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Weekly Confession

Saturdays 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

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

Parish Information

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Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen. How many times have we prayed this prayer over the years? Every year on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we ponder Mary's sacrificial love to cooperate with God's plan for her, giving birth to the Savior of the World. "Now, and at the hour of our death" may seem an odd reflection for Advent.

Aren't we supposed to be waiting for the birth of a baby in Bethlehem? Yes, *and . . .* We only celebrate the birth of Christ because we know the entire Paschal Mystery, His life and death. We still remember His death and Resurrection, even as we celebrate His birth: His alpha and omega. Certainly, it was not until Christ's presentation in the Temple, eight days after His birth, that anyone dared to think about His death. Seriously, who would think about a baby's death as they celebrate their birth?

By way of coincidence, last week, I read about a wristwatch that "works backward." With carefully programmed algorithms based on family history, current health status, where one lives in the world, and a number of other factors that I'm not smart enough to understand, the day of death is programmed into the watch. I am not kidding about this. So as a person glances at the clock to see what time it is, that person also sees how much longer they have to live. The watch tells not only the time, but also a countdown timer. If you are interested, and I am not, you may contact the French watchmaker, send your \$375,000 check, and *tempus fugis* is yours.

"Now and at the hour of our death" is clearly a statement about *God's* time and not *our* time. It's all up to God, and Mary possessed the grace to live with that reality. May we be as trusting in God as she was. May we be as open to life and death as Christ was. May we enter more fully into this Season of Advent with a heart and mind open to wherever God intends to lead us.

Fr. Del Staigers

*Welcome to
Saint Andrew Family
Parish!*

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Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8a.m. - 3p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Closed for Lunch

Noon-1:00 p.m.

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Readings for

Sunday, Dec. 25th

Is. 9:1-6

Ps. 96:1-13

Ti. 2:11-14

Lk. 2:1-14

Oh, Now I Get it!

by Fr. Jeff Kemper

What in the world is this reading about?" Hopefully, this will help understand next week's readings.

CHRISTMAS

Is 9: 1-6; The words sung in Hadel's *Messiah* speak of the effective love of God, which outdoes any human ruler's ability. YOKE, POLE, ROD: symbols of oppression from an occupying force. WONDER-COUNSELOR: a person who needs no earthly advice. GOD-HERO: victorious warrior.

Ti 2: 11-14 Part of salvation is that we LIVE OUT our salvation, and Jesus shows us how to do this life for the greater coming of Christ in glory. BLESSED HOPE is the trust in the fullness of eternal life in the fullness of God's Kingdom. (Listen carefully to the Deliver us, O Lord prayer after the Our Father.)

Lk 2: 1-14 A homeless, helpless baby whose birth is caught in the powers of the world (Caesar's census) and revealed to the fringe of society (shepherds were on the low end of society) is how Emmanuel, God-with-us enters our world. Now that's one great and loving God who does this for us.

Prayer For Those Alone At Holiday Time

Dear Heavenly Father, the holiday season can be quite a trial and even a deep sadness to many people, especially those that are alone at this time, perhaps having lost a loved one through death or divorce or for some other reason.

Draw very close we pray, to those that are alone and lonely over this holiday time. May they discover closeness in their relationship with You that perhaps they did not enjoy before.

Thank You, that You are a God Who is able to sympathize with all our weaknesses, disappointments and difficulties, knowing that You have walked this earth before us and have been tested in similar ways, so that You understand what it means to be alone and isolated.

Comfort the lonely, console the grieving, support the weak, give grace to the afflicted, and reassure those who have allowed fear to invade their peace, with the certainty that You are their ever present help in time of trouble. This we ask in Jesus' name,

Amen.

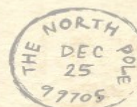
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Confession Schedule for Advent

Monday, Dec. 19, 6:00-7:00 pm at St. Veronica

Advent Saturday Confessions

The start time for Saturday afternoon Confessions will be 30 minutes earlier than usual during Advent.

There will be NO Confessions Christmas Eve.

St. Veronica 2:00-3:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 3:00-4:30 pm

St. Andrew 3:45-until all are heard/time for Mass



High School students...get ready for YOUTH GROUP!

Sunday, December 18th from 7-8pm at
St. Andrew in the Youth Room of the school.

Fill out your release
form ahead of time!

All are welcome!



ST ANDREW PARISH
OFFICE

Merry Christmas

WE ARE
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23 DEC 2022-03 JAN 2023

See you in
the new year!



Christmas Masses at our Family of Parishes

3:00pm-St. Veronica - Fr. Del

3:30pm-St. Andrew - Fr. Jeff

5:00pm-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Fr. Ben

5:30pm-St. Veronica - Fr. Del

5:30pm-St. Andrew - Fr. Jeff

7:00pm-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Fr. Pat

10:00pm-St. Veronica -Fr. Ben

Midnight-St. Andrew - Fr. Del

Christmas Day:

9:00am-St. Andrew - Fr. John

9:00am-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Fr. Ben

9:30am-St. Veronica - Fr. Jeff

11:00am-St. Andrew - Fr. Pat

11:00am-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Fr. Del

Giving Yourself the Gift of Faith

"Tis the Season"...Every Season of the Year!

-Deacon Tim Schutte, Faith Formation

Every year, the church enters a season of preparation for Christ's second coming. Advent, a time for watching and waiting, should certainly give pause for reflection on our preparedness for ushering in the kingdom of God. During Advent, we make lists of our wants for Christmas and what we hope to receive from others. But this year, maybe add something you can do to enhance your faith life. Maybe your faith enhancement list could be ongoing and not just for Advent.

Throughout the year, adult faith formation opportunities are offered at Saint Andrew to help us grow in faith and understand the church's teachings. Have you given yourself the time to participate in the many faith formation opportunities? What a gift to yourself to strive to understand something as paramount as your faith in Christ!

So as you prepare a shopping list for gift giving to others, consider making a "faith" gift list for yourself. As a family, consider attending "**Mass Plus +**," which offers an understanding of our liturgy through the lens of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Women, consider attending "**Sacred Sisters Stories**." This monthly gathering recalls the sacred witness of the holy women of yesterday and today. The very quiet witness of feminine religious spirituality has changed our world for the better (St. Teresa of Calcutta, Edith Stein, Dorothy Day, Julia of Norwich, etc...) and is still vitally needed in our world today. Men, consider attending "**That Man Is You!**" every Friday morning to deepen your spirituality as faith-fill witnesses in our families and communities. Dates and times for all faith formation programs are on our website. Individually consider "**Bible Study**," where we delve into the upcoming Sunday readings that allow us to get more out of our Sunday liturgy. It provides us time to open our ears and minds to the words proclaimed on Sunday and the message in the presider's homily and discuss their meaning in our lives and our church. These takeaways encourage us to live the message in the Scriptures.

"Tis the Season"...to grow in faith. But does growing in the faith need a season? Or should growing one's faith be every season throughout the year?

Happy Advent!

Sharing God's Gift

Sunday Offering, December 11, 2022

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#3

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THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO
ATTENDED

The Holy Name Society wishes to thank Johnny Vilardo as the third generation of Vilardo to provide the food for our December meeting. Johnny is following in the footsteps of his grandfather and his dad. Many thanks to Johnny and the Vilardo family for all they have done for the Holy Name Society and the greater parish family over the last 40+ years.

Mark your calendar for: St. Andrew Model Train Show

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The St. Andrew Holy Name Society

Saturday, February 11, 2023

More information to follow.



Mass Schedule and Intentions for this week

Monday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 a.m. **Pete Holenchak** / Marilyn & Roger Birkle

Wednesday, December 21

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 22

12:00 p.m. **Special Intention for Isabel** / Carmen

Friday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday, December 24

and

Sunday, December 25

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