

Faith Formation and Religious Education (RE)

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

Adult Faith Formation

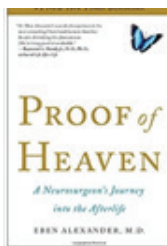
• **BOTW** – No BOTW until January 10, 2018. Make it your New Year's Resolution to read more Scripture! **All are welcome.** No books or sign-ups. **Wednesdays at 9 am in the parish library.**

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:

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| 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 31, 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 30, 2017

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 5 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, December 31, 2017

The Holy Family

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 8 AM

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses:

Hosted by Dulce & Kharen Kuniyuki

Mass 10:30 AM † **Ida Horn**

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses:

Hosted by Suzi Garbat & Nancy Ward

Monday, January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Precept to attend Mass is abrogated

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

8 AM Communion Service

Rosary and Chaplet afterwards

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Presider: Fr. Toan

Mass 8 AM † **Randy Wilson**

Anointing of the Sick at Mass

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 4, 2018

8 AM Communion Service

Friday, January 5, 2018

11:30 AM Funeral Mass - Ray Eckl

Saturday, January 6, 2018

Sunday, January 7, 2018

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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.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR of 2018!

“The Gospel of the Family: joy for the world”

Pope Francis sent a letter to Cardinal Farrell for the World Meeting of Families to be held from 21 to 26 August 2018 on the theme: “The Gospel of the Family: joy for the world.” Following is an excerpt from the March 30, 2017 letter as the Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit as well as the ultimate family unit, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

I wish to underline how important it is for families to ask themselves often if they live based on love, for love and in love. In practice, this means giving oneself, forgiving, not losing patience, anticipating the other, respecting. How much better family life would be if every day we lived according to the words, “please,” “thank you,” and “I’m sorry.” Every day we have the experience of fragility and weakness, and therefore we all, families and clergy are in need of renewed humility that forms the desire to form ourselves, to educate and be educated, to help and be helped, to accompany, discern and integrate all men of good will. I dream of an outbound Church, not a self-referential one, a Church that does not pass by far from man’s wounds, a merciful Church that proclaims the heart of the revelation of God as Love, which is Mercy. It is this very mercy that makes us new in love; and we know how much Christian families are a place of mercy and witnesses of mercy. The Dublin meeting will be able to offer concrete signs of this. Blessings -

St. Andrew

Join The Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday at 9:30 AM!!

Are you looking for a way to give back in the New Year? Come join the prayer shawl ministry just once a month, and we can help you learn crocheting or knitting. Quilters welcome too.

The blessed shawls are distributed to those who are in need of our prayers across Boulder City.

This group is open to all faith denominations so bring a friend. We meet in the St. Mary’s Classroom at 9:30 AM on the first Wednesday. *Questions please call Peggy Caspar 702-689-7055.*

The Social Committee Ministry has a meeting scheduled on January 4th to plan activities for the upcoming calendar year. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or have some ideas for social events, please contact Mary in the parish office (702-293-7500, M - Th)

Pray For

Mike Zabriskie Barbara Randell 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.



Funeral Schedule

Raymond “Ray” Eckl Funeral Mass will be held on **Friday, January 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** at St. Andrew.

Maggie Brown-Shoosmith Funeral Mass will be held on **Thursday, January 11th at 10 a.m.** (Maggie is Barbara Smith’s sister.)



Christmas Sanctuary Flowers

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

Donors special intentions - see insert

Weekly Offering and Attendance

| Offering | Last Year | Current Year |
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| Dec. 23/24 | \$5,239.00 | \$6,945.00 |

Registered Families: 584 Attendance: 323

Christmas Offering and Attendance

| Offering | Last Year | Current Year |
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| Dec. 24/25 | \$17,914.00 | \$10,947.00 |

Registered Families: 584 Attendance: 785

Beyond the Parish

As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God’s love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend? **The next weekend is February 16-18 in Boulder City.** To apply online, or for other weekend dates visit www.lvloveyourspouse.org or call 702-589-0068

RETROUVAILLE (re-tro-vi)

Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, “How can I make my marriage better?” If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples, and it can work for your marriage. 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

| December 31, 2017 |
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| Sunday: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3/Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19/Luke 2: 22-40 |
| Monday: Numbers 6: 22-27/Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8/Galatians 4: 4-7/Luke 2: 16-21 |
| Tuesday: 1 John 2: 22-28/Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/John 1: 19-28 |
| Wednesday: 1 John 2: 29-3:6/Psalm 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6/John 1: 29-34 |
| Thursday: 1 John 3: 7-10/Psalm 98: 1, 7-8, 9/John 1: 35-42 |
| Friday: 1 John 3: 11-21/Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5/John 1: 43-51 |
| Saturday: 1 John 5: 5-13/Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mark 1: 7-11 |
| Next Sunday: Isaiah 60: 1-6/Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2: 1-12 |