

Faith Formation and Religious Education (RE)

Any questions? Contact Jenifer Jefferies at standrew.dre@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation

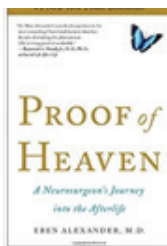
• **BOTW** – No BOTW until January 10, 2018. Make it your New Year's Resolution to read more Scripture! **All are welcome.** No books or sign-ups. **Wednesdays at 9 am in the parish library.**

Religious Education (RE)

Merry Christmas to all our RE Families and Catechists! Remember that for us Catholics, Christmas is a season. Try to expand it in your homes for more than just one day, December 25. God loved us so much that God became man to walk among us! That is worth celebrating every day! As we begin the New Year, also think about what we believe: we will all die – how will your judgement day go? Hopefully as well as the sport practices, dance lessons, music recitals, and school tests that we put before our faith.

Put RE classes on your 2018 calendars:

High School	Sunday evenings starting back on January 21 at 7 pm.
Junior High	Monday nights starting back on January 22 at 7 pm.
Elementary	Wednesday afternoons starting back January 17 at 3:15 pm.



Book Club! Our first book of 2018 will be *Proof of Heaven* by Eben Alexander, M.D. We will discuss at the end of January. We will have 10 copies for sale for \$10 each. You can get yours from Amazon.com or check it out from the library.

Look for sign-ups and see Jenifer with any questions. We could have a morning and an evening session if there is enough interest beginning Thursday, January 25, 9 am and 7 pm.

2017 Tax Preparation of St. Andrew Donations

If you received a letter for tax purposes last year of donations to St. Andrew, you will automatically be mailed a tax letter in mid-January. If you did **NOT** receive a letter for 2016 donations, but you would like to receive a letter for 2017 taxes, please contact the parish office at 702-293-7500. *Cindy Blatchford, Bookkeeper*

This Week at Saint Andrew

December 24, 2017

Website: standrewbc.org

Email: standrewbc@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 5:00 PM

1399 San Felipe Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005-3202

Phone: 702-293-7500

Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23, 2017

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 5 PM † **Norman Delsanter**

Baptisms: Sawyer John Teepen

Lincoln Edward Teepen

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4th Sunday in Advent

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 8 AM **People of the Parish-**

Mass 10:30 AM † **Pixie Wilkinson**

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses:

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Christmas Eve Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 4 PM

† **Maj. Kenneth J. Kwiatkoski**

Mass 7 PM **World Peace**

Monday, December 25, 2017

Christmas Day

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

NO Communion Service

Rosary and Chaplet afterwards

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 8 AM † Majorie Fagan

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 28, 2017

8 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 29, 2017

Parish Staff

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Confessions 4 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick at the 8 AM Mass on the first Wednesday of the month, or by appointment.

For Marriage and Baptism information, please contact the parish office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT "Promise to Protect"
BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING.
THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. *The Victim Assistance Coordinator in our diocese is: Ron Vallance at (702) 235-7723.*

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Deacon Tim's Reflection

Are you ready to help pave in the new year?

I'm pleased to announce a very generous parishioner donated \$1100 which will be restricted to repaving the church parking lot. Therefore, we have opened a restricted account to begin raising money for the parking lot project. Beginning in 2018 we will have 2nd Collections specifically for this large project and will publish the account balance in the bulletin.

If we get this rolling now we should be able to raise funds without compromising our regular offertory which barely sustains the parish on a monthly basis nor allows us to put 10 percent into savings for a rainy day.

It would be my hope that we could raise the needed \$200,000 + to have the parking lot completely removed, leveled and contoured, repaved and restriped within 5-yrs. This is highly optimistic, because it breaks down to \$770 per week above and beyond our weekly offertory. However, a few parishioners have indicated they would make considerable contributions to the paving project above their regular giving and CSA pledge.

It takes an entire parish to pave a parking lot.

Blessings -

Thanks to Carne Wallace, Sue Hengen, and Halina Stave (my elves) our parish office reception area is beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season.



THANK-YOU

for supporting our very successful "TASTE of CHRISTMAS" raising for our

parish over \$3,000. It took hard work by so many: the bakers, the crafters & sewer of table runners, the decorators, those who stocked the tables, priced the items, prepared & sold raffle tickets, cleaned up afterwards, and last but not least those who shopped.

A special thanks to Helen Breeden, Matt & Paula Rios, and Anna Clark with the Social Committee who coordinated this event.

Congratulations to the winner of \$500 in the raffle drawing:

Michael Greene!

Pray For

Mike Zabriskie and all those we continue to remember in our prayers on the PRAYER SITE list (www.standrewbc.org and select the PRAY FOR US tab), the Tiltons in Kinshasa, all deployed military who are serving our country, those recovering from the series of natural disasters, fire storms, mass shootings, and for all who have recently lost a friend or loved one; especially the loss of: Michael Castaneda, Ray Eckl, Maggie Brown-Shoosmith (Barbara Smith's sister), and Susan "Pixie" Wilkinson.



Funeral Schedule

Pixie Wilkinson Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, December 30th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew. Ray Eckl, Maggie Brown-Shoosmith, and Michael Castaneda are scheduled or pending for January 2018.

Sanctuary at Christmas

Thank-you to all those who donated towards our Christmas flowers and decorations in the sanctuary and the church in memory or honor of a loved one. Your generosity made it possible to reflect the joy and celebration of Christ's birth.



A special thanks to Joan Sharpe and her team who beautifully put it all together.

Weekly Offering and Attendance

Offering	Last Year	Current Year
December 10	\$5,869.00	\$6,878.00

Registered Families: 584 Attendance: 414

Beyond the Parish

THE ANGORA FAMILY NATIVITY

1296 Lynwood St.
Boulder City Nevada

This nativity is 12 ft. by 10 ft.
It can be viewed from 8 AM to 10 PM
till New Year's Day (depending on the weather)

Viewed best after dark

RETROUVAILLE (re-tro-vi)

Matrimony: A calling to forgive!

Retrouvaille, a Catholic in origin based marriage program, offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, there marriages can be healed and restored. For more information about our upcoming February 9-11th, 2018 Retrouvaille Weekend contact registration team: John & Paul @702-812-8873 or visit our website:

HelpOurMarriage.com

Thank-you so much for your generous donations towards the flowers for the sanctuary this Christmas.

Donors special intentions will be published in our next issue of our bulletin: *This Week at St. Andrew*