



# St. Andrew Catholic Church

St. Andrew Catholic Church promises to journey in faith with our parishioners by providing a welcoming community, offering opportunities for sharing faith and service within our Parish and beyond. St Andrew will proclaim the presence of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God on earth.

*Mission Statement*

February 18-19, 2012

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

## Lent is for Pruning

by Fr. Joe Gagnon

Almost any information is available on Google. Today I looked up pruning. Pruning means cutting away excess branches that sap the strength of trees. Pruning is necessary for both fruit and decorative trees. It is also useful for shrubs. The best time to prune is late fall and winter, when trees are dormant. New growth happens in the spring.

Once upon a time I had a small apple orchard next to a cottage. I learned to prune the trees, cutting holes in the crown, trimming branches touching the ground, and cutting back spores and suckers growing up alongside the trees. The purpose of pruning is to cultivate and nurture what is most valuable; it is not simply to get rid of useless things.

When I channel-surf, most of what I see may not be bad, but most of it is senseless and mind-numbing. I need to prune my TV menu, to be very selective in order to view anything worthwhile.

Lent is time for pruning in the Christian life. In Lent we apply the hard lesson that less, not more, is sometimes better. If we try to do everything in life, we end up doing nothing very well. If we eliminate nothing, everything soon seems to have the same value. If we eliminate nothing, we lose our ability to discriminate.

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## Ash Wednesday is February 22.

### Mass Times:

8:30 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass (School)

7:30 p.m. Mass

### Prayer Services:

12:15 p.m. Prayer Service  
*with the distribution of Ashes*

4:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
*with the distribution of Ashes*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and this is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Individuals, who are 14 years through 60 years, are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent. Individuals, who are 18 years through 60, depending on one's health, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal.

During Lent we are called to enter into a more intense practice of almsgiving, prayer, and penitence. See pages 3–5 to give you ideas for increasing your Lenten practices.



## Weekday Mass Schedule During Lent

Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Friday 6:15 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

## LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Available at the Information Center in the Church Hallway for a \$1.00 donation

## Red Cross Blood Drive THANK YOU!

On behalf of Ceil Mrock, our parish Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator, thank you blood donors, volunteers and bakers for helping to contribute 70 whole blood units for 237 hospital patients. Besides saving lives, the donors were pleased to receive home-made cookies, chili and hot dogs. Next blood drive is in



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**Weekday Mass** 8:30 a.m. **Reconciliation** (*Confession*) 3:30 p.m. **Saturday**  
**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.  
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# Prayer, Worship, Reconciliation: **LENT 2012**

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## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRIDAY

**Beginning Friday, February 24**

Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel following Mass

For more information, call Cherry at 248.377.4010

Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel

For more information, call Deacon Marc at 248.651.7486



WEDNESDAY

**Beginning Wednesday, February 29**

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel following Mass

For more information call Janet 248.248.651.5330

## **Parish Lenten Mission**

**March 10 to March 13**

with

Grayson Warren Brown

Speaker ❖ Author ❖ Composer ❖ Leader



**Celebrating our Faith!  
Being a Vibrant Part of God's Family!!!**

Save the dates: Evening sessions  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
March 10 to 13

To find out more about Grayson Brown,  
visit his website: [graysonwarrenbrown.com](http://graysonwarrenbrown.com)

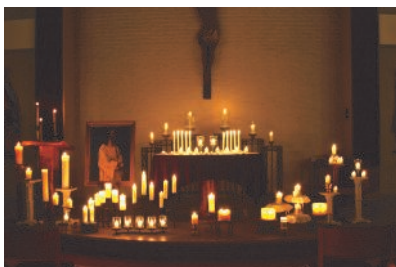
## **TAIZE Prayer**

Tuesday, March 20

7:30 p.m.

Chapel

Taize prayer is a meditative form of prayer. Through the repetition of musical phrases over and over, your body and your mind slow down enough to be able to listen to the voice of God that is planted deep within you.



## **RECONCILIATION**

**Every Saturday Afternoon**

3:30 p.m.

Reconciliation Room in the Church



**Communal Reconciliation with  
Individual Confession**

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:30 p.m.

# LENT 2012 : Christian Service and Almsgiving

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## EASTER BASKET OUTREACH PROGRAM

This program allows us to help people experience a more joy-filled Easter celebration in the midst of their struggles.

Recipients from this effort include families from our

*St. Vincent dePaul Conference,  
Rochester Area Neighborhood House,  
Pontiac Area Transitional Housing,  
Crossroads Pregnancy Center,  
local nursing home,  
a Detroit inner-city parish,  
and hospital pediatric wards.*

Like the Giving Tree program, parishioners are asked to support/contribute to the supplies that make up the Easter Baskets.

Simply take a request egg off the church wall on the weekend of March 17 and 18.

Purchase the requested item(s) and return them to **the Activities Building** stage area on Palm Sunday weekend only.

Returning the donations on time is essential for the volunteers to sort, assemble and provide a prompt delivery.



### Volunteers are Needed in the Following Ways

March 7 (Wednesday), 7:30 p.m., Parish Center, Upper Level  
Easter Egg Request Prep Night

March 17, (Saturday), 12:00 noon, Church back walls  
Hang Egg Requests

April 1, (Sunday), 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Activities Building  
Easter Basket Request RETURNS

April 2, (Monday), 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Activities Building  
Assemble Baskets until finished

April 3, (Tuesday), 9:00 a.m., Activities Building  
finishing touches and delivery

Call Judy Frenak, Easter Basket Chair  
for more details at 248-650-9304.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

to Benefit Catholic Relief Services

is a Lenten Journey for individuals and families to follow beginning on February 22, Ash Wednesday. This program calls us to

PRAY – FAST – LEARN – GIVE

from our hearts through this holy season. The Rice Bowl Cartons & Reflection sheets are available for you at the Information Center counter and the ramps at the front of Church this weekend.

## MARCH CARE & SHARE

is a *Baby Shower for Moms in Crisis* (CPC).

Please bring any of the following needed items:  
*baby wash clothes, shampoo, A & D lotion, Size 12 to 18 month sleepers, onesies, new or used car seats for children under 5 years old*

in double bags to the Care & Share boxes at the entrances of Church on the weekend of March 3 & 4 only!

**There is NO Care & Share Program for April.**

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

March 7 (Wednesday), 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.,  
Activities Building

all parishioners and volunteers for the Easter Basket Prep night are welcome to enjoy a variety of homemade soups, fellowship, and to learn more about the *Cabrini Clinic at Most Holy Trinity Parish*, Detroit, from Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, RSM. This program is one of the St. Andrew Parish Tithing Recipients.

## THE CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

will be available for parishioners to purchase Bibles, Lenten books, spiritual guides, And a vast selection of children books, and religious articles before and after all Masses on March 10/11 weekend in the Chapel hallway for your convenience.

Don't miss this special Lenten opportunity!

# Faith Formation: **LENT 2012**

*In the next couple of months St. Andrew will be hosting five seminars for our catechists. They are designed to give you the tools you need to continue to grow in your faith and skills as a catechist. Featuring some of the most experienced presenters in the area, all of these sessions can be applied to the process of becoming a **Certified Catechist** through the Archdiocese of Detroit! Join us for all or some of these exciting sessions!*

## **Feb. 12, 1:00 p.m.—Evangelization with John Lajiness**

John Lajiness and his wife Michelle live in Sterling Heights with their four children. John is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Andrew Parish and is an adjunct instructor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He holds a BA in Pastoral Studies from Sacred Heart. John is also a golfer, a sports enthusiast, and a registered fanatic of Tim Horton's coffee.

## **Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m.— Catholic Social Teaching**

Patty Chase works for the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis as the Regional Coordinator for Catechetics in the Central Region. She completed her Masters in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in Spirituality at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 2005. Patty has a passion for helping others to grow in their relationship with Christ, recognizing the dignity of each human person, and exploring the treasures of our Catholic faith.

## **Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m.—The Call of the Catechist with Michael Chamberland**

Michael Chamberland is, above all else, a husband. He and his wife Kellie live in Livonia, MI with their black lab Kaleb. Michael has been serving the Church for more than eight years. In addition to being youth minister and Confirmation coordinator at Church of the Holy Family, Mike is a regional coordinator of youth ministry for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Michael holds a BA in Theology and Catechetics from Franciscan University of Steubenville, and an MA in Theology/New Evangelization from Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

## **Mar. 21, 10:00 a.m.—Dynamics of Faith with Pat Metz**

Pat Metz serves as Pastoral Associate at St. Andrew in addition to ministry at St. Anthony Parish in Belleville. Pat has been involved in catechetical ministry for many years, and has been one of the pioneers for creative catechesis in the Archdiocese. She and her husband, Bob, live in Brighton and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and gourmet cooking.

## **April 15, 1:00 p.m.—Meeting Jesus with Michael King**

Michael King currently serves as the Director of Religious Education at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods, as well as RCIA coordinator at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Allen Park. Michael holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Sacred Heart Major Seminary and has a wonderful blend of experience in catechesis, counseling and evangelization. Michael and his wife have 3 children and live in Allen Park.

## **April 26, 7:00 p.m.—Creative Techniques to Foster Faith with Peggy Casing**

Currently, Peggy is Director of Faith Formation at St. Mary of the Hills. Her main focus is adult formation, which includes the RCIA process, scripture studies, intergenerational catechesis, book clubs, and other adult formation opportunities. She has been involved in religious formation for 25 years. Peggy's academic background includes a BA in Theology and English from St. Mary College, Orchard Lake; and an MA in Pastoral Studies from SHMS. Peggy is married, has two grown daughters, and she loves to quilt.

**Pre-registration is required. Call Linda at (248) 651-6401**

# Welcome Spring



with



## St. Andrew 55+ Fellowship



Thursday, March 22, 2012

5:30 to 8:30 pm



St. Andrew Activities Building

\$12.50 per person

Dinner by Peppercorn Catering

Salad, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, and Cake

Dinner served buffet style at 6 pm



dancing permitted

Back by popular demand  
for your listening pleasure



**Notre Dame Prep High School Jazz Band**

Checks payable to St. Andrew 55+ Dinner    Mail to Joe Kassmann,  
3380 Innsbrook Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48309    248-375-1581

Your check must be received by Friday, March 16

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**Lent is for Pruning** by Fr. Joe Gagnon

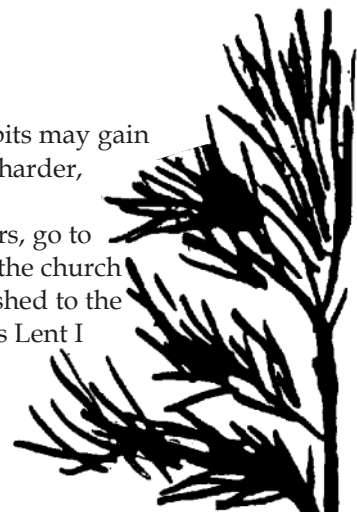
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Over time we can lapse into habits that gain us little or nothing good. Indulgent eating habits may gain us weight, but that is nothing good. We sometimes work too much: working smarter, not harder, would be better.

Personally, I find it helpful to get up early, say Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of Hours, go to the YMCA for exercise, come home to eat breakfast and read a newspaper, and then go to the church office to deal with whatever needs to be done. Unfortunately, further prayer often gets pushed to the end of my day, when I feel my work is done...but then I tend to fall asleep in the chair. This Lent I will try to use some time in the afternoon for prayer and scripture reading.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. The schedule of services is in this bulletin.

*How we use our time may be a good question to ask ourselves this Lent.*



# Christian Service

## Abigayle Ministry Banquet

You are invited to attend our **annual banquet & silent auction** on Monday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Twp. Proceeds go to homeless, pregnant women and families in need. We share unconditional love and hope that is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Come share an evening of feasting, music, and bidding while enjoying this year's theme—*Motown: Baby Love*.

Tickets are \$40 pp or \$350 for a table of ten. RSVP to 586-323-1411 or [www.abigayleministries.org](http://www.abigayleministries.org).

### FREE Tax Prep. Help

Parishioners are invited to get 2011 Tax Prep. help! If you need help figuring out what to do, **make an appointment** by calling Sue at the Parish Office at 248-651-7486 for Saturday, March 3. Our skilled parish volunteers will assist you in preparing your tax forms. This is a great opportunity for seniors and low-income folks! NO walk-ins please.

### C.P.C. Benefit Banquet

Friday, March 2, 6–9 p.m.

OR

Saturday, March 3, 9–11 a.m.

Both scheduled at

#### The Royal Park Hotel

600 E. University Drive, Rochester

Due to generous sponsors, there is no charge for this event, but there will be a free-will offering at the event for this important fundraiser.

Adults only RSVP: 248-293-0070 x 107

Guest Speaker: **Abby Johnson**, who will give an intriguing & inspirational true-life account of being an advocate for women in crisis. She authored "unPlanned," a bestselling book for these times!



**Meet Landon.** *His father, Marine LCPL Carpenter, gave his life defending our country in Afghanistan earlier this year a month before his son was born. Baby Landon's Mom wants this story to be known to help others reflect on the price of freedom!*

You too can defend the price of freedom by helping to STOP ABORTION that will take away a baby's freedom to be born. Let us pray to God that we, along with other freedom fighters, are successful in our efforts. The St. Andrew Gospel of Life Committee is asking you to witness and pray for one hour of your choice on Friday, March 9, during 40 Days for Life, from 7 a.m.–7 p.m. in front of the Planned Parenthood Building in Auburn Hills. This building is located on 1625 Opdyke next to the Hyatt Place Hotel on the west side of the street.

Please call Janet at 248-340-8997 or Dorrie at 248-651-5552 to **join us in testifying that we believe in Jesus and His word, and the religious freedom guaranteed by our Constitution.** We need to know what hour you plan to schedule, so we can make sure every hour is covered.

### Catholic Relief Services... Rice Bowl Program

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. Why not walk through Lent with an eye towards the poor? Catholic Relief Services gives us the opportunity to do this through the Rice Bowl Program during Lent. The theme is **Fast ~ Learn ~ Pray ~ Give** as we become better faith-filled followers of Jesus.

**Pick up your Rice Bowl** carton at the Information Center counter or the ramps of Church on the weekend of Feb. 18/19 or Ash Wednesday while supplies last.

### Seniors (55+) Invited to St. Patrick Day Dinner on Mar. 8

St. Irenaeus Senior Fellowship invites you to a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 8, at 5 pm, in the St. Irenaeus Parish Hall. Entertainment by the Inis Ceol Trio, an Irish Gaelic Island group and dinner catered by Lukich Family Dining. Reserve your spot early by calling Bill Davidson at 248-375-1866 no later than March 4. Cost is \$10 pp. Send your check payable to St. Irenaeus Senior Fellowship to Bill at 823 Snowmass Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 before March 4th!

# Prayer & Worship

## ROMAN MISSAL

For the next several weeks, we will explore the scriptural basis of the Introductory Rites. Remember the Introductory Rites are: *The Entrance Song or Chant, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria, and Opening Prayer or Collect.*

### The Entrance Song or Chant:

"The purpose of the Entrance Chant is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers." (GIRM, 28)

"The text and music for the Entrance Song may be drawn from a number of sources.

- A. The singing of an antiphon and psalm during the entrance procession has been a long-standing tradition in the Roman Liturgy. Antiphons and psalms may be drawn from the official liturgical books – the Graduale Simplex – or from other collections of antiphons and psalms.
- B. Other hymns and songs may also be sung at the Entrance providing that they are in keeping with the purpose of the Entrance Chant or Song. The texts of the antiphons, psalms, hymns, and songs for the Liturgy must have been approved either by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops or by the local diocesan bishops." *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, 144.) More next week...

## MUSIC

### The Adult Choir is looking for Sopranos Help!

If you're a soprano and have ever thought about joining the choir, now's the time.

We are very, very thin in this section and really need your help.

There are no auditions and no experience required – just a willingness to learn.

In a parish this size, I know there must be women out there who can sing.

*Where are you?*

Please consider this opportunity to get involved.

If you have any questions please call me 248-651-8466, send me an e-mail at: vic@standrewchurch.org or just talk to me after one of the Masses.

Director of Music, Vic Neely

## PRAYER



It's important to cultivate a habit of silence to prepare us for Holy Reading, to enable us to listen to God in our hearts.

Silence is the mother  
of the Spirit.

It births in us

the cloister of the heart.

It brings us beyond the noise  
of chaos and clutter and confusion  
of a spinning world  
to the cool, calm center  
of the spiritual self.

Silence enables us to rest in that center,  
to allow God to work in us there,  
to clear from our hearts  
whatever thoughts or pain,  
desires or demands  
clamor within us for puerile attention  
and so take us away from our best selves.\*

For an experience of Holy Reading  
(and its associated silence)  
join us on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.,  
following Centering Prayer.

\* *The Monastery of the Heart, An Invitation to a Meaningful Life*,  
by Joan Chittister

## CENTERING PRAYER



We will be studying *The Contemplative Journey* by Father Keating as he brings the mystical tradition of contemplative prayer alive for our times.

*The Contemplative Journey* is a sweeping curriculum for bringing contemplative prayer into your life and realizing the divine intimacy that is part of Christianity's great and enduring mystery. It is a complete curriculum devoted to the recovered cornerstone of lost Christianity's most revered path for achieving the "still point" of resting in God.

Join us every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.  
For more information, call the Parish Office at  
248.651.7486.

## LIVE OUT LOUD

WEEKLY COLUMN ABOUT FAITH AND EVERYDAY LIFE

### Fear is useless...

I dialed the phone at least 42 times.

Her name was Bridget, and she was amazing. I was an up-and-coming 6th grade Casanova, and she was beauty in its fullness. We had seen each other at the well moderated Catholic school dance the night before ("save room for the Holy Spirit" sister said), and Bridget was staring at me from across the room. It really was the stuff movies are made of. So, in all my swagger, I sauntered over to her, listening to the giggles of her friends as I leaned over the table and very slyly proclaimed... "uh...you... uh...wanna dance or something...ya know...and stuff?"

We danced, she smiled and afterward she wrote her phone number on a piece of napkin. Never had something meant so much to me as those glorious 7 digits.

So there I was the next night with time to kill, the phone in my hand and destiny on the other side. And so I started dialing. I got through 3 numbers and hung up. Then I got through 4. Then 2, and so on. 42 times I attempted to dial her number, and 42 times I bailed. It was ridiculous. I KNOW she wanted me to call her, I know that I wanted to call her. So why not dial already!?!?

In today's gospel, we see the story of Jesus healing the paralytic, and we are quickly amazed at how he healed this man's physical weakness. Yet many scholars suggest that this healing is not just presented to show how Jesus could conquer disease, but how he could conquer fear. Most of us will probably never be physically paralyzed, but most of us will probably be paralyzed by our fear, our sin, our lack of trust. When you think about it even the very first sin we see in the Bible was a lack of trust. Adam and Eve chose the advice of the serpent over God's because the serpent convinced them that God could not be trusted. Every time we choose something other than God's plan for us we are implicitly resounding Eden's accusation: "I can trust you with some things, God, just not this."

It took 42 times for me to call the girl. It has taken me thousands of times to let go of some of the fears I have that keep me from becoming "the best version of myself." On the other side of the story of the paralytic man, Jesus is waiting for us with open arms saying, as he does later in the Gospels, "Fear is useless. What is needed is trust."

—John Lajiness  
Director of Faith Formation

## AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Inspiring Stories of Faith From Our Program

### From the Beginning...

A few weeks ago, families with children preparing for First Communion gathered in Church for the first of three evenings dedicated to understanding our Sunday Liturgy. We divide these evenings into three parts: *The Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Sending Forth*. For the little ones, we call it the *Beginning, the Middle and the End*.

Often, after we have completed all three evenings, a parent will tell us that they finally know what's going on at Mass because of experiencing this journey with their child. Not surprising, but noteworthy!



Does it ever feel like you are so used to the Liturgy that you sometimes *attend* the Mass rather than *participate* in the Mass? Do you ever find yourself just *reciting* the responses and prayers without even really *feeling* them with your heart? I certainly don't intend to, but sometimes I do.

The recent changes in the wording of the Liturgy may have irritated some, elated some, confused others. But one really *great* thing about them is we are all paying closer attention to the words! And that is a good thing.

Pray for our little ones, who will celebrate First Communion in May! As they grow, we want them to cherish and embrace our Sunday celebration...all of it. *The Beginning, the Middle and the End!*

—Jane Peters  
Early Elementary Coordinator

# Faith Formation

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

### A Closer Look at Catholic Social Teaching

February 23, 7-9 PM



When we think of Church "teaching", most people probably think of things like our belief on the Trinity, or what the Bible says. Yet some of our most important beliefs as Catholics have to do with our society and how we live.

This two-hour presentation will give you a closer look at the Church's social teaching and how to apply it to your life. Our presenter will be Patty Chase, Regional Coordinator of Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Detroit. This session also satisfies one of the Catechist Formation Topics (#19).

**Pre-registration required**



### Thinking Priesthood?

Day of Discernment & Dinner with Archbishop Allen Vigneron  
(for men 17-50 years)  
February 25, 2012

Discernment Weekend  
March 22-25, 2012  
(for men 18-50 years)

High School Overnight  
April 13-14, 2012  
(for men 14-18 years)

**Call for reservations:  
Vocations Office  
1-313-237-5875**

**Married Couples...  
isn't time you had a  
night out?  
Details coming soon!**

ST. JOSEPH'S



COVENANT  
KEEPERS



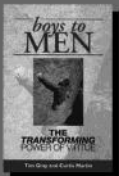
*"Striving to become better Husbands, Fathers and Sons"*

## ST. JOSEPH'S COVENANT KEEPERS

A CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

St. Andrew Catholic Church • Parish Center • Rochester, Michigan

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." -Proverbs 22:6*



St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers hosts a must attend study series for all fathers and grandfathers starting Saturday, February 11, 2012.

**"THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF VIRTUE"**

## St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday of Each Month at 7:00 am  
held at St. Andrew Catholic Church Parish Center

**More info:** Dan Argue-248.652.8382, Jim Miller-248.656.9663, Deacon Marc Gemellaro-248.651.7486 or Mike Carr-586.822.9603

# St. Andrew Youth Group

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Occupy the Oasis:** Since we do not meet this Sunday due to mid-winter recess, we are going to take over the Desert Oasis at 2nd and Main. Bring your smart device and I'll buy the coffee. Join us on February 19, 20, and 21 from 11 am till noon! The Dessert Oasis is located at 2nd and Main.

**No Regular Meeting on Sunday, February 19**



Evangelizing church mice

## TEENS AND CULTURE

Did you know...

In the United States, Generation Y has a lower level of religiosity compared to older generations, and they are more likely to be skeptical of religious institutions. A 2005 study looked at 1,385 people aged 18 to 25 and found that less than half of those in the study said that they pray regularly before a meal. A third said that they talked about religion with friends, attend places of worship, and read religious materials weekly. 23% of those studied did not identify themselves as belonging to a religious affiliation.



## TEENS YOU SHOULD KNOW

I surveyed teens from the parish and asked them to tell me something fantastic about themselves. Audrey Bury came back quickly with the fact that she has not been wrecked by spell check and has an amazing ability to spell things correctly! Audrey is a freshman at Stoney Creek High School and a complete stitch for anyone who has gotten to know her. I'd venture a guess that she is the shortest player on the Stoney Creek freshman basketball team with a towering personality and a rare ability to assert herself amongst upperclassmen. She loves the people that make up our parish community and cite them as the reason people keep coming back for events at the church! Generationally speaking, she wants her elders to know teens are great and, according to Audrey, "...we don't just complain." Audrey is a fan of all the Karate Kid movies (not just the new one) and lives by the mantra of, "Always be kind." She is an inspiration and an example to basketball players all across Rochester, and a quirky kid I really like! I thought Audrey Bury was...a teen you should know.



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# Parish Life

## A "Thank You" from Dick and Betsy Koerber

There are moments in life when we hold our breath and realize that all is held by our loving God...and we understand the gift of the faith and the power of prayer. We came to such a life defining moment on January 9<sup>th</sup> of this year when Dick underwent open heart surgery...for twelve hours. During the days and weeks that followed, we were (and continue to be) surrounded by the prayers, healing-wishes, and concern of the people of this community. There is no adequate way we can express our gratitude to you...every moment we felt your prayer, and knew that in the mystery of community you were with us. Your faith became our faith...your prayer our prayer. We give thanks to God every day, not only for the 'good health' He has bestowed upon us, but for you, people of St. Andrew, our friends...our companions in faith.

Dick and Betsy Koerber

## Coming in March....A Health Fair

The Parish Nurses will be sponsoring a Health Fair on Sunday, March 18. This is be an opportunity for everyone to learn the 'latest and greatest' on managing our health. Mark your calendars to come to the AB after mass on March 18... browse the exhibits, gather some good information, and make a commitment to take care...your health is important to us!



### Katharina Keller 61

Died on November 30, 2011

Buried from St. Andrew on  
December 3, 2011

### Judith Ann Arnold 65

Died on February 13, 2012

Buried from St. Andrew on  
February 18, 2012



## Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, Parish Alignments Shared

Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter on *Together in Faith, Phase Two* has been mailed to all Catholic households in the Archdiocese of Detroit. "Forward in Hope to Share Christ" addresses the life of the Church in the Detroit Archdiocese. "We cannot simply continue without significant changes," the Archbishop writes.

Accompanying the pastoral letter will be Archbishop Vigneron's decisions on parish alignments, informed by recommendations from lay leaders, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and consultations with others including pastors and the auxiliary bishops.

Plans specific to our parish and vicariate, in context with the seven mission priorities of *Together in Faith*, have been included in the mailing. Details for every parish in the Archdiocese are scheduled to be posted Monday, February 20, on the Archdiocese website at [www.aodonline.org/TogetherInFaith](http://www.aodonline.org/TogetherInFaith).

For questions regarding your parish or local vicariate, email [TogetherInFaith@aod.org](mailto:TogetherInFaith@aod.org) or call (313) 237-5971.

Fr. Baumgartner Knights of Columbus Council #5452 will hold their annual **Lenten Fish Frys**

starting on Friday, February 24,  
at the Rochester Community House

The times are 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$8.00 for adults,

\$4.00 for children 12 and under.

Fish Frys will be held every Friday during Lent including Good Friday.



## St. Paul's Preschool is BACK!!

We are located around the corner from St. Andrew's at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We are no longer a cooperative style preschool, rather a traditional preschool, which is Christ-Centered, Hands-On and Literacy-Based with the major emphasis being on play and social interaction. We offer a dynamic preschool for 3- and 4-year olds as well as a Parent Tot program for two-year olds. Simply call the Preschool at 248.651.9361 for more information about registering your child or to schedule a tour. You can also check us out at [www.stpaulsrochester.org](http://www.stpaulsrochester.org).

# Holy Family School



**JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL**

ACCREDITED BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS



[www.holyfam.org](http://www.holyfam.org)

## HOLY FAMILY HAPPENINGS !

### Middle School Students Visit the Detroit Institute of Arts

Holy Family students in grades 6-8 were blessed with the opportunity to visit the DIA exhibit *Rembrandt and The Faces of Jesus*. The Rembrandt collection included paintings, prints and drawings that portray Jesus and the events of his life. The students were excited to view these impressive works of art, and to learn about how Rembrandt was able to artistically interpret a new vision that broke the traditional 17th-century representations of Jesus.

Pictured are a group of eighth grade students waiting to enter the exhibit.

*Rembrandt and the Faces of Jesus*



### Ash Wednesday February 22 School Mass

We invite all St. Andrew parishioners to join us at the school Mass!

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew Church

(Gr. Y5-3)



### Holy Family Regional School New Student Applications for 2012-2013 Now Being Accepted!

Holy Family Regional School is accepting New Student Applications for the 2012 -2013 school year. Applications for grades Young 5 and Kindergarten through grade eight are available on the school website at [www.holyfam.org](http://www.holyfam.org) and at either school office.

**Parishioners of our supporting parishes receive top priority.**

For more information or to schedule a private tour, please contact the admissions office at 248.299.3798.

### Mom to Mom Resale

GOT KIDS?

Come Shopping at the Holy Family Regional School Mom to Mom Resale

Saturday March 17

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2633 John R Road

Rochester Hills

**70 plus sold-out tables!**

Gently used baby and children's clothing, books, toys, furniture, accessories, equipment and

**MUCH MORE !!!**

**Come and bring your friends!**

**\$2 admission 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

**\$1 admission 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Prayer Requests		Readings
Dee Carew Donna Budinsky Vic Zanolli Mary Wills Uncle of Peter Bolcato Karen Bolcato Dan Knott Frank Messana Peter Vannini Fran Lavery James Wuchner Wilma Spivey Cecelia Pass Leonardo Rodriguez Niece of Nickie and Joe Mattar Pauline Baldwin Lorraine Smith Dick Koerber Jim Myers Amelia Roose Kelly Remick Cis Cunningham Kathy Olsen Kathy DePew Grace Felice Sister-in-law of Kathy Calverly Jim O'Donnell Heck Family David Tomlinson	Nicholas Lount Brother-in-law of Ria Driesen Diane Krueger Nephew of Garwood Family Mother of Kay Baran Mark Wagner Joe White Jennifer Turner and baby John Kramer Art Seidler Edith Tadjewski Andrea Nowicki Son-in-law of Thomas and Barbara Elwart Dennis Martin Grandson of Karen Sweeney Steve Iamarimo Sister of Peg Grodecki Mother of Peg Grodecki Deacon Charlie Skubick Father of Joy Ross Warren Massi Anne Hautamaki Russell Palazzolo Brother of Rich Kaschalk Leonard and Wanda Grande Eda Maraone Peggy Wenk Kim Tytleski	<b>February 20</b> <i>St. Amata; Bls. Jacinta and Francisco Marto (seers of Fatima)</i> James 3:13-18 Mark 9:14-29 <b>February 21</b> <i>St. Peter Damian</i> James 4:1-10 Mark 9:30-37 <b>February 22</b> <i>Ash Wednesday Feast of the Chair of Peter at Antioch</i> Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 <b>February 23</b> <i>St. Polycarp (invoked against earaches)</i> Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25 <b>February 24</b> <i>St. Matthias (replaced Judas)</i> Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15 <b>February 25</b> <i>St. Tarasius St. Walburga St. Ethelbert</i> Isaiah 58:9-14 Mark 10:13-16 <b>February 26</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent St. Alexander St. Porphyrius</i> Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 25:4-9 Mark 1:12-15

**Pray for all who serve their country in the armed services, especially the individuals listed below:**

Joseph W. Carr, Jr., 33-Air Force... Daniel Fabian, 23-Marines... Todd J. Ostrowski, 42-Air Force...  
 Anthony E. Snider, 42-Air Force... Ryan Hudson, 24-Navy... MG Gary Cheek, 53-Army...  
 Tyler D. Lynch, 19-Army Airborne... T. Brooks Hartnett, 31-Army...  
 Matthew Lada, 25-National Guard... Ismael Heredia, 20-National Guard (medic)...  
 Scott Theuerkaut, 22-Air Force... Scott Spears, Jr., 27-Army... Mike Connell, 26-Army  
 Joshua J. Bante, 24-Marines... Jonathan Patten, 27-Army... Adman Schoeherr, 25-Army  
 Major Troy Downing, 43-Marine



**St. Andrew Military Information Form (Return to Parish Office)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Submitting Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Events

### SUNDAY, February 19, 2012

7:30/9/10:45 a.m./12:30 p.m. Mass (Church)  
9/10:45 a.m. Child Care (Nursery)  
9/10:45 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)  
2:00 p.m. Baptisms (Church)  
5:00 p.m. North Oakland Area Mass (Church)

### MONDAY, February 20, 2012

8:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. Bible Study (PCUL/Rm 3)

### TUESDAY, February 21, 2012

8:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. MOMS #13 (YC /Nursery)

### WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2012

#### Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
9:15 a.m. Wednesday AM Prayer Group (Rm 3)  
10:00 a.m. HFS Mass (Church)  
12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Prayer Service (Church)  
4:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Prayer Service (Church)  
7:30 p.m. Mass (Church)

### THURSDAY, February 23, 2012

8:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. MOMS #2 (YC)  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (PCUL)  
7:00 p.m. Catechist Form. "Cath. Social Teaching" (MPR)

### FRIDAY, February 24, 2012

6:15 a.m. Mass (Chapel)  
8:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel)  
9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. Bethany Volleyball (AB)  
7:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

### SATURDAY, February 25, 2012

7:00 a.m. St. Joseph Covenant Keepers (PCLL)  
8:30 a.m. Centering Prayer (PCUL)  
10:30 a.m. Lectio Divina (PCUL)  
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)  
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### SUNDAY, February 26, 2012

7:30/9/10:45/12:30 p.m. Mass (Church)  
9:00/10:45 Childcare (Nursery)  
9:00/10:45 Children's Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)  
9:00/10:45 PreK/K Religious Education (School/MPR)  
12:00 p.m. Children's Catechumenate (PCUL)  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mentor Mtg. (PCUL)  
5:00 p.m. North Oakland Area Mass (Church)  
6:00 p.m. St Andrew Youth Group (PC/AB)

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, February 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*  
9:00 a.m. *Lauren Ferhadson* req. her Mother and Sister  
*Margaret Brindle* req. Judy Cote  
*Sadie Messina* req. Polulak and Kranker Families  
10:45 a.m. *Alice Rogala* req. Irene Rogala Family  
*Brian Rice* req. John & Donna Fernandez  
*Dorothy Ann Ratz* req. John & Donna Fernandez  
12:30 p.m. *John Kingsnorth* req. Dave and Sue McCoy  
*Steve McCormick* req. Calverly Family

### MONDAY, February 20, 2012

8:30 a.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*

### TUESDAY, February 21, 2012

8:30 a.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*

### WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2012

8:30 a.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*

10:00 a.m. *Lauren Ferhadson* req. her Mother and Sister  
7:30 p.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*

### THURSDAY, February 23, 2012

8:30 a.m. *Ed Conklin* req. Family  
*Richard Rydzewski* req. Kangas Family  
*William Aloysius Petrick* req. Mary Jane Petrick

### FRIDAY, February 24, 2012

8:30 a.m. *Jeff Spalding* req. Veronica Oliver  
*Margaret Raymo* req. Veronica Oliver  
*Eileen Webb* req. Veronica Oliver

### SATURDAY, February 25, 2012

5:00 p.m. *Barbara Tarchinski* req. Ron and Mary Borski  
*Eve Scarletta* req. Julie Scarletta  
*Fred Oates* req. Raymond and Shirley Jaworski

### SUNDAY, February 26, 2012

7:30 a.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*  
9:00 a.m. *For the People of St. Andrew*  
10:45 a.m. *Alice Rogala* req. Family  
*Gerald J. Corona* req. Christine Corona and Children  
*Louise Winterhalter* req. Sue Maraone  
12:30 p.m. *Danny Kassab* req. Family  
*Curtis Robar* req. Wife and Family

## Are you interested in joining St. Andrew Parish?

Registrations are scheduled once a month,  
usually on the second Sunday of the month,  
and will take place in the Chapel  
immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

### The next registration is Sunday, March 11

For more information, call the Parish Office 248.651.7486.

<b>Saturday 5:00 PM Mass</b> February 25, 2012	<b>Sunday 7:30 AM Mass</b> February 26, 2012	<b>Sunday 9:00 AM Mass</b> February 26, 2012
<b>Priest:</b> Msgr. Jeff Monforton <b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Thomas Salazar <b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Thomas Salazar <b>Deacon:</b>
<b>Lectors:</b> J. McDonald R. Plichta <b>Reader:</b> S. Gofrank	<b>Lectors:</b> S. Young J. Riley <b>Reader:</b> P. Davis	<b>Lectors:</b> B. Paurazas A. O'Donoghue <b>Reader:</b> J. Spencer
<b>Altar Serves</b> S. Cueny D. Pohlman S. Condic G. Kurokawa	<b>Altar Servers</b> E. Sutara K. DiMambro J. Groen	<b>Altar Servers</b> M. Carthew B. Hund L. Juriga C. Wesley
<b>Musician:</b> Vic Neely <b>Cantor:</b> Teen Choir <b>PowerPoint Slides</b>	<b>Musician:</b> Vic Neely <b>Cantor:</b> <b>PowerPoint Slides</b>	<b>Musician:</b> Vic Neely <b>Cantor:</b> Choir / C. Bonner <b>PowerPoint Slides</b>
<b>Greeters</b> W. Connolly J. Byszkowski T. Krause	<b>Greeters</b> A. Bochanek D. Langlois R. Broader M. Courtright B. Stoll A. Foster P. Drummond	<b>Greeters</b> B. Koerber C. Steyer F. Steyer R. Lynch J. Iamarino
<b>Ushers</b> E. Reynolds, Capt. A. Gladden D. Cushing, Co-Capt. K. Faragher N. Rosinski D. Bartone B. Zandi D. Tay	<b>Ushers</b> J. Nolan, Capt. B. Riehl K. Snook, Co-Capt. T. Olechowski C. Slusser M. Olexa C. Strawinski	<b>Ushers</b> E. Grace, Capt. M. Mullen M. Dabrowski F. Doyle O. Pfaffmann M. Locke
<b>Sunday 10:45 AM Mass</b> February 26, 2012	<b>Sunday 12:30 PM Mass</b> February 26, 2012	<b>Sunday 5:00 PM Mass</b> February 26, 2012
<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Joe Gagnon <b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Joe Gagnon <b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Priest:</b> Fr. Val Gattari <b>Deacon:</b>
<b>Lectors:</b> L. Smarsch S. Anglim <b>Reader:</b> E. Brady	<b>Lectors:</b> J. Dodson M. Atkinson <b>Reader:</b> K. Dodson	<b>Lectors:</b> L. Barrows G. Barrows <b>Reader:</b> P. Bubnar
<b>Altar Server</b> G. Nageotte S. Pelton (mentor) K. Pelton M. Fazio	<b>Altar Servers</b> G. Murphy J. Borellis M. DeCook A. Eusebio	<b>Altar Servers</b> P. Prost C. Riggs D. Riggs
<b>Musician:</b> Vic Neely <b>Cantor:</b> Youth Choir / J. Kline <b>PowerPoint Slides</b>	<b>Musician:</b> P. Blazis-Voight Echoes-of-Praise	<b>Musician:</b> C. Menzies <b>Cantor</b> <b>PowerPoint Slides</b>
<b>Greeters</b> S. Stapulionis C. Chetosky J. Hendricks K. Panasiewica T. Koempel	<b>Greeters</b> B. O'Connor P. Bubnar J. Green K. Hockridge	<b>Greeters</b> J. Wilmont C. Harnett G. Mathiak L. Mathiak
<b>Ushers</b> R. Kaschalk, Capt. F. Loscko J. Mulville R. Thalmann T. Crawford J. Cvengros T. Blackstone	<b>Ushers</b> A. Blazis, Capt. D. Iudiciani K. Sawruk D. Marten E. Kaminski D. Dehn	<b>Ushers</b>