



# St. Andrew the Apostle

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Love God, Serve Neighbor, Nurture Disciples



## Annual Report 2024

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# A Note From Father John

Thank you for reading this report --a summary of some of the things that happened here at St. Andrew's in the past 12 months. While it contains a lot of numbers and statistics, it only hints at the number of lives that have been affected by what we are doing here as the People of God. It does NOT name the number of confessions, the number of hospital, home, and nursing home visits, the number of people who returned to the church after many years, or the number of people who were touched by your kindness, generosity, and compassion – especially through your outreach through Brown Bag, Western Wake, St. Vincent de Paul, Birth Choice, Haiti Goat, and so many others.

I am grateful to those who have embraced stewardship with all three T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure, which is what makes all of this possible. I remain disappointed that so many of our parishioners give nothing, or next to nothing. We currently have 2546 registered households, and 1394 of them donated AT LEAST ONCE to the offertory (not very impressive!) during the last fiscal year. Which means that 1152 households donated NOTHING, hard to believe. (And let's not lie that we give cash – which would mean that all of the non-givers are giving about a penny a week!) If gratitude is the heart of the spiritual life, one has to ask if there is any sense of gratitude for all that has been given to every one of us? And yet these same non-giving families will ask me to go to the hospital to visit, preside at their family funerals, and baptize their children. They will have children in our catechetical programs and absorb the heat/ac, light and all the other amenities that our parish offers. Where is a basic sense of justice? Fairness? What does being a disciple of Jesus mean? Or are they just 'takers' at the banquet of life, making it all about them?

Also, if we are giving \$5 or \$10 a week, and feel that is acceptable as an offering for all that God has done for us, I think we are sadly mistaken. My father was giving \$5 a week in the 1950's --with 5 children, and working as a school teacher! He and my mother were both involved in the parish, and helping neighbors in need. Our summer garden produce was shared with everyone in the neighborhood. Take an honest look at the PERCENT of your income that you are giving, and resolve to give at least 2% this year, and raise it 1 % every year until you reach the 10%. I assure you that you will never even miss it – and you will also feel good about being honest in your stewardship. And with a sense of gratitude, comes a sense of peace.

Here is a piece that might prompt some prayerful reflection:

## WHAT IF?

- What if God couldn't take time to bless us today,  
because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?
- What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow, because we didn't follow Him today?
- What if God didn't walk with us today, because we failed to recognize it as His day?
- What if we never saw another flower bloom, because we grumbled when God sent the rain?
- What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?
- What if God took away the Bible tomorrow, because we wouldn't read it today?
- What if God took away His message, because we failed to listen to His messenger?
- What if the church was closed, because we never opened our wallets or our hearts?
- What if God would not hear us today, because we would not listen to Him yesterday?
- What if God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to serve?
- What if God met our needs the way we give Him our lives?

THANK YOU for all that you do – for the parish, for one another, and beyond.....



# Financial Summary

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2022-23	ACTUAL 2023-24	PROJECTED 2024-25
OFFERTORY	\$2,063,471	\$2,220,214	\$2,276,563
OTHER DONATIONS	\$280,836	\$239,587	\$152,600
BUILDING FUND	\$235,446	\$130,871	\$115,000
OTHER REVENUE/NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$194,929	\$439,633	\$170,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,774,681</b>	<b>\$3,030,304</b>	<b>\$2,714,363</b>
DISBURSEMENTS & RESERVES	ACTUAL 2022-23	ACTUAL 2023-24	PROJECTED 2024-25
STAFF/CLERGY EXPENSE	\$946,858	\$940,814	\$1,103,953
PARISH MINISTRIES	\$257,702	\$328,318	\$414,000
SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$128,583	\$100,136	\$129,800
UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE & INSURANCE	\$485,661	\$371,045	\$418,500
ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$363,014	\$380,234	\$418,110
MORTGAGE	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$256,233	\$455,771	\$230,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,438,051</b>	<b>\$2,576,318</b>	<b>\$2,714,363</b>
Net Income	\$336,630	\$453,986	\$0

Average Weekly Offertory 2023: \$39,682.13

Average Weekly Offertory 2024: \$42,696.42

- We deposited over \$250,000 into savings/rainy-day funds last fiscal year.
- Offertory increased by 8% year-over-year.
- The 2023-24 revenue include \$314,665 bell project pledges paid.
- As of June 30, St. Andrew has 2,546 registered families with 180 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



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we have raised over \$390,000, more than \$82,000 over our 2024 goal of \$311,097. 673 donors (around 26% of our households) gave an average contribution of \$399. Over \$32,000 (40% of the total amount over our goal at the end of the year) will be returned directly to our parish in 2025.

# Financial Summary

September 2024

Thanks be to God! Our parish has once again done wonderful things with time, talent, and treasure.

Thank you, our faithful stewards, for your financial support that makes the work our parish does possible. We are planning to exceed tithing levels of charitable giving in the next fiscal year, as you will see later in this report. We built our new bell towers to call us to prayer, and recreated the CARE center garden in memory of our founder Fr. Bill Schmidt. We have done this and a lot of “unseen” maintenance – all while we remain debt free.

The US Bishops write (<https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/stewardship>):

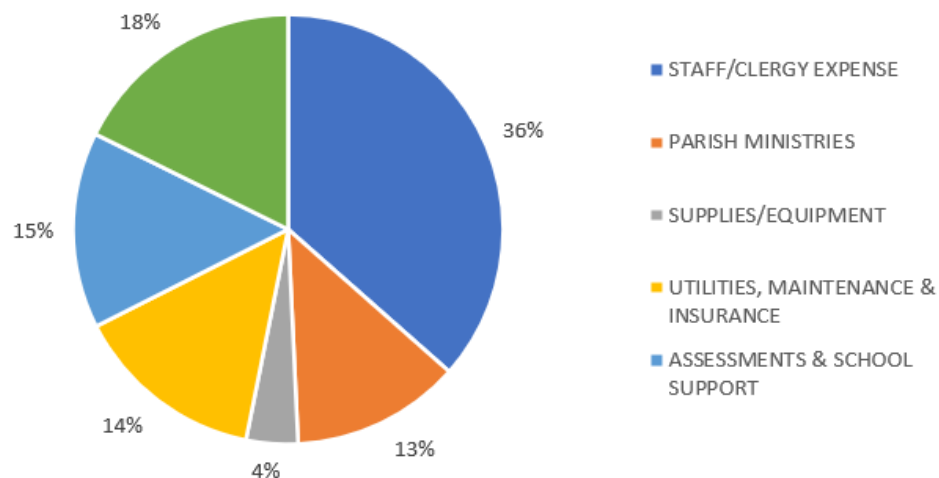
*Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:*

- *Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;*
- *Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;*
- *All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs*
- *and to the universal Church.*

We all have opportunities to live up to this responsibility and live our vision to Love God, Serve Neighbor, Nurture Disciples. Thank you again, and we look forward to another wonderful year of worship, learning and working as a community of faith.

David Legarth, Finance Committee Chair  
Noelle Marino, Parish Administrator

## Expense Summary 2023-2024



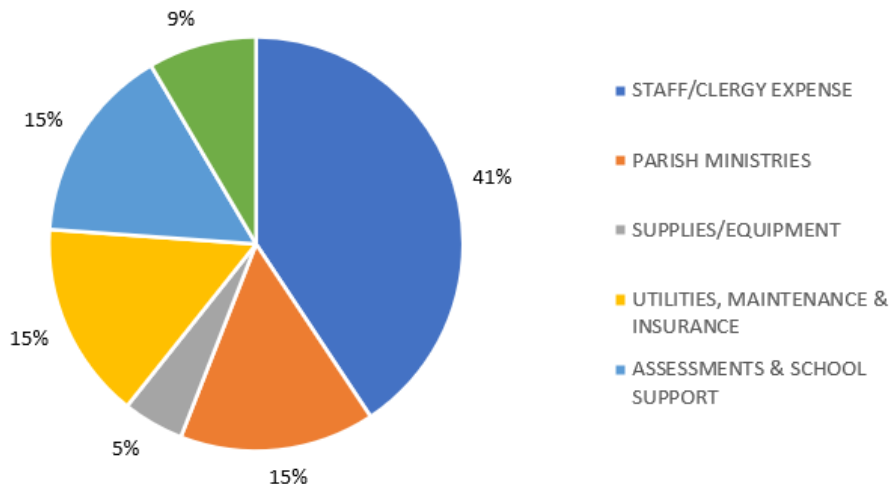
# Budget Information

## PARISH ANNUAL CHARITABLE GIVING & ASSESSMENTS

A Doorway of Hope	\$4,000	Retrouvaille	\$4,000
Bethany Land Institute	\$5,000	Room at the Inn	\$6,000
Birthchoice	\$4,000	Safe Families for Children	\$4,000
Brown Bag Ministry	\$7,500*	Sister Parish - Holy Spirit Kinston	\$15,000
Camden Street Learning Garden	\$4,000	St. Vincent de Paul	\$25,500**
CASA	\$6,000	Tarboro Community Outreach	\$4,000
Catholic Charities/Hispanic Ministries	\$12,000	Wake Monarch Academy	\$5,500
Catholic Charities	\$12,000	Western Wake Crisis Ministry	\$12,000
Community Culinary School of Charlotte	\$8,500	Worldwide Marriage Encounter	\$4,000
Cristo Rey High School	\$4,000	Assistance to Individuals	\$5,000
CPO Food Pantry	\$6,000	<i>(This represents people in crisis seeking help)</i>	
Filling Station (Jones County)	\$4,000	<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>
Food Bank of Eastern NC	\$6,000	<b>Diocesan Assessments</b>	
Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000	Priests' Retirement	\$116,000
Hand of Hope Pregnancy Center	\$4,000	Cathedraticum	\$166,743
Haven House	\$4,000	Catholic High Schools	\$18,000
Healing Transitions	\$6,000	<i>These annual assessments, collected from every parish in the diocese, assist with diocesan operating expenses.</i>	
Hospice of Wake County	\$4,000	St. Michael and St. Mary Magdalene	
Meals on Wheels	\$4,500	School Contributions	\$51,442
NAMI	\$4,000		
NC Farm Workers Project	\$4,000		
Oak City Cares	\$4,000		
Pardoned by Christ	\$7,500		
Rebuilding Together	\$6,000		
RIP Debt	\$4,000		

\* \$7,500 Match for Thanksgiving Collection  
 \*\* \$7,500 Match for Holy Thursday Collection

### Projected Expenses 2024-2025



# 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.

## 2023 - 2024 FAITH FORMATION

### Children Enrolled in Faith Formation Classes:

Preschool	31
K-5	323
Grades 6-8 - JYM	146
Grades 9-12 -TYM	124

### Volunteers:

Grades K-12	82
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## SACRAMENTS

### First Communicants:

2023 - 2024	90
2024 - 2024	Registration ongoing.

### Confirmation:

2023 - 2024	17 youth*, 4 adults
2023 - 2024	71
Current Adult Candidates	10
Youth catechumens	5

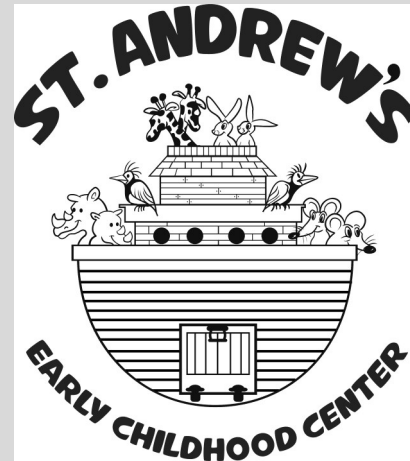
### Baptisms

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	74
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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 3, 2024 the preschool enrollment for the 2024-2025 school is at 95% capacity. The center is fully staffed. Eighty-one of the students (58%) enrolled are Catholic with 46% being St. Andrew parishioners.

## ECC Financial Summary and Projections

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Tuition	\$ 301,938	\$ 330,352	\$ 309,330
Fees	22,371	19,345	19,806
General (Incl fundraising and addon program for 2023)	52,093	46,946	37,970
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 376,402</b>	<b>\$ 396,643</b>	<b>\$ 367,106</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Educational (Includes teacher salaries and benefits)	\$ 314,591	\$ 345,620	\$ 337,289
General (Includes office, special projects & addon programs)	37,321	51,790	29,817
Non-Operating Expenses	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$351,912</b>	<b>\$397,410</b>	<b>\$ 367,106</b>



## **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/](http://www.saintandrew.org/giving_opportunities/online_giving/)) for more information or call the parish office.

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