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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

Pastor:	Rev. Berchmans Francis
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Andre Nicol
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Joey Terhljan
Minister of Service:	Kathie Terhljan
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Angela Grimolizzi
Custodian:	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

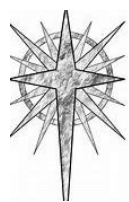
Parish Registration and a Marriage Preparation Course are required. Contact the office at least 12 months in advance.



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*We observed the star at its rising,
and have come to pay homage to the Lord.*

*With
Gratitude
We Celebrate*

A Mass of **THANKSGIVING & FAREWELL** for the Jesuits who will be concluding their mission in the Diocese of Thunder Bay will be held this **Sunday, January 5th** at **St. Peter's Church at 12:30 p.m.** A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

On the first Christmas when God came down in the person of Jesus, he filled the world with glad tidings of great joy. His life was geared towards God the Father in joy, prayer and thanksgiving. We are so caught up with our daily problems that we fail to reflect the joy of that marvellous truth: 'that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son and that whoever believes in him might not die, but have eternal life' (John 3:16). There is no greater proof of love than to give of ourselves to others. Our Christmas joy cannot be complete unless we show generosity to those who have nothing to give to us in return. The happiest people are those who are doing



the most for others. They know from experience that it is in giving that we receive. The day will arrive when they will be greeted with the words: 'Well done good and faithful servant, come and join in your master's happiness'.

THIS WEEK – January 6th to January 12th

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Date	Location	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Tues. Jan 7	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Vic Ehmann	Angela & Angelo
Wed. Jan 8	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Special Intention of Mark Simpson	Jean & John Young
Thurs. Jan 9	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	All Parishioners	Pastor
	St. Joseph's Chapel	4:15 pm	Rita Nevins	Nevins Estate
Fri. Jan 10	Our Lady's Chapel	12:10 pm	Angela Marie Cyr Shier	Jo-Ann & André Marceau
Sat. Jan 11	Main Church	5:00 pm	Frank Nacinovic	Maria & Gloria
Sun. Jan 12	Main Church	10:00 am	Maria & Rita	Stella Pilat & Family

FEAST DAYS:

- Jan 7 St. Andre Bessette
- Jan 8 St. Raymond de Penyafort
- Jan 12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Holy Year when he opened the symbolic Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve. Last Sunday, the inauguration of the Jubilee Year was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in conjunction with all of the Cathedrals throughout the world. The Holy Year will be dedicated to "hope, conversion and spiritual renewal" offering all peoples an opportunity to be reconciled to God, to others and to themselves.



*Readings:
Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7
Acts 10.34-38
Luke 3:15-16,21-22*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests: Please pick up a "Pray for Priests" Calendar for January 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, Marie 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, Andelina Wood.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



MASS INTENTIONS: *Is there someone you know that needs prayers?* The Catholic Church teaches that the Mass is the most powerful of all prayers and is of infinite value to the person for whom the mass is being offered. Each liturgy has a special intention associated with it. The suggested offering for a mass intention is currently \$10 as set by the diocese. Arrangements can be made through the parish office.

“HOLY MOMENTS” WEEKLY CHALLENGE




BE THE GIFT – In their search for the Christ Child, the Magi teach us that giving of ourselves is an important part of our life’s journey.

This week let’s take some time to reflect on the many gifts we have received from God and how we are using those gifts. As we begin the new year, let us resolve to seek out Jesus in our midst and give Him the best that we have to offer by using our time, talent and treasure to be a positive force for good in our world.

“The meaning of life is found in our response to God's offer of love. And that response is made up of true love, self-giving and service.”

Pope Francis

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	PARISH COLLECTIONS				
	COLLECTION ENVELOPES	ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	LOOSE COLLECTIONS	CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS	BUILDING FUND
DECEMBER 22, 2024	\$3,953.00	\$866.00	\$143.00	\$35.00	\$210.00
DECEMBER 29, 2024	\$1,660.00	\$333.00	\$798.70	\$2,145.00	\$380.00

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

2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES and **2025 ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM SCHEDULES** are now available for pick up at the back of the church for parishioners who participate in these programs. Blank sets of envelopes as well as Electronic Offering Program Registration Forms are also available for those who wish to take part in these programs which support the financial well-being of our Parish.

PARISH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Many thanks to all who assisted with our liturgies and helped to enhance our celebrations during the **CHRISTMAS SEASON**. May God bless you for all your efforts and for sharing your gifts with our parish community.

ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT – The CWL would like to thank everyone who donated items toward our **Advent Purse Project** in support of women in our community. Members met on December 18th following the 12:10 p.m. Mass to sort and assemble items and were overwhelmed by the number of donations received. When all was said and done 36 purses were filled to the brim and delivered to Faye Peterson Women’s Shelter and Beendigen Anishinabe Women’s Crisis Home in time for Christmas.



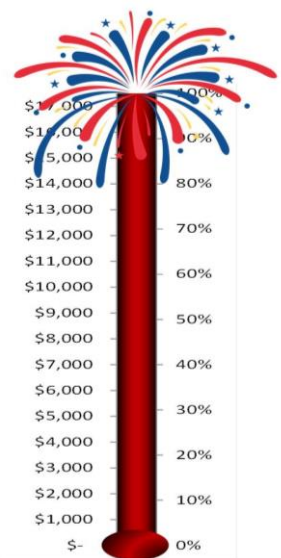
Just a reminder! **CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2025** are due in January. Fees are **\$35.00** and can be paid to St. Andrew’s CWL by placing them in an envelope with your name and address in the Sunday collection basket. For more information or to arrange to have your fees picked up, please call Diane at (807) 767-2394.

FIRST COMMUNION FORMATION will begin on **Sunday, February 2nd** and will be held in **Baxter Hall from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.** If your child is in Grade 2 and has not yet been registered for these sessions, please complete a registration form and drop it off at the Parish Office as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the forms rack at the back of the church or on the Parish Website.



BISHOP’S CAMPAIGN

Funds Raised
\$17,981.25



We did it!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year’s campaign.

IN THE DIOCESE



The **RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION OF THUNDER BAY & AREA** is now accepting applications for membership for 2025. Application forms are available at the main entrance to the church.



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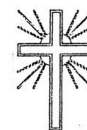


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Meetings 2nd Tuesdays: Officers
4th Tuesdays: General
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