



St. Andrew the Apostle

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Love God, Serve Neighbor, Nurture Disciples



Annual Report 2023

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A Note From Father John

The diocese requires us to publish this annual report so that you, who are the parish of St. Andrew, know how the parish is doing. Some of it is about the buildings, projects, and improvements made over the past year. And to me, the more interesting part is what is intangible. Are we growing in holiness? A faithful life of prayer? Deeper concern for the poor? Care for the stranger, the immigrant? In other words, are we BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST?

I hope looking at all of these things in our own lives, and as you read through these pages, you can honestly say, “Yes – Yes I am – at least TRYING – to be holier, more prayerful, more generous and caring and compassionate -- more like Christ as His faithful follower. Which is to be a steward of the gifts we have received.

The underlying notion that we are stewards is fundamental to our faith – but it is also fundamental to our basic human identity. According to Genesis 1:26-28, we are made in the image of God, that is, we are stewards – caretakers -- of God’s creation. This means that God’s purpose for us is to do in our limited spheres what God does in the world at large: seek to create circumstances in which all elements of creation live in love, mutual support, and abundance. Stewardship is not one set of actions – like contributing to the church financially – alongside others – but is our essential identity. We need to grasp this big picture: we are stewards not only through the time and money we give to church but in everything we are and do. How we treat our children, how much energy we use, the degree to which we enter into solidarity with the poor, the stands we take on issues in public life – all of these things are expressions of stewardship.

Stewardship is our way of saying “I am committed to God – and to help the world become a place of blessing for all.” What we do in church is supposed to help shape what we do in the rest of life. The act of placing money in the collection represents our intention to give our whole lives to God’s purposes. The contribution is not an end but is a symbol of how we should understand our whole existence.

As I prepared these reflections, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude – to God for sending me to tend this acre of God’s kingdom with you – and to you, for allowing me to walk the last 5 years of our faith journey together. Every good thing that happens here in the parish is due to your generosity, your compassion, and your love. The thing I am most happy about is that we have now made it to our stated goal of giving 10% of our offertory away to the poor!

THANK YOU – for your generous stewardship, for your cooperation, and yes, for your encouragement. I have enjoyed every assignment I have ever had – but it seems to me that God saved the best for last! Thank you for all that you do. I hope to continue to serve with you beyond what would be my normal age of retirement, so I hope this is not my last report . . .



Financial Summary

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2021-22	ACTUAL 2022-23	PROJECTED 2023-24
OFFERTORY	\$1,992,318	\$2,063,471	\$2,080,000
OTHER DONATIONS	\$202,259	\$280,836	\$113,500
BUILDING FUND	\$218,525	\$235,446	\$72,000
OTHER REVENUE/NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$107,261	\$194,929	\$219,200
Total	\$2,520,363	\$2,774,681	\$2,484,700
DISBURSEMENTS & RESERVES	ACTUAL 2021-22	ACTUAL 2022-23	PROJECTED 2023-24
STAFF/CLERGY EXPENSE	\$863,925	\$946,858	\$1,012,728
PARISH MINISTRIES	\$226,213	\$257,702	\$346,000
SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$118,071	\$128,583	\$259,766
UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE & INSURANCE	\$379,517	\$485,661	\$294,300
ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$323,723	\$363,014	\$371,906
MORTGAGE	\$337,971	\$0	\$0
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$212,715	\$256,233	\$200,000
Total	\$2,462,135	\$2,438,051	\$2,484,700
Net Income	\$58,228	\$336,630	\$0

Average Weekly Offertory 2022: \$38,313.81

Average Weekly Offertory 2023: \$39,682.13

- We deposited over \$600,000 into savings/rainy-day funds last fiscal year.
- Offertory increased by 4% year-over-year.
- Property/liability insurance increased 16% over the previous year, and health insurance premiums for clergy and laity increased 5%.
- As of June 30, St. Andrew has 2,454 registered families with 241 of those being new to the parish this fiscal year.

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 \$374,000, more than \$63,000 over our 2023 goal of \$311,050. 747 donors (around 31% of our households) gave an average contribution of \$370. Over \$25,000 (40% of the total amount over our goal at the end of the year) will be returned directly to our parish in 2024.



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Financial Summary

What an exciting year we have had at St. Andrew! 40 years of worship, fellowship, and service – what an amazing milestone! We have enjoyed some wonderful time celebrating together this year and are thankful for all who have had a part in making our parish what it is today.

We are also grateful, to God and to all our faithful parishioners, that St. Andrew remains financially strong. Your generosity has allowed us to increase our charitable giving to tithing levels. You will see the full list of charities that the taskforce has chosen as beneficiaries this year in this report. St. Andrew will also start our own conference of St. Vincent de Paul this year. You'll be hearing more about this organization in October.

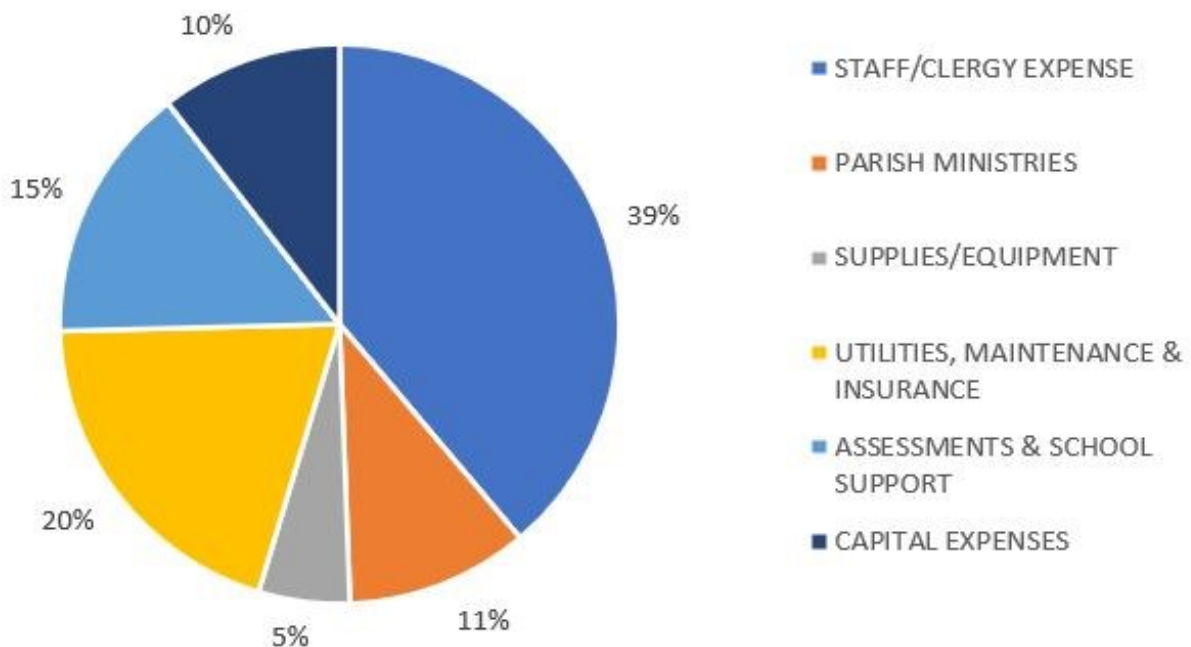
In 2024, we will welcome a new addition to our property with the addition of our church bells: bells that will call us to prayer, call us to celebration, and call us to community. Thank you to everyone who has helped this vision come to life.

Thank you, again, for your faithful stewardship – your time, your talent, and your treasure. Here's to another 40 years!

David Legarth, Finance Committee Chair

Noelle Marino, Parish Administrator

Expense Summary 2022-2023

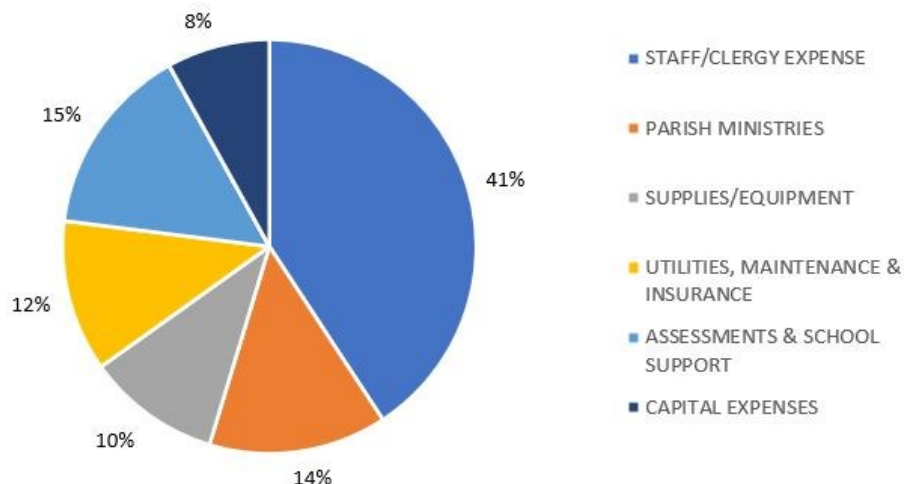


Budget Information

PARISH ANNUAL CHARITABLE GIVING & ASSESSMENTS

A Doorway of Hope	\$3,000	Rebuilding Together	\$6,000 **
Bethany Land Institute	\$3,000	RIP Debt	\$3,000
Birthchoice	\$2,500	Retrouvaille	\$3,000
Brown Bag Ministry	\$6,000 *	Room at the Inn	\$5,000
Camden Street Learning Garden	\$3,000	Sister Parish - Holy Spirit Kinston	\$15,000
CASA	\$5,000	Tarboro Community Outreach	\$2,500
Catholic Charities/ Hispanic Ministries	\$11,000	Wake Monarch Academy	\$3,000
Catholic Charities/ Family Advancement	\$12,000	Western Wake Crisis Ministry	\$12,000
Community Culinary School of Charlotte	\$4,000	Worldwide Marriage Encounter	\$3,000
CPO Food Pantry	\$5,000	Assistance to Individuals	\$18,000
Filling Station (Jones County)	\$2,500	<i>(This represents people in crisis seeking help)</i>	
Food Bank of Eastern NC	\$5,000	TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING	\$166,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$8,500	Diocesan Assessments	
Hand of Hope Pregnancy Center	\$3,000	Priests' Retirement	\$116,000
Healing Transitions	\$5,000	Cathedraticum	\$166,743
Hospice of Wake County	\$3,000	Catholic Schools (estimate)	\$80,000
Meals on Wheels	\$3,500	<i>These annual assessments, collected from every parish in the diocese, assist with diocesan operating expenses.</i>	
NAMI	\$2,500	* Match for Thanksgiving Collection	
Oak City Cares	\$3,000	** Match for Holy Thursday Collection	
Pardoned by Christ	\$5,000		

Projected Expenses 2023-2024



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 Families Encountering Christ Formation Program is to help all of us know Jesus through prayer, Scripture, service, and liturgical living. Components of the program include grade-level catechesis and family groups that will meet at the parish monthly to accompany each other in faith sharing and prayer in fun and engaging ways throughout the program year.

Service projects and GRACE events/socials 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. *Word on Fire*, another online service, has also been introduced to parishioners.

2022 - 2023 FAITH FORMATION

Children Enrolled in Faith Formation Classes:

K-5	374
Grades 6-8 - JYM	156
Grades 9-12 -TYM	115

Volunteers:

Grades K-12	67
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SACRAMENTS

First Communicants:

2022 - 2023	92
2023 - 2024	Registration ongoing.

Confirmation:

2022 - 2023	79
2023—2024	17 *

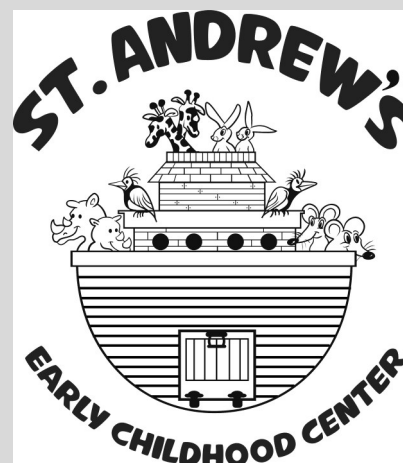
Baptisms

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	77
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* The Bishop changed the age for Confirmation from beginning preparation in 8th grade to beginning in 9th grade. Most of our 9th graders last year were in the 2023 confirmation class.

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 Early Childhood Center 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. As of September 1, 2023 the preschool enrollment for the 2023-2024 school is at 97% capacity. Fifty-six of the families enrolled are Catholic with 42% being St. Andrew parishioners.

ECC Financial Summary and Projections

	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Projections
Revenues:			
Tuition	\$298,373	\$ 301,938	\$ 329,850
Fees	\$23,305	22,371	18,170
General (Incl fundraising and addon program for 2023)	\$38,339	52,093	35,065
Total Revenue	\$ 360,017	\$ 376,402	\$ 383,085
Expenses:			
Educational (Includes teacher salaries and benefits)	\$281,850	\$ 314,591	\$ 347,320
General (Includes office, special projects & addon programs)	\$54,055	37,321	35,766
Non-Operating Expenses	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	\$335,904	\$351,912	\$ 383,085



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 (www.saintandrew.org/giving_opportunities/online_giving/) for more information or call the parish office.

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