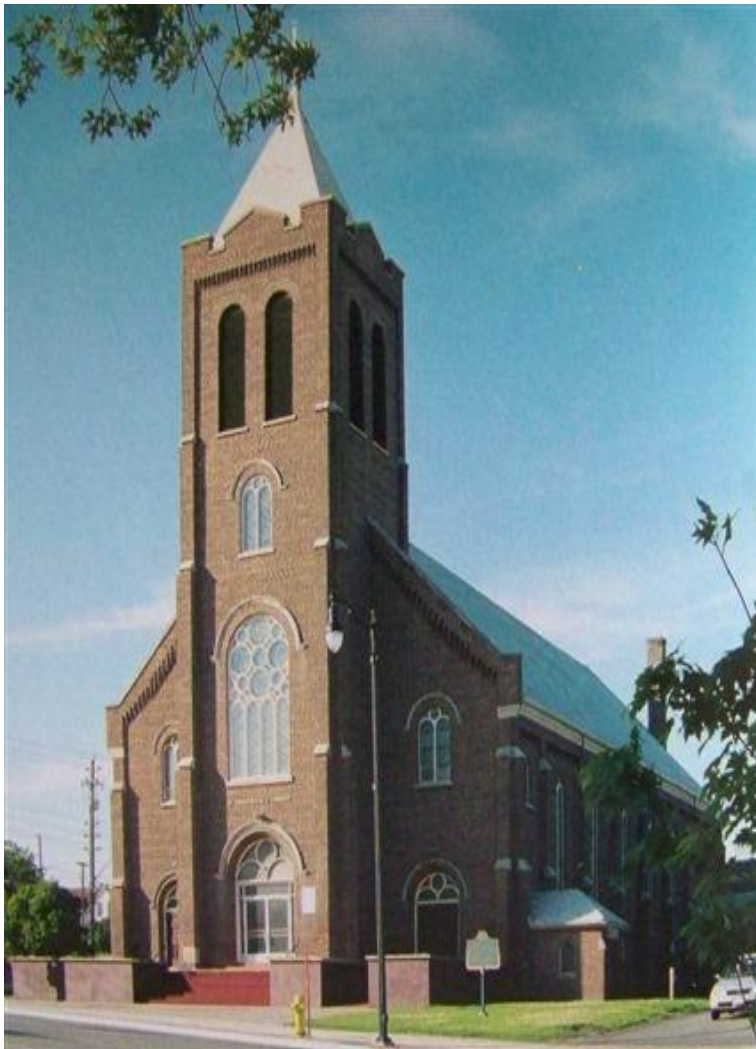




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St. Andrew's Parish is a unique - diverse community of people who live and share life through trusting, loving and serving.

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In our journey of life and faith, we work and strive to build a more peaceful and better society for a greater future. We like to share our talents by developing and maintaining a parish community that is active, vibrant and spiritually strong.

We look forward to preserving our faith traditions, reaching out to others as the living Body of Christ in this changing world.

Pastoral Team and Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Berchmans Francis
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan
Minister of Service:	Kathie Terhljan
Secretary:	Isabella Hotrum
Custodian:	Kerry Baraniuk

Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Daily & Weekly Mass Schedule
See Mass Intentions inside Bulletin

Parish Registration

New Parishioner Welcome Packages are available on the Forms Rack at the back of the church.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parish Registration and Baptism Formation are required. Please contact the office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays from September to June during the 10 a.m. Mass. All children and parents are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confessions will be heard one-half hour before each mass.

Hospital/Home Visits

Please contact the Parish Office. In an emergency, if Father cannot be reached, please contact the TBRHSC at 807 684-600 and ask for the Priest on Call.

R.C.I.A.

Please contact the office for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Sacrament of Marriage

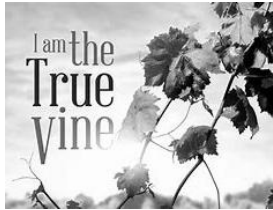
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Abide in me as I abide in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.

If Jesus is to have an effect on the world, it is through his followers, living in such a way that people will see the hand of God at work in the most ordinary situations in our lives. Christ is dependent upon us being his hands and his voice carrying the lamp of his redemption to others. The greatest contribution each one of us can make to the well-being of the church is to allow Christ's love to seep into our own life blood. If we live in Christ and he lives in us, the fruit we can bear is beyond imagining. It's an occasion to reflect on the depth of our personal inward enduring commitment to the gospel because; apart from Jesus, there can be no lasting growth. God demands a lot from his children in expecting them to make the church a vibrant community by living good and fruitful lives.

THIS WEEK – April 29th to May 5th, 2024

FEAST DAYS: **Apr 29:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church; **Apr 30:** St. Marie De L'Incarnation, Religious; **May 1:** St. Joseph the Worker, St. Pius V, Pope; **May 2:** St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; **May 3:** St. Philip & St. James, Apostles; **May 4:** Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis, Virgin; **May 5:** Sixth Sunday of Easter.

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date	Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues. Apr 30	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Carolyn Lee Pearson	The Pearson Family
Wed. May 1	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. Judy Hay	Hannah & Andrew Hay
Thurs. May 2	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Duarte DeSousa	Helia Margis
	St. Joseph's Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	The Nevins Estate
Fri. May 3	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Spec. Int. For My Grandchildren	Monica Kashak
Sat. May 4	Main Church	5:00 pm	Gloria Mauro	St. Andrew's Clergy & Staff
Sun. May 5	Main Church	10:00 am	Rose Coltellarro	Amerigo Coltellarro

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - Create a *Holy Moment* for someone by requesting a mass intention for them. Mass intentions are an excellent way to show you care and can be offered for a deceased individual, someone who is ill or celebrating a birthday or anniversary, as a way of saying "thank you" or to let someone know that you are thinking of them. Requested masses will be offered in our parish community. The suggested offering is currently \$10.00 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made by visiting the parish office or by calling (807) 345-5202.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st, 2024 – INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

On this day we recognize the value of everyone who works to earn a living. In the spirit of St. Joseph the Worker, let us take time to reflect on how we can defend the dignity of working people by encouraging a responsible work ethic and celebrating the role that our work has in God's plan for creation.

A Special Collection for the POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS will take place next weekend.



FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, 2024 - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Everyone is welcome for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for vocations and the gift of peace in Our Lady's Chapel at 11:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 12:10 p.m.



These donations are used by the Pope to assist those in most need throughout the world and to support the work of the Holy See in serving the Universal Church.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 2024 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17.

Please give generously.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests: **Apr 29:** Fr. Vargees Devas; **Apr 30:** Fr. Piotr Dudek; **May 1:** Fr. Justin Eze; **May 2:** Fr. Luigi Filippini; **May 3:** Fr. Berchmans Francis; **May 4:** Fr. Antoni Fujarczuk; **May 5:** Fr. Peter Groulx.

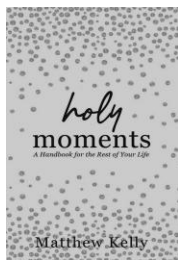
The Sick of our Parish: Joseph Bechta, Maria Bilyk, Catherine Carr, Mary Carr, Joseph Fink, Wayne Harman, Ann Kossar, Joan Krisko, Bridget Lefave, Stephanie Lenton, Mary Lou Lopez, Clementine Petchenuk, George Petralia, Carmela Scali, Anne Scott, Robert Sliskovich, Liberto Soares, Mimi Zugic.

Parishioners at Home: Emmi Janko and our parishioners at Pinewood Court: Vi Trevisanutto; at Pioneer Ridge: Ed Sepanary, John Pelozza; at Southbridge Lakehead: Betty Ann Mutrey.

Faithful Departed: in particular for those whose first anniversary of death occurs about this time.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE



BEAR GOOD FRUIT – Is there something you’ve been holding onto that keeps you from bearing good fruit? This week, ask God to help you to remove the branches that hinder you from living your best life; bad habits, negative attitudes, resentment, anger, bitterness or fear.

As you accept this week’s challenge, remember Matthew Kelly’s advice...“*Open yourself to God. Make yourself totally available to Him. Set aside personal preferences and self-interest, and do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.*”

*Love is a fruit in season
at all times and
within reach of
every hand.*

St. Mother
Theresa
of Calcutta



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS			
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	OTHER DONATIONS
APRIL 21ST 2024	\$980.00	\$333.00	\$211.70	\$0.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024		
	MARCH 2024	YEAR TO DATE
Operating Income	\$16,004.75	\$38,197.94
Operating Expense	\$15,291.98	\$43,003.92
Net Gain/Loss	\$712.77	-\$4,805.98

The **BISHOP’S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN** has begun for 2024. The amount to be raised within the Diocese this year is \$435,000. We are currently awaiting more information from the Diocese as to our Parish’s share of this amount.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



The Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130 invites all men of the parish to the next **COR PROGRAM** session to be held on **Saturday, May 4th at 9 a.m. at the Columbus Centre, 301 May St. S.** Come explore your faith and enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

The Knights of Columbus Leo Council #1130 will hold their **ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** before and after the masses next weekend in support of pro-life initiatives in our community. Donations towards this campaign are gratefully accepted.



Our **PICKEREL DINNER** is **Sunday, June 9th** and we are looking for some extra volunteers to assist with this important fundraiser. Volunteer Forms are available on the Forms Rack at the back of the church. High School students who need to obtain their volunteer hours are always welcome.

IN THE DIOCESE

BISHOP’S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN 2024:



A message from Bishop Colli: The theme for this year’s annual campaign is **Gratitude is the Key**. The campaign officially began in the diocese on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024 and again I ask for your continued support for these

important ministries in our diocese. Information about this campaign is being prepared at the Pastoral Centre at this time and will be sent out shortly. Each year your generosity is well noted and as the bishop, I wish to express my sincere thanks and Gratitude to my priests, deacons and laity who support this vital campaign for our diocese and who recognize that this is an important link in our diocesan family as we reach out to assist one another in charity and concern. May God bless you for your generosity and concern.

GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION: The Diocese of Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board have partnered to prepare Grade 8 Students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the school day as an extension of their Religious Education Curriculum. All Confirmation celebrations will be held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral as follows: **Bishop Gallagher & Bishop E.Q. Jennings** celebration will take place on **May 3, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.** **Pope John Paul II** celebration will take place on **May 24, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.** A third celebration will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.** for all other candidates in our Diocese.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK begins next Sunday, May 5th. The Catholic schools in our diocese will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. There will be a number of activities throughout the week reflecting on this year’s theme “*We are called to love.*” We encourage you to learn about the various celebrations that will be carried out in your children’s school and participate as you are able.



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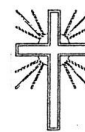


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Meetings 2nd Tuesdays: Officers
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