

Bishop's Letter: Catholic Relief Services

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of March 11, 2018 our diocese will be taking up a The Catholic Relief Services appeal ("CRS") or SPECIAL COLLECTION. By participating in this appeal, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. The CRS provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join together in this appeal to support those suffering and on the margins of society.

For example, in the developing world, it is often hard for families to support themselves and their children. Sophie, a widow working in a village in Burkina Faso, was struggling to feed her family and pay for schooling for her children. Thanks to the help of Catholic Relief Services, one of the CRS-supported organizations, her village was able to set up a Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC). Through the SILC, members contribute what they can afford, allowing them to pool their resources and save collectively. Members can then borrow money to meet pressing needs or develop business opportunities. Through the SILC, Sophie was able to take out a \$200 loan to cover startup costs for her own canteen, a

sum that would be nearly impossible for her to save. Her canteen has been very successful and began to pay off in only six months. Her community has benefited too, as she has been able to hire three assistants to work with her. Without the SILC and the work of CRS, it would have been nearly impossible for her, and others like her, to create a sustainable life for her and her family.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. If you want to learn more about the appeal and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the appeal and answer the knock of Jesus in disguise.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Las Vegas



March 4, 2018

Sunday (Year A): Exodus 17: 3-7/Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8, John 4: 5-42

Monday: 2 Kings 5: 1-15b/Psalm 42: 2, -3/Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3: 25, 34-43/Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Matthew 18: 21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9/Psalm 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7: 23-28/Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9/Luke 11: 14-23

Friday: Hosea 14: 2-10/Psalm 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6: 1-6/Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Luke 18: 9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-6/Ephesians 5: 8-14/John 9: 1-41

Pray For

Michael Cotoia Sarah (Christine Balley's little girl) 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) all deployed military who are serving our country, and for all who have recently lost a friend or loved one -- **Marty Lysakowski.**
Funeral Mass: Monday, 3/5/18 at 9 AM
(Viewing at 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.)



Weekly Offering and Attendance

Offering	Last Year (2/26/17)	Current Year (2/25/18)
February 25	\$ 6,360.00	\$5,577.00

Registered Families: 582 Attendance: 399

St. Andrew Funding Project/s

Project	Goal	\$\$ Donations
Parking Lot	\$200,000.00	\$16,345.28

CSA

Families Partaking	Goal	Cash Received	Total Pledged
72	\$46,406.00	\$19,830.00	\$36,325.00

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers for Easter

If you would like to help decorate our Sanctuary with lilies this Easter in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, we will be accepting donations through the month of March. We will publish your name and intentions in the bulletin following Easter Sunday.

Please drop your donation or Easter Flower Offering Envelope, in the "gift basket," use OnLine Giving, or mail to the parish office. Please be sure to include your intention/s.

St Andrew and Beyond

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

DATE: Saturday, March 17, 2017

TIME: 6 PM (after the 5 p.m. Mass)

PLACE: St. Andrew Parish Hall

COST:

Adults/Teens: \$10

Children: 12 or under: \$5

The social committee is getting decorations together, the chef is getting ready to prepare his favorite Irish dishes, and all we need is you! Get your tickets! Come and enjoy good food & fellowship with friends.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, March 7th at 9:30 a.m.

We can help you learn crocheting or knitting. Quilters welcome, too. The blessed shawls are distributed to those in need of our prayers.

Questions: call Peggy Caspar 702-689-7055

Women's Silent Retreat

Registration for the **Women's Silent Retreat** in Alhambra on May 18-20, 2018 continues through Sunday, March 11th.

If interested, please contact Peggy at 702-689-7055 or Mary in the office.

Catholic Medical Association (CMA)

Friday, March 16th at 6:30 PM

Saint Anne Parish in the adoration chapel

1901 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas Nevada

Praying and chanting the Stations of the Cross led by musician Greg Barnby.

Welcome and social will follow in the Hospitality Room for Catholic physicians, nurses, and health care professionals.