UNLOCKING THE TREASURE

Building the Kingdom of God Here and Now through the Witness of a Lived Faith

Opportunities to Witness and Serve

Saint Andrew

Anchored in Faith ⚓ Catholic Church and School

**"As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards
of God's varied grace."
1 Peter 4:10**

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Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

— Matthew 25:40

Amén, te digo, hagas lo que hagas por uno de estos hermanos menores, lo hiciste por mí.”

— Mateo 25:40

Welcome Message

Building the Kingdom of God Here and Now through the Witness of a Lived Faith

Greetings and God's blessing to each of you as you prayerfully consider your response to the abundant graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit. At the heart of Saint Andrew Catholic Church and School is a vibrant, life-giving and growing community working to reach out and spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to all. God will always act first, equipping us with all we need to witness and serve as a disciple in His plan of eternal salvation. How then will we respond to unlock the treasure of such a blessing for our good and that of others? At Saint Andrew Catholic Church and School, we seek to respond by "building the Kingdom of God here and now through the witness of a lived faith."

Our personal response is best rooted in prayer, listening and seeking the graces of the Holy Spirit in our lives. By being open to those graces, we will be better able to determine how to properly use our time, our talents and the fruits of our labors.

This ministry guide shows the opportunities available to help in this outreach within our community and beyond. I would like every parishioner to be aware of what we do here and to be a part of it. We are called to participate in the building of God's Kingdom, not to be onlookers. Please take time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a part of our vision and mission. If you are interested in a ministry not listed here, please tell me. I am always interested in good suggestions and new ways to reach out in love of God and Neighbor.

"*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me*". *(John 10:27)* Jesus is calling you.

In Christ,
Fr. Mark



Fr. Mark Innocenti



Carta de bienvenida de nuestro pastor

Construyendo el Reino de Dios aquí y ahora a través del testimonio de una fe vivida

Saludos y bendiciones de Dios a cada uno de ustedes mientras que en oración consideran su respuesta a las abundantes gracias y los dones del Espíritu Santo.
En el corazón de la Iglesia y Escuela Católica de San Andrés está una comunidad vibrante, que da vida, crece y trabaja para extender el mensaje evangélico de Jesucristo a todos. Dios siempre actuará primero, nos equipará con todo lo que necesitamos para testificar y servir como discípulos en su plan de salvación eterna. Entonces, ¿cómo responderemos a tales bendiciones para nuestro bien y el de otros? En la Iglesia y Escuela Católica de San Andrés, buscamos responder al "construir el Reino de Dios aquí y ahora a través del testimonio de una fe vivida".

Nuestra respuesta personal es mejor enraizada en la oración, escuchando y buscando las gracias del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas. Al estar abiertos a esas gracias, seremos más capaces de determinar cómo usar correctamente nuestro tiempo, nuestros talentos y los frutos de nuestras labores.

Esta guía muestra las oportunidades disponibles para ayudar dentro de nuestra comunidad y más allá. Me gustaría que todos los feligreses sean conscientes de lo que hacemos aquí y que sean parte de ello. Estamos llamados a participar en la construcción del Reino de Dios, no sólo ser espectadores. Por favor, tómese el tiempo para considerar en oración cómo Dios le está llamando a ser parte de nuestra visión y misión. Si usted está interesado en un ministerio que no está incluido, por favor dígame. Siempre me interesan las buenas sugerencias y las nuevas formas de amar a Dios y al prójimo.



Fr. Mark Innocenti

"*Mis ovejas oyen mi voz, y yo las conozco, y me siguen*" (Juan 10:27). Jesús te está llamando.

En Cristo, Padre Mark



I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world.

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Soy un pequeño lápiz en la mano de un Dios de la escritura que está enviando una carta de amor al mundo.

— Santa Teresa de Calcuta

Our Vision and Mission in Action as Disciples



Our church patron, St. Andrew, whose feast day we celebrate November 30, was the first of Christ's disciples to be called. He responded by dropping his nets to lead others to Jesus (Matthew 4:18-20). We are called to emulate this example in our response to God's abundant blessings.

Our Vision

Building the Kingdom of God, here and now, through the witness of a lived faith.

Our Mission

We, as a Catholic faith community, cast wide our net in welcoming all people as Christ. In a spirit of generosity, we utilize our time, talents and treasure to educate and serve one another.

We are building the Kingdom of God here and now:

- By sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection
- By community outreach and service; incorporating the corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- Because nothing is more important; every soul matters to God, and He longs for each of us to be with Him and grow deeper in loving communion

We are witnesses of a lived faith:

- Anchored in faith in Jesus Christ and His holy Church through prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist
- By witnessing, because the most powerful tools we have for drawing people to Jesus are our example and our willingness to share our faith
- Led by the Spirit into an ever deeper relationship with Jesus so that our very lives draw people to Christ and His Church

We cast a wide net in service to God and neighbor:

- Recognizing our local faith community is part of a diverse, global Church
- Striving to see Jesus in everyone we meet and to be Jesus to them every day
- Not just participants, but partners with Christ – deepening our own faith and actively connecting others to the love of God in response to His continuous call to conversion

Our parish goal is that every member of our parish would not only recognize their call but be an authentic disciple of Jesus, giving witness of a lived faith and building the Kingdom of God here and now by their actions, and that, as authentic disciples of Jesus, we would bring others to our community of disciples for the salvation of souls.

Activated Disciples of Jesus, in Shared Mission,

as Stewards of God's Good Gifts

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian heart to all the gifts and graces received from God. As disciples of Jesus, we build the Kingdom of God by sharing our gifts of time, talents, and treasure with those around us. This is not simply a nice thing to do, but essential for the salvation of our souls.

> ***And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'… He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'—Matthew 25:40, 45***

Stewardship is an act of faith that recognizes God's abundant gifts to us, trusts in God's love and responds through our free will by returning those gifts in every facet of life. Stewardship also builds community. It is our hope that by getting involved you will meet other members of our parish and perhaps even introduce others to the Catholic faith.

In this booklet, you will find many opportunities to share your gifts in love of God and neighbor at Saint Andrew. Of course, you can give financially to support our church and school, but we also have many important ministries and volunteer and leadership opportunities in the parish that need dedicated people like you.

More broadly, as members of the body of Christ, we, the Church of Saint Andrew, also share in the mission to work collaboratively to build and bring about God's plan of salvation - His Kingdom here and now.



Parish Leadership

Contact **Deacon Kent Yoder** at kenty@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x310 for more info.

Finance Council: Advises the pastor and provides expertise on the overall financial operation of the parish. Experience in business, finance or accounting desirable. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, 5:00-6:00 PM or as scheduled.

Pastoral Council: Advises the pastor, listens to the parish community and recommends broad priorities, goals and policies to further the mission of the parish. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:00 PM or as scheduled.

School Advisory Board: Advises the school principal and pastor and provides recommendations to improve the quality and operation of our parish school. Meets the first Thursday of every month, 4:00-5:30 PM.

Liturgical Ministries

Contact **Diane Pederson** at dianep@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x311 for more information or to volunteer.

Altar Server: Altar servers in grades 4 through 9 assist the priest during Mass and are scheduled once every one or two months. Adults are also welcome to join. Servers help the sacristan with setting up the sanctuary before Mass, cleaning up afterward and assisting the priest during Mass. Training is required.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is an age appropriate lesson for children ages 4-9 within the 10:30 AM Mass. CLOW is provided just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly.

Greeter: Greeters are men, women and families who are outgoing and enjoy welcoming parishioners and visitors to Mass. Groups serving in the parish are also encouraged to take part in this ministry.

Holy Communion - Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Eucharistic ministers distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during weekend Masses and other weekday and evening Masses. This ministry is open to all Confirmed and practicing Catholics in good standing. Training is required.

Lector: Lectors proclaim the Word of God (First and Second Readings) and Prayers of the Faithful (general intercessions). This ministry is open to all Confirmed and practicing Catholics. Lectors are scheduled on a weekly basis, and books are provided for home study. Training is required.

Usher: Ushers are Confirmed men, women and youth, who help provide a welcoming atmosphere for those who attend Mass at Saint Andrew Catholic Church. They assist in seating, taking up collections, guiding the communion process, distributing bulletins and emergency assistance.

Videography and live-streaming: Assist with electronic media and live-streaming of Mass and parish events, to include assisting with video production and post-production. Contact **Deacon Randy Bayerl** at randyb@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483, x308.

Liturgical Environment

Contact **Diane Pederson** at dianep@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x311 for more information or to volunteer.

Art and Environment Committee: Members develop and display the seasonal decorations for the Church and meet seasonally to decorate.

Green Plant and Flower Committee: Members care for and water all of the green plants and flowers in the Church and Gathering Area.

Linen Care: Volunteers launder and iron all of the linens used for our liturgical celebrations, providing cleaning and ironing supplies as necessary. Linens are picked up in the sacristy on Monday and returned by the following Saturday.

Music Ministries

Contact **Diane Pederson** at dianep@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x311 for more information or to volunteer.

Adult Choir: Open to anyone college-age or older, this choir sings three times per month and rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Children's Choir: Open to all children of the parish in grades 2-5, rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM during the academic year.

Christmas Choir/Triduum Choir: This ministry is open to anyone college-age and older who is interested in participating in choir, but has limited availability. There are approximately six to eight weeks of rehearsals.

Funeral Choir: Open to all parishioners who would like to support families experiencing the loss of a loved one. Rehearsals are one hour before the funeral.

Hispanic Musicians and Choir: This group leads the music at the 1:30 PM Sunday Mass (in Spanish). Rehearsal is 45 minutes before Mass.

Instrumentalists: We enjoy having additional instruments accompany the choirs and small groups—flute, clarinet, guitar, violin, percussion, etc.

Men's Choir: Open to all men of the parish, this choir sings once a month and rehearses two Thursdays per month.

Multi-Generational Choir: Adults, teens and children will join together to lead the music.

Small Groups: This ministry is open to teens and adults who are interested in singing at the "non-choir" Masses throughout the year.

Sound Technicians: Volunteers balance the electronic sound system in the church during the weekend Masses. This ministry is open to any member post-college age and involves arriving 20 minutes before Mass begins to set up microphones and turn them on and off during Mass. Music and technology skills are beneficial.

Women's Choir: Open to all women of the parish, this choir sings once a month and rehearses two Thursdays per month.

Youth Choir: Open to all youth of the parish in grades 6-12, rehearses Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:20 PM during the academic year.

Parish Buildings and Grounds Care

Contact **Deacon Kent Yoder** at kenty@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x310, or the individuals listed below.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry: Takes care of lawn mowing, buildings and maintenance care, and landscaping of the parish grounds. Please contact **Richard Eversman** at 763-258-6175.

Cemetery Grounds Crew: Cares for and maintains the parish cemetery grounds. Contact **Richard Eversman** at 763-258-6175.

Church Cleaners: Cleaning of the Church, Tuesday mornings. Those assisting often stay and enjoy conversation, coffee and sweet treats. Contact **Roxanne Voss** at 763-441-8822.

Perpetual Care Team: Maintains the care of cemetery monuments and headstones (two times per year). Contact: **Deacon Kent Yoder** at kenty@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x310.

Saint Andrew Catholic School

Contact the School Office at 763-441-2216 or **Maria Heymans-Becker,** Principal, at mhbecker@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-2216 x327 for more information or to volunteer.

Lunch Servers: Help serve lunch during the school week, 10:45 AM-12:30 PM.

Office/Teacher Help (Office Angel): Help the office whenever and however needed, weekdays 8:30 AM-2:30 PM.

Playground Monitor: Monitor school children while at recess and help with playground needs, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM during the school week.

Playground Ministry: Promote use of parish grounds such as playgrounds for connections to the school and parish.

Saint Andrew Alumni: Be a part of Saint Andrew Catholic School Alumni. Contact **Deacon Kent Yoder** at kenty@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x310.

Youth Formation Mission:

"*Sending a fully alive young church on mission with Christ, to build the Kingdom of God here and now through the witness of a lived faith.*"

Youth Formation Director of Faith Formation, contact **Stephanie Croteau** at scroteau@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x314; Coordinator of OCIC (Christian Initiation of Children), contact **Deacon Kent Yoder** at kenty@saint-andrew.net or 763-1483 x310;Coordinator of Youth Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Communion), contact **Danielle Martin** at dmartin@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x315; Coordinator of High School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, contact **Andrew Hanson** at andrewh@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x307

Catechists—Youth Formation Overview:
We have on-campus Family Faith Formation sessions offered on various days/times. Students and parents participate in engaging, experiential sessions, growing in faith together.

Totus Tuus: One week summer program for youth in grades 1-10 dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/. Contact the Parish Office at 763-441-1483.

Adult Formation: Adult formation seeks to bring each of us into a closer relationship to Jesus Christ, readied by the grace of the Holy Spirit to share ever more fully in His mission.

Baptism Preparation: Support parents and Godparents in the roles as first teachers of the faith in preparation for the baptism of their children into the Catholic Faith. Contact **Deacon Randy Bayerl** at randyb@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x308.

Catechetical Institute: The Catechetical Institute is an ongoing formation resource from "The Seminaries of Saint Paul" for Catholic adults who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and further their spiritual formation. See the Catechetical Institute website for the next offering: www.cistudent.com .

Marriage Preparation—Sponsor Couple Ministry: Provide guidance in forming engaged couples for Christian marriage through the "Fully Engaged: Growing Towards Lasting Fidelity" program with the pastor. Trained married couples meet with engaged couples four to five times to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church. Training for this ministry is provided by the parish or the Diocese of St. Cloud. **Contact Deacon Randy Bayerl** at randyb@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x308.

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formally RCIA): Supports adults inquiring into the life of the Catholic faith and to assist in the formation to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. Contact **Tim Boesch** at tim@tbiwasteproducts.com or call the parish office at 763-441-1483.

Parish Support Ministries

Contact **Julie Gerads** at julieg@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x301 for more information or to volunteer unless otherwise noted.

Administrative Volunteers: This ministry helps out in the Parish Office with projects and needs such as Church mailings, bulletin stuffing, envelope stuffing, phone calls, coffee labeling.

Cookie Ministry: Members bake cookies to be offered at various parish events.

Funeral Lunch Help: Assist with funeral luncheons by setting up, serving, cleaning up, and baking bars or cookies. Please contact **Sara Orellana Gil** at funerallunch@saint-andrew.net.

Saint Andrew Prayer Line: A parish ministry responding in prayer for all needs and intentions as requested. For participation in this ministry please contact the **Parish Office** at 763-441-1483 x301 or **Sherri Stefano** at 612-801-3965 or email at sherrilou0460@gmail.com.

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Baptismal Blanket Ministry: Volunteers knit blankets for all newly baptized babies within the parish. Contact the **Parish Office** at 763-441-1483.

Council of Catholic Women (Elk River): All women over the age of 18 are members of CCW. The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. CCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.
Contact the parish office at 763-441-1483 to leave a message for Carmen Preston or Sharon Kampa.

Ecclesia Domestica (the Church in the Home): A men's ministry, lead by priests and laity and steeped in the traditions of our Catholic faith, Ecclesia Domestica is dedicated to the Christian family as the first call in the life of the Universal Church. Let no man leave unchanged. Contact **Kevin Olson** at 763-807-1721.

Eucharistic Adoration Committee: The Church of Saint Andrew is committed to Eucharistic Adoration, which means that every hour of every day is scheduled. Committed parishioners pray silently before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the needs of our families, our parish and the world. In order to keep this parish commitment, we need committed hourly coordinators and adorers. One could choose the day of the week and hour of the day that works best for them. If you would like to know more or can commit to an hour, contact **Katie Alfveby** at 763-441-1468 or **Colleen Solors** at 612-532-7378.

Golden Heirs: An opportunity for those 55+ to enjoy hospitality and socialize with fellow parishioners. Afternoon begins with a short prayer. Puzzles & games available for those who wish to participate. Meets one Wednesday a month from 1:30-3:00 PM in the Gathering Space. Watch the bulletin for specific dates. Contact the parish office at 763-441-1483.

Outreach, Service and Evangelization—continued

Hospitality: Set up and serve snacks/drinks after designated monthly Masses.
Contact **Julie Gerads** at julieg@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x301.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men age 18 or older. The Elk River council provides support for vocations and other parish priorities through events such as pancake breakfasts and more. Contact **Loren Volk** at 612-834-0534.

Millions of Monicas (M.O.M.): M.O.M. recognizes the countless mothers, biological or spiritual, who rather than fret for the souls of their children, want to join forces and do something to gently lead them back to our beautiful Catholic faith. The group gathers the third Monday of the month with check-in at 5:50 PM and a prompt start at 6:00 PM. Contact millionsofmonicas@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 ext. 306.

Quilts and Crafts: This group meets Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and Tuesday mornings from 9:00 AM to noon to quilt and craft together. Contact **Jerri Volk** at 612-618-6617.

Respect Life Committee: The role of the Respect Life Committee is to promote life at all stages from conception to natural death with emphasis on the unborn and their parents. We do this through educational events at the parish, participation in the March for Life, Rosary for Life, prayer vigils, and support of Elevier Women's Center. Contact **Yvonne Lyrenmann** at 612-251-7587.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP): RSVP provides individuals age 55 and better with possibilities to serve others through a wide variety of local agencies, including many projects with limited or flexible commitments.
https://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/92/AmeriCorps-Seniors-RSVP
Contact **Jennifer Wucherer** at rsvp@ci.stcloud.mn.us or 320-255-7295.

Saint Andrew Social Justice Mission Outreach: Seek to understand and respond to the needs of the broader community and constructively plan to serve all people as Christ. Contact the **Parish Office at 763-441-1483.**

Saint Andrew Avelino—Stroke Survivor Support Group: Outreach to those affected by strokes. Contact **David Solors** at 763-280-2978 or email: dave@solors.net.

Secular Franciscan Order: This Order enables the Franciscan charism to be lived out by married and single laity and by diocesan clergy. Local fraternities meet the third Thursday and following Saturday of each month. Contact **Ron Zachman** at 763-334-3988.

3 Hearts Intercessory Prayer Warrior Community: Our group's mission statement: For the restoration of our Church and Country as we pray for God's guidance for the hierarchy and leadership of Holy Mother Church. We implore God's infinite mercy for the salvation of all souls. For information on this ministry, Contact **Betty Benson** at JBHocel@gmail.com or **Eva Jahnke** at EvaWrite@gmail.com.

Hispanic Ministry (Ministerio Hispano)

Our community is rich in cultural diversity. We are blessed to have parishioners from different parts of the world who share their gifts to serve one another. Some of our families are originally from Spanish-speaking countries and are united by faith, culture and language. Contact **Lupita Cismowski**, Hispanic Ministry Coordinator at 763-441-1483, ext. 304; lupitac@saint-andrew.net or **Deacon Julio Tena Soria** at 763-401-0335; juliot@saint-andrew.net.

There are many opportunities to participate in Hispanic Ministry:

Spanish Mass Liturgy: Ushers, greeters, lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Spanish Mass on Sunday at 1:30 PM.

Spanish Music and Choir: Lead music at Spanish Mass on Sunday at 1:30 PM.

Community Gatherings: The community organizes social events on many holidays, like the ones listed below. We welcome volunteers for setting up, serving and clean up and enjoying traditional meals and fellowship.

November:	All Souls Day: Ofrenda and traditional meal.
December:	Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mass, traditional dance and traditional meal.
	Celebration during Advent: Las Posadas includes a traditional meal, prayer and games for children during Advent.
January:	Dia de Reyes: traditional meal and celebration of Epiphany of Our Lord.
February:	Dia de la Candelaria: Candlemass celebration of the Presentation of the Lord.

Community Outreach: Helping identify and meet the needs of Hispanic families.

Faith Formation: If you're bilingual, consider serving as a catechist in the Faith Formation program to support communication between families and the Parish and support our students in their learning.

In addition to considering opportunities to participate in Hispanic Ministry, we invite you to attend Spanish language Mass and participate in our community celebrations.

Community and Service Partnerships

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: A program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting military service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources. Contact **Ralph Donais** at 763-441-2630 or **Donita Grell** at 763-528-0646.

CAER (Community Aid Elk River): CAER provides emergency food assistance to Elk River, Zimmerman and Otsego for families in need. Contact **info@caerfoodshelf.org** or 763-441-1020.

Catholic Charities: This non-profit organization advances the charitable and social mission of the Diocese of St. Cloud through services to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families of all faiths and beliefs. Contact **Sr. Mary Fran Reichenberger** at 320-650-1550.

Elevier Women's Center: We exist to support the value and dignity of human life with a holistic approach to reproductive health. We provide free education, material, emotional and spiritual support services; and reproductive health consultative and medical services. All services are provided free of charge. Contact on the website **Elevier.org** or 763-441-7777.

Great River Faith In Action: This organization cares for the needs of our neighbors with a special focus on the elderly and families in need, including transportation, companion services, yard work, home maintenance, collection and distribution of furniture for families. Contact **info@grfia.org** or call daytime at 763-263-0274 (no voicemail) or after hours at 763-263-4277.

Meals on Wheels: This organization provides meals directly to the homes of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the area. Volunteers deliver meals per an arranged schedule in the Elk River Area. Contact **Joyce Knobbe** at 612-730-4915.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul: Saint Andrew Catholic Church has a conference in the Elk River area. SVDP is a Catholic lay organization that leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering. They do home visits with those in need to provide spiritual support as well as needs assessments. Through the generosity of parishioners, they are able to help families with rent, utilities, medical needs, and household goods. Contact **ssvdpstma@gmail.com** or 763-634-1167.

Timber Bay: A ministry of Youth Investment Foundation, it is an organization of dedicated youth workers committed to personal, ongoing mentorship with young people. Contact **Rosie Elizondo** at 612-424-7960.

Pastoral Care Services

Card Ministry: Building shared community through the sending of birthday greetings to senior members of the parish. Contact **Julie Gerads** at julieg@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483.

GriefShare Ministry: Seeking caring individuals to walk with those experiencing loss of a spouse or a loved one. Contact **Betsy Clark** at parishnurse@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483.

Holy Communion to the Homebound and those in Care Facilities
As Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, these individuals bring the Eucharist to those in need outside of Holy Mass. Some are also commissioned to lead Communion Services. This ministry is open to all Confirmed and practicing Catholics in good standing.
Contact: **Deacon Randy Bayerl** at randyb@saint-andrew.net at 763-441-1483 x308 or **Diane Pederson** at dianep@saint-andrew.net or 763-441-1483 x311 for more information or to volunteer.

Vocations

Vocations Prayer Team: Team dedicated to prayer for vocations—seeking God's grace for the blessing of those called to the Priesthood, Diaconate and religious life.
Contact: **Deb Crane** at 763-300-9181.

Also see information from the Diocese of Saint Cloud at https://stcdio.org/vocations/.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a Eucharistic association of women who feel called to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. Contact **Margie Church,** Anchoress at (612) 867-4951 or email at Margie_Church@yahoo.com.

Parish Fall Festival and Other Annual Events

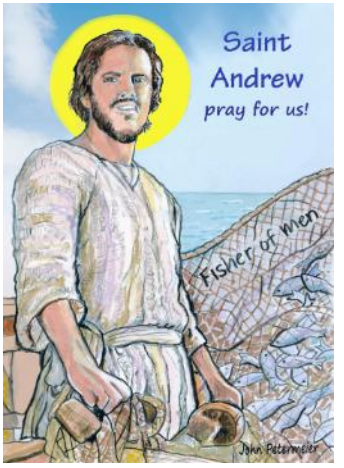
Contact Melissa Anderson at melissaa@saint-andrew.net
or 763-441-1483 x306 to help lead the Fall Festival each September.

- Festival chair
- Festival co-chair
- Food chair
- Children games, chair
- Logistics chair
- Silent and Live auction chair
- Solicitation chair
- Youth entertainment
- Various day-of-event volunteer opportunities

Tentative Schedule of Events

January:	Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner
February:	Catholic United Raffle, Quilt Bingo
April:	Saint Andrew School Gala, Triduum Choir
Spring:	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Summer:	Extreme Faith Camp, Totus Tuus
September:	Fall Festival
October:	School Marathon
November:	Feast of Saint Andrew
December:	School Christmas Program, Christmas Choir

Prayer for the Intercession of Saint Andrew



Saint Andrew,
patron saint of our parish,
intercede for us so that we, like you,
will respond to the call of Jesus
to be His disciple.

Help us to be Christ-like
as Kingdom Builders,
casting our nets in faith and
bringing the Gospel message to others.

Amen.

Ministry Contact Information

3 Hearts Intercessory Prayer Warrior Community	Eva Jahnke	763-257-7109
Baptism Classes	Deacon Randy Bayerl	763-441-1483 x308
Baptismal Blanket Ministry	Parish Office	763-441-1483
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Prayer - To Witness and Serve

Almighty God, we give you praise and thanksgiving for blessing each of us with unique gifts, reflecting Your image and likeness of Love in the world.

Like Saint Andrew, You call us to follow You as disciples using these gifts for your glory, in the service of others.

Grant us then,

- Understanding
- Wisdom
- Courage

to use these gifts to unlock the heavenly treasures of holy service in Your Name.

Help us to build the Kingdom, here and now through the witness of a lived faith, accomplishing Your will.

Empower us to be ministers of Your love showing others mercy, hope and the truth of the Gospel message.

Keep us steadfast in our commitment to serve actively as Your disciples.

We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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