



# ST. ANDREW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.

Our community is already gifted and enriched by many cultures and voices on a Mission to listen to the needs of others with an attitude of openness and acceptance for a deeper understanding and cooperation.

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

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>              | Rev. Berchmans Francis |
| <b>Deacon:</b>              | Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol   |
| <b>Deacon:</b>              | Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan |
| <b>Minister of Service:</b> | Kathie Terhljan        |
| <b>Secretary/Bookkeeper</b> | Angela Grimolizzi      |
| <b>Custodian:</b>           | Kerry Baraniuk         |

### Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 807 684-6000 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

Parish Registration and a Marriage Preparation Course are required. Contact the office at least 12 months in advance.



### Baby Change Tables

are available in the Handicap Access Washrooms on the Main Level of the Church and in the Basement

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*Show us your steadfast love, O lord, and grant us your salvation.*

The first Sunday of Advent is with us again, a curtain raiser, ushering in the new year of the Church. The season has a twofold character. It is a preparation for celebrating Christ’s birth among us and a reminder of his second coming in glory, at the end of time. During the run-up to Christmas we can benefit from giving some consideration to who we are, what we are doing with our lives and how we are approaching the one great test that really matters, our personal meeting with the Lord on judgement day. During Advent the Church makes an appeal for an improvement in our lives and for a new depth of sincerity to our religion. It calls on us to make a fresh start at building a closer relationship with Christ. Prayer, penance and works of mercy are necessary preparations for the coming of the Lord. It provides an opportunity to look around at what needs to be put right, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Whatever our past, God is only too willing to look lovingly upon us. His arms are always outstretched to welcome us home. Advent is above all a time to deepen our friendship with God by thinking of his great love for us in sending his Son as our Saviour.

**THIS WEEK – December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:**

| Date         | Location            | Time     | Mass Intention         | Requested By             |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tues. Dec 3  | Our Lady’s Chapel   | 12:10 pm | Frank Kovalic          | The Family               |
| Wed. Dec 4   | Our Lady’s Chapel   | 12:10 pm | Betty Gollat           | The Family               |
| Thurs. Dec 5 | Our Lady’s Chapel   | 12:10 pm | Ryan Le Gourrierieg    | Kathie & Joey Terhlan    |
|              | St. Joseph’s Chapel | 4:15 pm  | Rita Nevins            | The Nevins Estate        |
| Fri. Dec 6   | Our Lady’s Chapel   | 12:10 pm | Frank Nacinovic        | Maria & Gloria           |
| Sat. Dec 7   | Main Church         | 5:00 pm  | Florence Blake         | Linda & Lloyd Chaykowski |
| Sun. Dec 8   | Main Church         | 10:00 am | Vince & Frank Liparota | The Liparota Family      |

**FEAST DAYS:**

- Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier
- Dec 4 St. John Damascene
- Dec 6 St. Nicholas
- Dec 7 St. Ambrose
- Dec 8 Second Sunday of Advent



*Readings:  
Baruch 5.1-9  
Philippians 1.3-6,8-11  
Luke 3.1-6*



**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** Join us on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** for **Adoration** in Our Lady’s Chapel starting at 11:30 a.m. followed by the mass at 12:10 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED:**



Each liturgy has a special intention associated with it. Mass intentions can be offered for deceased individuals, someone who is ill, celebrating a birthday or anniversary or to let someone know you are thinking of them. The suggested offering is currently \$10 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made by visiting the parish office or calling (807) 345-5202.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Our Priests:** Please pick up a “Pray for Priests” Calendar for December at the entrance to the church.

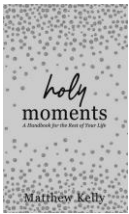
**The Sick of our Parish:** Joseph Bechta, Maria Bilyk, Catherine Carr, Mary Carr, Joseph Fink, Wayne Harman, Ann Kossar, Joan Krisko, Bridget Lefave, Stephanie Lenton, Mary Lou Lopez, Clementine Petchenuk, George Petralia, Carmela Scali, Anne Scott, Robert Sliskovich, Liberto Soares, Mimi Zugic.

**Parishioners at Home:** Gerry Gagnon, Emmi Janko, Paul Morrison, Walter Respondek, Nora Zsakai and in **Care Homes:** Christine Cerutti, Richard Harkof, Suzanne Michaud, Betty Ann Mutrey, John Peloza, Susan Respondek, Maura Robinson, Ed Sepanary, Rae Scarnati, Vi Trevisanutto, Anadelina Wood.

**Faithful Departed** in particular for Betty Gollat & Marie Anne Stetsko whose first anniversary of death occurs about this time.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for December:** Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## “HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE




**SPREAD HOPE** – In our society, more and more people are faced with challenges and injustices each day. In their despair, they find little room for hope in their lives.

As we begin this season of Advent, let us ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to an opportunity to offer encouragement and hope to someone who may be struggling.

*“We are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind.”*

*Pope Francis*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

|  | PARISH COLLECTIONS   |                      |                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                   | COLLECTION ENVELOPES | ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS | LOOSE COLLECTIONS | OTHER COLLECTIONS |
| <b>NOVEMBER 24, 2024</b>                                                          | <b>\$1,316.00</b>    | <b>\$676.00</b>      | <b>\$206.80</b>   | <b>\$205.00</b>   |

| FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024   |                     |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                          | NOVEMBER 2024       | YEAR TO DATE        |
| <b>Operating Income</b>  | <b>\$9,633.90</b>   | <b>\$123,534.79</b> |
| <b>Operating Expense</b> | <b>\$21,851.13</b>  | <b>167,008.54</b>   |
| <b>Net Gain/Loss</b>     | <b>-\$12,217.23</b> | <b>-\$43,473.75</b> |

During the month of November we had additional expenses as follows:

\$5,882.50 – Insurance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment  
 \$9,994.85 – Final Payment for concrete pad replacement at the front of the church.

Fuel costs are also up due to the colder weather.

## PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Last Sunday’s **TURKEY DINNER** raised **\$3,060.71** toward our Boiler Replacement Project. Many thanks to our hard working volunteers, those who made

donations to help defray expenses and to all who purchased tickets. We couldn’t have done it without you!



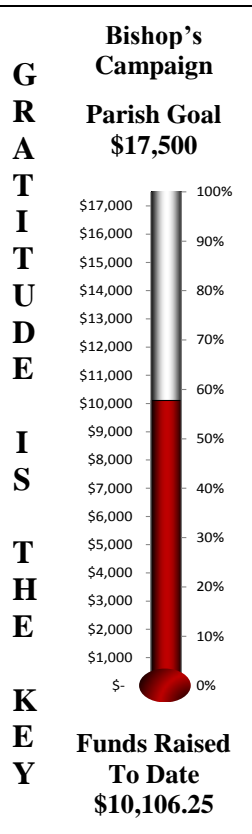
Our **ADVENT RETREAT** with Msgr. Pat Stilla is this **Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Saunders Hall**. The theme for the retreat, is **“Preparing in Advent for Christmas; The Gospel Message in Popular Lyrics.”**

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Our **CHURCH KITCHEN** is in need of the following items for our upcoming fundraiser: 3% Whole Milk, Buttermilk, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Onions, Red Peppers, All Purpose

Flour, Juice Boxes. Donated items can be dropped off at the rectory Tuesday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK** is **Sunday, December 8th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The cost is \$20.00 per person and children under 10 years of age eat for free. Brunch includes Finn pancakes, sausage, bacon, quiche, home fries, hot dogs, dessert, as well as activities for the children and a special visit from St. Nick. **Funds raised will go towards the church’s Boiler Replacement Project.**



St. Andrew’s CWL will hold their **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** in Baxter Hall on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. All women of the parish are welcome to bring their favourite dish to share while enjoying an afternoon of faith, fun and fellowship. **To confirm your attendance, please contact Diane at (807) 767-2394 by Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT** – During the Season of Advent, we are invited to be a light, giving hope to those who are in need. This year, St. Andrew’s CWL invites you to participate in our **Purse Project** in support of women in our community. To participate: pick up a list of needed items at the main entrance to the church. While you are out Christmas shopping, consider purchasing a few items from the list and drop them off in the collection bin located at the main entrance to the church by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. On **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** join us in Baxter Hall after the 12:10 p.m. Mass where items will be sorted for delivery to Faye Peterson Women’s Shelter and Beendigen Anishinabe Women’s Crisis Home.





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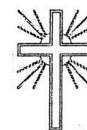


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Meetings 2nd Tuesdays: Officers  
4th Tuesdays: General  
7:00 p.m. St Andrews R.C. Church

For Membership information, Contact  
Mark Simpson 344-9737

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