

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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While adults and youth explored Anglican faith and tradition this fall, children in Godly Play focused on some of the things that are integral to the way we worship. Above, storyteller Lori Cornett and children compare the Parable of the Good Shepherd with the Story of World Communion.



Bishop to confirm 11, receive two, baptize one

St. Andrew's extends a warm welcome to the Rt. Rev. Mark Engle, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and his wife Terri. It will be a glorious weekend as Bishop Mark administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to 11 people at the 9 a.m. Sunday services, and receives two people into the Anglican branch of Christ's One, Holy, and Apostolic Church. In addition, one person will be renewing her baptismal vows, and another will be baptized.

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Clockwise, from above, a young girl works with materials from the presentation of the Synagogue and the Upper Room, which evokes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table to form a model of Christian worship; children place cards with pictorial representations of the parts of the Holy Eucharist in order; and children look at materials from the Communion of the Saints presentation.



925 'Cards from Christ' collected so far; DOHC striving to double last year's total

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross have already collected 925 cards for the "Cards from Christ" ministry, whose goal is to provide a hand-signed Christmas for every incarcerated man, woman and juvenile in Ohio. With two more Sundays to turn in cards, the Daughters are challenging St. Andrew's parishioners to double the 700 cards they contributed in 2020 to 1,400 this year!

While DOHC members are no longer writing cards between services in the Gathering Area, you can still sign cards at home and bring them to the church by Sunday, Nov. 28. Please place them in the silver bin in the Gathering Area.

Instructions for signing cards are in the Oct. 10 edition of "The Net," and suggested messages are in the Oct. 24 edition. You may download both from standrewspolaris.org/newsletters.

Children's Chapel resumes next Sunday!

Children's Chapel, which has been on hiatus since early 2020, will resume on the first Sunday of Advent next week, Nov. 28.

Children's Chapel offers our children the opportunity to worship God in a way that is meaningful to them, and which mirrors what the adults are doing in "big church." Children hear a reflection on Scripture, often participatory in nature, before joining together in the Apostles Creed, the Prayers of the People and a general Confession, most often led by the children themselves. We are also planning to introduce music to the Chapel service in the near future. Children follow the cross to Chapel after the reading of the Gospel and re-join the congregation at "The Peace" for communion.

We are also looking for adults willing to lead Children's Chapel one Sunday a month. If you're interested, or want to learn more, please contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

Newcomers breakfast Sunday, Dec. 12

New to St. Andrew's and want to get to know a little more about us? If so, we invite you to join Fr. Ron Baird for "Breakfast with the Priest" and Q&A on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Parish House. Just contact us at 740-548-5112, ext. 3, or mail@standrewspolaris.org to let us know you'll be there!

Encouragement for your prayer time

Fortify your faith; write it, speak it. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.'" (*Exodus 34:27*) "'For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.'" (*John 3:34*) "It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak." (*2 Corinthians 4:13*)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team

Wednesday Prayer Service at noon on Wednesdays

The weekday Prayer Service is held at noon every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. Prayer is offered with special intention for our parish, the city, the state, the nation and the world, as well as for individual prayer needs. All are welcome to attend this service. The service will also continue to be offered via Zoom from the church. For the Zoom link, please contact Ann Schnapp at acbs2@hotmail.com.

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The Daily and Sunday Lectionary, Prayers for the Church, and this week's encouragement for your prayer life are available in a separate leaflet at the Information Desk and through the link in this week's e-Net Mail.

Pledge drive at \$382,860

Seventy-three families have responded to the 2022 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$382,860 as of this past Friday. Our goal is \$525,500, which means we have \$142,640 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so that the Vestry can finalize the 2022 budget.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission here at St. Andrew's!

Bishop to confirm 11

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Confirmands are Daimond Agiobu, daughter of Data Agiobu; Christian W. Emery, son of Eric Emery; Kelsie Willoughby Meyers; Ian Phillip Sattler, son of Steve and Michelle Sattler; Elizabeth Ann Smith Schmitz; Elizabeth Grace Sylvester, daughter of Brian and Reneé Sylvester; Mason Alexander Thomas; Aidan Scott Tucker, son of Fr. Shane and Christy Tucker; Dawson Vosburg; Ellen Richard Vosburg; and Keever Whitehead, son of Eric and Tally Whitehead. Natalie Marie Clark and Patrick J. Schmitz will be received, and Nancy Forman will be renewing her baptismal vows before the Bishop.

We will welcome into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Faith June Testa, daughter of Donald and Jennifer Testa and granddaughter of St. Andrew's parishioner Carol Neague.

Bishop Mark will be preaching and celebrating the Eucharist at all three weekend services, and on Saturday afternoon will be meeting with the Rector Search Committee, the St. Andrew's Vestry and clergy. In addition, he will be meeting with confirmands and others participating in the service on Sunday morning at a rehearsal after the Saturday evening service, at around 6:30 p.m.



Thanksgiving Eucharist Nov. 25

This Thanksgiving take a few moments before the turkey-day rush to center yourself in Christ, from whom all blessings flow, by attending the annual Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 25. This will be a quiet service of about half an hour in length. Throw the turkey in the oven, and come as you are! And bring your family and friends!



Looking ahead to Christmas Eve

Week by week we're welcoming more and more people back to church, with our 9 a.m. Sunday service in particular quickly filling up. With the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord just over a month away we've been considering whether we need to return to three services on Christmas Eve.

Currently we're looking at offering services at 5:30 p.m., with carols led by "Calling of Levi," our contemporary worship band and a children's sermon; at 8 p.m., with full choir and organ; and at 10:30 p.m., with organ and congregational singing. We need your input as to which service you're most likely to attend this year so that we can determine if it's feasible to bring back the late service. Please watch for an email in the coming week with a sign-up form to indicate which service you plan to attend.

Your participation will help us make an informed decision about Christmas Eve services!

Devotionals for Advent available at Info Desk

The season of Advent is upon us! Advent begins next Sunday, Nov. 28, and we are offering devotionals to take home this year. We have selected two choices to meet the needs of our parish family. The more traditional, adult devotional will be "The Fullness of Time: Inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen," printed by Creative Communications. This daily devotional will guide readers with a scripture reading, a quote from Henri Nouwen, a reflection and a prayer for each day of Advent.

The second option we are offering this year is "Countdown to Christmas," also published by Creative Communications. This devotional includes stickers and a paper advent wreath enjoyed by kids of all ages, but especially geared toward 3- to 10-year-olds. It is a short and easy devotional to read at the dinner table or even in the car and the paper wreath takes the stress out of lighting real candles with young ones!

Both devotionals are already here and can be found in the Narthex. Feel free to take one of either complimentary booklet per family. Quantities are limited, but parents of young children are welcome to take one of each.

Whether you take what we have or find another devotional, we hope you follow the natural invitation of Advent to ponder and engage with the love and mystery of Christ this season.

Be the hands of Christ: Ring the Salvation Army Bell

Everyone is familiar with the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign during Advent season. What you might not know is there is an incredible abundance of opportunities for volunteers. Church groups throughout Central Ohio routinely volunteer to be bell-ringers, and there is no age limit, release form, or training requirement.

If you want to volunteer individually or with a group, please go to the following link and click on the red icon that says "Sign Up to Ring the Bell:" easternusa.salvationarmy.org/southwest-ohio/central-ohio/red-kettle-campaign/

This is an incredibly easy way to be Christ's hands (ringing a bell) in the world. Unless there's a blizzard, it's also a fun activity!

The Red Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's single biggest fundraiser. Funds raised support year-round programs to provide housing and emergency utility assistance, alleviate hunger, combat addiction, help human trafficking survivors, and more. The campaign runs Monday to Saturday from Nov. 12 through Dec. 24. Most kettles are out from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you sign up and would like support or visitors, please share the date, time and location with Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

Festival of Lessons and Carols Dec. 19

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented on the fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19, at the 9 a.m. service. This marks the fifth year our church will participate in this Anglican tradition of Scripture readings and carol singing. We hope to bring back our Nativity tableau featuring children and youth of St. Andrew's this year, and would like to hear from families by Sunday, Dec. 5, as to whether their children or grandchildren will be participating. We do need a minimum number of children and youth for the drama part of the program.

You may sign up at app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/69, or contact Tally Whitehead at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 5 to sign up or for more details. A dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m.

As in past years, toddlers through children in 1st Grade will be our animal representatives. The outfit for animals will be black bottoms, which can be pants, tights, leggings, etc. Your child will also need a long sleeve top or turtleneck. Sheep will wear white, oxen will wear brown, and donkeys will wear gray. When you sign up please include which color top your kiddo will be wearing to help us keep the animal numbers even.

Children in second through fifth grade will be angels and shepherds. Angels should wear a white long sleeve top and black pants. The parts of the three wise men, Mary, Joseph, and Gabriel will primarily go to middle school students, but we may move 5th graders up if the need arises. We have costumes for these parts set aside at church. When you sign up, please include your first and second choice for parts and we will accommodate the best we can.

Reading parts usually go to college-age young adults and high school students. Christine Brill, our director of choirs, will be helping with music organization. Anyone who is interested in playing strings for the service or singing in the choir should contact her at goosebrill@msn.com or 614-579-8586.

We would like to involve as many children, youth, college students and young adults as possible and look forward to hearing from you soon!



Sights from All Saints

We had a wonderful celebration of the Feast of All Saints—observed in the Church worldwide on Nov. 1—on Sunday, Oct. 31. Clockwise, from top, Fr. Ron Baird celebrates the Eucharist at the 9 a.m. service; one of our acolytes carries the cross in the recessional past his father and grandfather; a child kneels during Communion (we can tell that he had plenty to keep him busy throughout the service!); and Fr. Ron shares the true meaning of All Hallows' Eve with children at the 11:15 a.m. service.