



# St. Andrew the Apostle

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Annual Report 2021

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# A Note From Father John

As pastor, I'm supposed to report to you on the state of the parish once a year through this annual report. I'm happy to report that – thanks to you – the Bark of Peter that resides at St. Andrew's in Apex is in good shape – even ship-shape! And we came through some really stormy waters since our last report. It is your participation, generosity, and energetic spirit that makes this good news possible. I'm just one person in a vast web of relationships that make up this community. I feel privileged to be part of it/you.

To reflect back on a difficult and challenging time, and recognize that we made it through is a great sense of accomplishment, thanks be to God. We continued to celebrate Mass and the sacraments (even in the parking lot!), anoint the sick and bury the deceased. We welcomed new Christians in baptism and saw the young make their first communion and confirmation. Blessings all – to all of us – no matter our age.

Probably like many of you, last year was the most challenging year of my life. I'm grateful that MOST of you were gentle through our stumbling to make the best decisions for our parish. I'm grateful to all on the staff and beyond who spent countless hours listening to reports, advice, following guidelines and trying to adapt them as best we could for St. Andrew's. It's been exhausting. And every time I began to feel a little sorry for myself, I just looked at those of you with kids at home from school, trying to work from home and keep family harmony. YOU are the ones that deserve capes for your heroic efforts! I honestly don't know how you did/do it. And GENERALLY with a smile on your face (at least we all tried to do so in public!)

I found this piece in my files that perhaps might also be of interest to you. (I've slightly edited it). CLARITY magazine tells of an interview with Anne Lamott. She writes, "I was doing a book tour in San Diego, where it's sunny all the time, which makes me nervous and cranky because I look bad in shorts. Then I saw a picture of Koko the gorilla, who lives at the San Diego Zoo, and over the picture it said something like, 'Mantra for the American Jungle: Remain calm – and share your bananas.' I loved that saying so much that every day for the rest of the tour, I wrote "RCSB" in ink on my hand, in that place between my forefinger and thumb, so when I started to get nervous or upset, I'd see those letters, and it would put things into perspective.

"It reminded me of Mother Teresa, talking about how in America we have this terrible spiritual poverty. In India, she said, you'll see somebody in the gutter with a banana, and he'll break it into thirds to share it with other people. In America, though, we stockpile our bananas so we have a bunch of them, and stuff them in our mouths as fast as we can, and come up with ways to make them ripen faster so we have more, more, more.

"That's what the devil's about, the lie that if we get more fame, more money, more attention, more things, we'll be okay. It speaks of this mangy, grungy tightness instead of the joy of God that makes you want to share with others.

"We live the most when we're giving. That's why Jesus was such a radical. He says that everything in the world is going to tell you to grab onto as much as you can, then get more and more and don't let anybody else have it. But none of that's true. Jesus says that where your treasure is, your heart will be too. Don't bank on the stuff that's going to rot and get moldy and dusty and turn to ashes. What's going to last is what you give away.

"When you do God's work, you just show up and love and serve. The Mass ends with 'Go in peace to love and serve the world.' It doesn't say 'Stay here, get some more room service, and try to get more stuff.' That sort of greedy thinking doesn't really lead to a lot of spiritual happiness. Get calm – and go take care of God's other children. Share your bananas. That's where you're going to get happy."

I share that story because I think the sharing part reflects life at St. Andrew's. It's a privilege to be with you in service to God's kingdom. Thanks for all that you do – everywhere – all the time. Amen.

# Financial Summary

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2019-20	ACTUAL 2020-21	PROJECTED 2021-22
OFFERTORY	\$1,775,731	\$1,763,529	\$1,710,000
OTHER DONATIONS	\$220,947	\$382,726	\$190,300
BUILDING FUND	\$183,034	\$180,049	\$155,000
OTHER REVENUE/NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$247,061	\$302,866	\$127,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,426,773</b>	<b>\$2,629,171</b>	<b>\$2,182,356</b>
DISBURSEMENTS & RESERVES	ACTUAL 2019-20	ACTUAL 2020-21	PROJECTED 2021-22
STAFF/CLERGY EXPENSE	\$915,464	\$994,871	\$904,656
PARISH MINISTRIES	\$297,775	\$205,998	\$253,000
SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$208,284	\$118,322	\$214,250
UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE & INSURANCE	\$303,791	\$319,524	\$213,450
ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$347,525	\$366,953	\$335,000
MORTGAGE	\$83,787	\$127,342	\$77,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$225,946	\$315,015	\$185,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,382,572</b>	<b>\$2,448,026</b>	<b>\$2,182,356</b>
Net Income	\$44,201	\$181,145	\$0

- Number of registered families on June 30, 2021 - 2446
- We completed the deactivations/updates from the census completed in July 2020. The reduction in the number of registered families, reflects those who are active members with verified contact information. We have net approximately 150 new families this year!
- The increase in administrative expenses is due to some projects completed at the rectory and additional costs for live streaming improvements.
- Some of 2022 fiscal capital expenses were actually paid in 2021.

## BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our yearly opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church in Eastern North Carolina. So far this year we have raised over \$361,507, over \$100,000 more than our 2021 goal of \$245,440. 760 donors (around 31% of our households) gave an average contribution of \$444. Over \$100,000 (95% of the total amount over our goal at the end of the year) will be returned directly to our church in 2022. The remaining 5% will be placed in our Parish Reserve Endowment Fund at The Catholic Foundation.



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# Financial Summary

Well, 2021 isn't shaping up to be a lot easier than 2020, but there is hope and a lot of things have returned to a sort of normal. It is great to have so many folks back in person for Mass, meetings, some careful fellowship, and other face-to-face interaction. We are the Church after all!

Financially, you have continued to be incredibly generous stewards of your treasure. The response to the Challenge giving last fall/winter was tremendous. Once again, St. Andrew has met and exceeded its BAA goal - amazing and inspiring!

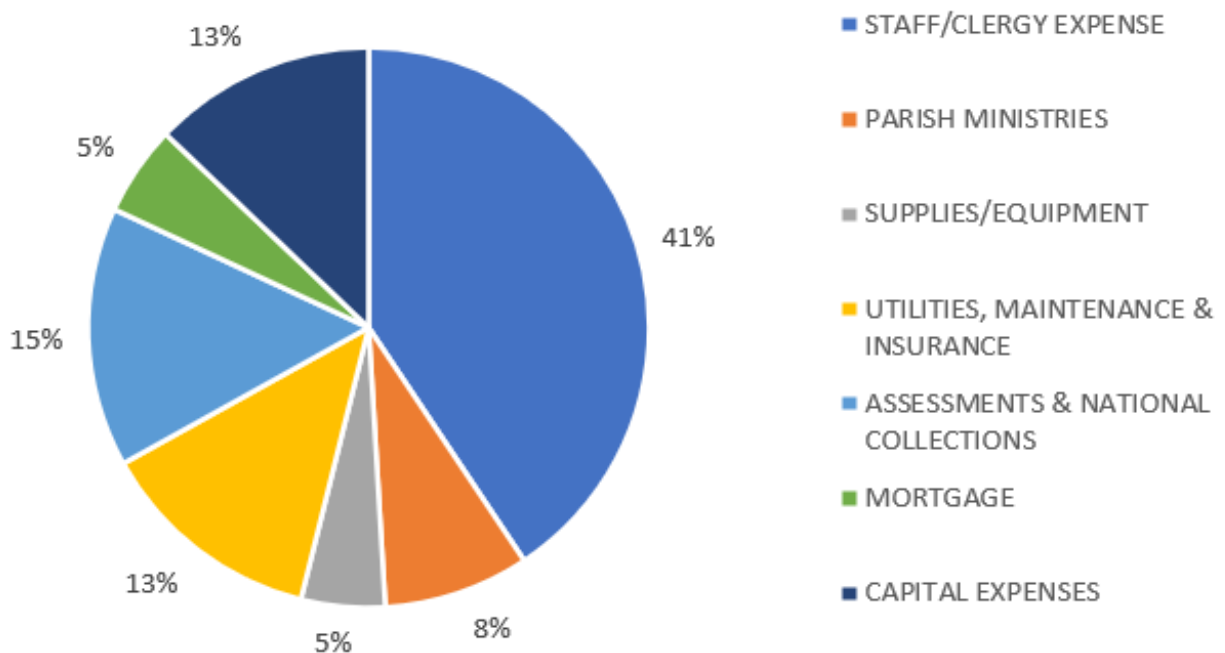
Later this year, we will be asking for next year's financial commitment once again. Keep an eye on your e-communications and mail. We have a goal to pay off the mortgage by fiscal 2024 to make our parish completely debt-free, while along the way working toward increasing charitable giving to a tithing goal of 10% of offertory, continuing to maintain our facilities, and always keeping ministry and worship needs first.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to **Love God, Serve Neighbor, and Nurture Disciples**. Optimistically looking forward to 2022, we remain . . .

*David Legarth, Finance Committee Chair*

*Noelle Marino, Parish Administrator*

## Expense Summary 2020-21





# Budget Information

## PARISH ANNUAL CHARITABLE GIVING & ASSESSMENTS

Birthchoice	\$800
Brown Bag Ministry	\$6,000**
Catholic Charities	\$12,000
CPO Food Pantry	\$4,000
Food Bank of Eastern NC	\$3,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$7,500
Healing Transitions	\$1,500
Hospice of Wake County	\$1,200
Meals on Wheels	\$1,500
Mental Health Organization TBA	\$1,500
Oak City Cares	\$2,000
Prison Ministry	\$1,000
RIP Debt	\$1,500
Room at the Inn	\$2,000
Tarboro Community Outreach	\$6,000***
Western Wake Crisis Ministry	\$12,000
Worldwide Marriage Encounter	\$1,200
Assistance to Individuals	\$12,000

*(This represents people in crisis seeking help)*

### Diocesan Assessments

Hispanic Ministries	\$10,500
Priests' Retirement	\$93,926*
Cathedraticum	\$141,370*
Catholic Schools	\$67,183*

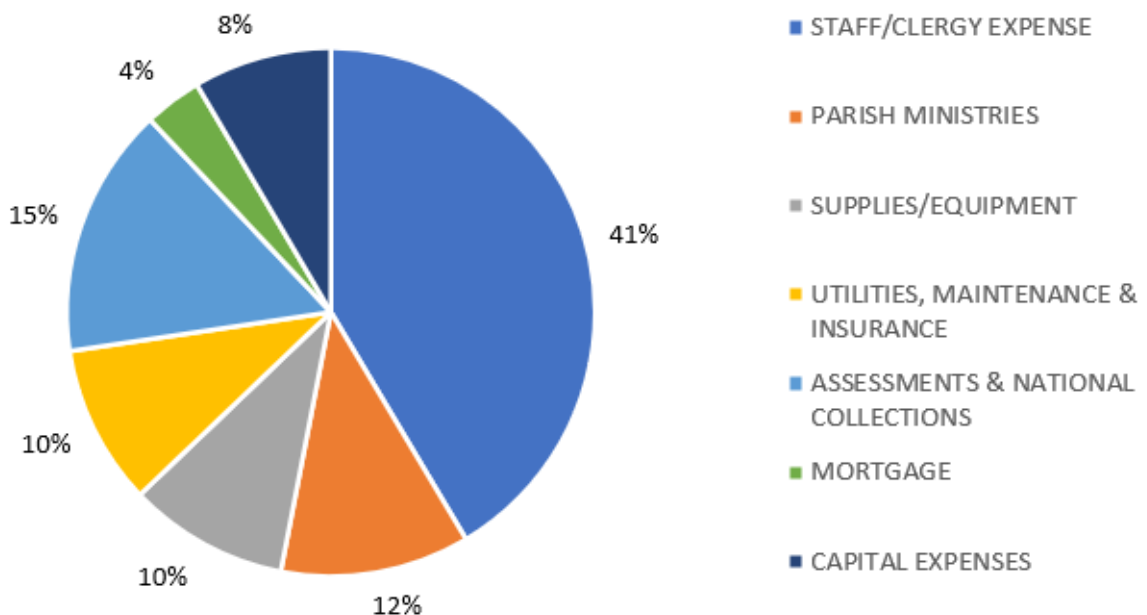
*These annual assessments, collected from every parish in the diocese, assist with diocesan operating expenses.*

*\*unconfirmed at date of publishing*

*\*\* Match for Thanksgiving Collection*

*\*\*\* Match for Holy Thursday Collection*

## Projected Expenses 2021-22



# Faith Formation

## FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

**For Elementary Students,  
Middle Schoolers,  
High Schoolers,  
and Their Families**



Although parishes are called to support families in growing in love and knowledge of God, they are not meant to be a replacement for the family. We cannot outsource our faith, rather, it is best rooted in and nurtured by our families.

The goal of the new *Families Encountering Christ Formation Program* is to help all of us know Jesus through prayer, scripture, service, and liturgical living.

Families will be placed in groups which will meet at the parish monthly to accompany each other in faith sharing and prayer in fun and engaging ways throughout the program year. Families may create their own group or we will help place you find one.

One at-home lesson will be completed in addition to the monthly meeting. The Youth group will have one bonus, in-person meeting each month.

GRACE Events, Socials, and Service will be available throughout the year to all families.

### Other Formation Opportunities:

**The Special Needs and Disabilities Ministry** at St. Andrew builds a coalition of social and spiritual support within the Diocese of Raleigh. Families aren't just welcome in our church - they belong here. Those with disabilities are invited to participate in all areas of parish life including the liturgy and faith formation programs. Support is tailored to individuals' gifts and needs.

**Adult Faith Formation** includes a year-round Inquiry and Catechumenate for RCIA, preparation of adult Catholics for Confirmation, and a Returning Catholics program. Catechist formation and enrichment is offered through short courses throughout the year. Several small groups meet throughout the week for faith sharing and/or Bible Study, including both virtual and in-person opportunities. FORMED, an on-line streaming service, is also available to all parishioners. Recently *Word on Fire*, another online service, has also been introduced to parishioners.

## 2020—2021 FAITH FORMATION

### **Children Enrolled in Faith Formation Classes:**

K-5	380
Grades 6-8 - JYM	207
Grades 9-12 -TYM	120

### **Volunteers:**

Grades K-12	56
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## SACRAMENTS

### **First Communicants:**

2020—2021	123
2021 - 2022	Registration ongoing.

### **Confirmation:**

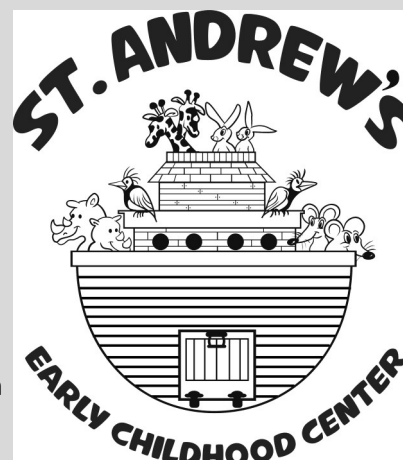
2020 - 2021	97
2021 - 2022	81

### **Baptisms**

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	49
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# Early Childhood Center

St. Andrew ECC provides a Christ-centered and nurturing environment where developmentally appropriate, play-based learning opportunities focus on social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development.



St. Andrew's offers a half day, nine-month program where children ages 18 months through 5 years old can learn and grow in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. The developmentally appropriate curriculum is designed to enhance social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth in young children. Child initiated and teacher supported play is an essential component of the program. Being a Catholic center, Bible stories, prayer, and Catholic identity are incorporated into daily lessons.

The preschool operated successfully in 2020-2021 amidst the pandemic. During the school year enrollment increased from 86 to 106. The 2021-2022 enrollment has returned to pre-COVID capacity of 156. St. Andrew ECC community is 54% catholic with 39% being St. Andrew parishioners. We are committed to providing a safe, healthy learning environment for our staff and students.

## ECC Financial Summary and Projections

	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Projections
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Tuition	\$232,901	\$214,902	\$287,100
Other Fees & Revenue	\$18,229	\$22,440	\$16,820
Non-Operating Income	\$48,081	\$8,615	\$12,317
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$299,211</b>	<b>\$245,956</b>	<b>\$316,237</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Educational (Includes teacher salaries and benefits)	\$273,988	\$214,377	\$280,953
General (Includes office and facility expense)	\$11,552	\$15,129	\$25,477
Non-Operating Expenses	\$1,851	\$26,798	\$9,807
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$287,391</b>	<b>\$256,303</b>	<b>\$316,237</b>

## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: all that we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity. Inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given.

O Lord,  
you breathe your Spirit upon us and send us out with your peace, and so *we will* form disciples who will care of our common home. *We will* be your presence in our world as we light the flame of faith and give hope to the hopeless. As your Mystical Body *we will* care for the poor and the sick, the stranger and the imprisoned. *We will* witness to your love with our entire lives.

O God,  
You call each of us to play a unique role in the unfolding of your divine plan. Give us the grace to answer your call:  
*Who will? ... We will!*

We ask this with grateful hearts through Christ our Lord.

## ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

We are asked to give back to God in gratitude for the many gifts God has given us through a significant contribution on a regular basis. The easiest and most efficient way to do this is through our online giving option. This will allow you to make your donations without writing a check each week. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly payment, allocate different amounts for various collections, and view complete, accurate financial records at any time. See our parish website (<https://saintandrew.weshareonline.org/>) for more information or call the parish office.



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