

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently at a weekday parish Mass I mentioned how much Fr. Joe and I truly appreciate the opportunity to worship with this very prayerful community. St. Andrew is a special place, and we know that you are as excited about our future and our mission as we are - **to bring others to Christ.**

We take our inspiration and our example from our patron, St. Andrew the Apostle. St. Matthew tells us: *“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him”* (Matthew 4:19-20). To help us fulfill our mission, we are asking for your help through our new stewardship campaign ***Leave your Nets and Follow Me.***

Please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help us to, like St. Andrew and the other apostles, ***leave our nets and follow Christ.*** Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions, so that we can do things like rebuild our charitable tithing program, retire our parish debt, make necessary upgrades and repairs to our church and campus, and continue to provide for our amazing parish staff.

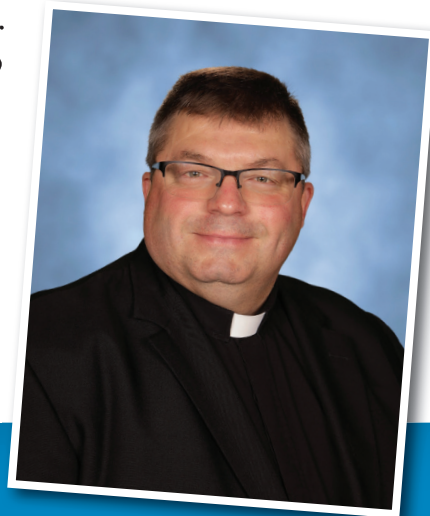
On November 2 & 3, the parish will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, inviting members of our community to come together and make a financial commitment that will allow us to continue our important work. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. Andrew Church!

In Christ,



Rev. Brian K. Cokonougher

**ST. ANDREW
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



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Discerning Your New Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card
and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code to complete your
Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment



To sign up for **Online Giving** or to
update your current online gift, visit
www.standrewchurch.org and click
on the Stewardship button.



Use your **offertory envelope**
and bring it to Mass
or mail it to the parish office.



To learn more about making a
Planned Gift to St. Andrew Catholic
Church, contact Mr. Paul Rybicki,
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Leave your Nets and *Follow* Me



**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC
CHURCH**
MASSES: Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm
Oakland Area Mass: Sunday 5pm
... a journey in faith

**ST. ANDREW
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
ROCHESTER, MI

Our Mission



United in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community journey on the path of discipleship and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ daily.

3,613

Families in our parish

87

Baptisms

161

First Holy Communions

139

Confirmations

80

Funerals

550

Children in religious education

7

OCIA candidates



Everything we have is a gift from God. As we strive to love one another, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship consists of receiving God's gifts with gratitude and sharing them in love and justice to further the mission of our Lord.

Contributed **\$122,779** in our Tithing Program:

- Rochester Area Neighborhood House
- St. Vincent de Paul – St. Andrew
- Crossroads Care Center
- Catholic Community Response Team
- Gianna House
- Baldwin Center and many, many more organizations

As well as:

- **7 tons** of food donated to Neighborhood House Pantry
- **196** Units of Blood at quarterly Blood Drives
- **250** Easter Baskets to children ages 3-16
- **7** truck loads of clothes to Catholic Charities & St. Vincent de Paul
- Distributed **\$36,000** of gift cards to families in need at Christmas
- Over **\$155,000** to Holy Family Regional School for students' tuition assistance

Our Community

Our Witness

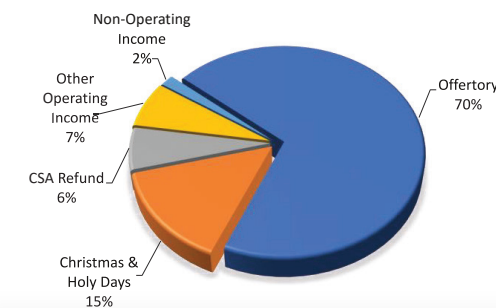
We know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors. Through our various ministries, we put into action the words of Jesus: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:19).

- **36** men are participating in the Wednesday night study of **Metanoia**
- **12** people are participating in our 3rd offering of the **Grief Support Group**
- **52** volunteers have come forward to help our parish re-start **Funeral Luncheons**
- **11** people have begun the journey to completing the sacraments through the **OCIA** (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults)
- **230** volunteers helped to make possible our wonderful **Parish Picnic** last Sunday
- **145** women from several parishes are currently participating in **Walking With Purpose**
- **60** people are currently participating in our various music ministries (Adult Choir, Reflections of Grace, Spirit Song, Cantors, and Resurrection Choir), plus **10** Projectionists help with slides at Mass
- **43** Catechists and **4** Aides will share the Catholic Faith with approximately **500** young people in our **Faith Formation Program**. We are also working with **5** young people in the **OCIA** for children.
- **20** people attend our Thursday Morning **Bible Study**
- **25** men regularly attend our Saturday Morning **St. Joseph Covenant Keepers**
- **14** people are participating in our 9-week online Bible Study of **Romans**

Financial Snapshot: 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Operating Income

Offertory	\$1,836,780
Christmas & Holy Days	\$380,371
CSA Refund	\$166,867
Other Operating Income	\$182,527
Total Operating Income	\$2,566,545
Non-Operating Income	\$44,121
Total Income	\$2,610,666



Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,250,938
General Operating Expenses	\$248,073
Ministry & Program Expenses	\$375,319
Facilities Expenses	\$279,643
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,153,973
Capital Expenditures	\$135,257
Principle Loan Payments	\$292,227
Loan Interest Payments	\$51,307
Total Expenses	\$2,632,764
Net Deficit	-\$22,098

