... Pray

Sacred Sisters' Stories

All Women are Welcome!

Thursday October 23 7:00pm
 St. Andrew Church Basement



LADIES SODALITY
CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE
SHOW


VENDORS WANTED!

NOVEMBER 15, 2025
 9:00AM-1:00PM

TABLES: \$15

Contact us for more information and tell your friends!

✉ LADIESVENDORSALES@GMAIL.COM



Catholic Charities
 Southwestern Ohio
 Serving Refugees & Immigrants

Stories
 from the
 Heart
 Voices of
 Refugees & Immigrants

Thursday
 October 30
 6:30-8:30 PM
 St. Elizabeth Ann
 Seton Cafeteria

Contact Elizabeth Otte
 513-831-3353 Ext 104

The Voices Project of Catholic Charities of SW Ohio provides a forum for refugees and immigrants, who have settled in our community, to share their stories, educate the public about migration, and to inspire solidarity and supportive action.

WE NEED YOU
 Make an impact on the next generation



FAMILY OF FAITH

We need adults and/or teenagers to volunteer as teacher assistants who help the classes run smoothly. Help organize materials, work one-on-one with students, and provide a safe, fun environment. Training is provided. Qualifies for volunteer hours.

Sundays 9:15 - 10:30 AM

@ ST VERONICA
 St. Mary Magdalene Family of Parishes Program

OCT - APR

☎ 513-528-1622 ext. 421

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Parents'
 NIGHT OUT
SINGO
 & CHILI COOKOFF

When?

Nov 1

6:00-10:00pm

Where?

St. Elizabeth
 Ann Seton
 CAFETERIA

MORE INFO: SASEASSCHOOL.ORG

INFORMATION CENTER



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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.

Join our faith-based grief support program.

This program will offer a supportive & faith-based environment for those facing a loss.

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 513-831-0597,
 Carol Glaser at 513-295-5829, Ruth Brothers at 513-312-0850
 or the parish office at 513-831-3353.



Blessed Families is an Outreach ministry for St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family. We are a ministry dedicated to providing pastoral support to families and friends seeking to accompany, celebrate, and safeguard the church's teachings regarding the dignity of our LGBTQ children of God.

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, October 18. Please contact us for more information! 513-831-3353 x112 or blessedfamilies@saintmarymagdalene.org

Get a Flu and/or Covid Shot after Mass!

Get your vaccine here:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 FROM 9:00AM-1:00PM
 ST. ANDREW CHURCH BASEMENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 FROM 8:00AM-NOON
 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CAFETERIA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 FROM 8:00AM-1:00PM
 ST. VERONICA WELCOME CENTER

Please bring your insurance card.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ALL THE ENDS
 OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN
 THE SALVATION BY OUR GOD.
 - PSALM 98:3**

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Saint of the Day: October 12

Patron Saint of the Internet

Born in London and raised in Milan, Saint Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his First Communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models.

At school, Carlo Acutis tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours, he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major's "Chapel of the Stripping," where Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel.

Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis were many of his childhood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel "to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord."

Read the full article: "Saint Carlo Acutis" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/blessed-carlo-acutis/> (Accessed September 29, 2025).

