

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Mission of Time and Talent

The goal of this publication is to provide ways to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ and gain a deeper appreciation for the Body of Christ which is His Church. From the perspective of stewardship, this is the "Time" that can be devoted each day, week, and month to become more engaged with our Lord. We also want to keep you informed about what is happening with stewardship in our parish.

Progress on the New Parish Rectory by Ray Wilde

Plans for the new Parish Rectory are well underway. As you may know, the Long Range Planning Committee has been at work updating the parish Discernment Report regarding the long range needs of our St Andrew community. The completed report was submitted to the Diocese late last Fall. We were given permission to move forward on a revised Master Plan and the Rectory, based on the updated findings in the Discernment Report, and the generous gift to fund an on-campus Rectory. Jim Merritt, the

architect that designed our church building and the original Valley Ave campus, was hired to work with the committee on the updated Master Plan. He brought a wealth of experience in parish-related building design, as well as his previous experience with the St Andrew community and campus.

Part of our work on the revised Master Plan was to choose the location for the new Rectory. It will be located just east of the Grotto, in the NW corner of the soccer field.

The Rectory design was done by the Zetterberg Group, and includes three bedrooms, a great room with kitchen and dining area, a small chapel, and a three car garage. Our goal is to have Father Jack living on site in the very near future. We look forward to sharing additional design information with the entire parish in the very near future.

Long Range Planning Committee: Fr Jack Shrum, Carl Jones

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New Evangelization by Robert Hon

The USCCB defines New Evangelization as follows:

"The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on 're-proposing' the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel 'to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization.' The New Evangelization

invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church."

The New Evangelization can take many different forms. Through the use of podcasts, blogs, websites, videos, etc., we can learn more than ever before while we are commuting, standing in line for coffee, or eating our lunch. You may have seen Father Jack pull out his iPhone to read something during Mass. There are many good Catholic apps available for the iPhone, iPad, or Droid such as *iMissal*, *iBreviary*, and *iGod Today* that provides an opportunity to stay connected during your every day life. Our faith is more than 52 Sundays and some Holy

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mk 4: 31-32

Days of Obligation. It is an every day journey. So let us all embrace some of these new and exciting tools.

Through podcasts, such as Deep in Faith and Catholic Answers

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Helping Hands - New Ministry! by Shelly Sosa

Helping Hands is a brand new ministry here at St. Andrew. The purpose of this ministry is to provide meals for parishioners that have had a new baby, a surgery, death in the family, or anything else that takes precious time away from preparing meals for their own family. This is a way for us to show them that they are loved and thought of by their church family during the most trying and/or wonderful times in their lives. We are looking for people that are willing to prepare and deliver a meal for these families in our parish when a need arises. This is a ministry that anyone and everyone can participate in; there are no meetings to attend, no experience necessary, and you are not committed to bring food every time there is a need! In fact, you



don't even have to cook the meal. If you can't cook the meal you can pre-pay and have a pizza delivered...or do take-out and deliver it yourself! If you've been looking for a way to get involved at church but can't get a babysitter, or due to a crazy schedule can't commit to a certain day or time,

this is the ministry for you!

If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, just email or call and you will be added to the group! Then, when a family needs our help, an email will be sent to the entire group reflecting the need and it's as simple as clicking the link in the email and choosing a day that works for you! If you are out of town or simply too busy during that particular time, you don't have to do a thing. There will be other opportunities throughout the year to serve families. You will even get the address and decide if it's close enough for you to deliver the meal before you commit. You are in control of your schedule, no pressure!

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New Evangelization (Continued from page 1)

Live, we have an opportunity to be better catechized and become more engaged in important topics about our faith and the Catholic Church. Another example of new evangelization is the weekly posting of the homily on our website. We also have the mission given by Deacon Poyo on our website.

A good place to start learning about these great tools is the eCommunity tab on our website, www.standrewsumner.org. You can find the daily Mass readings, Saint of the Day, a sample of some podcasts, and much, much more.

I have found that a good source of information regarding our church is to use Facebook and Twitter. It is very easy to get sidetracked on these two programs. However, you can also subscribe or follow organizations that stand up for our beliefs. A good example would be to follow Frank Pavone on Twitter. Father



Sample of some Catholic apps for the iPhone.

Pavone provides updates on Priests for Life often which helps you stay engaged. USCCB, Our Sunday Visitor, and many more organizations. You just need to look for the familiar symbols, click, and follow.

Now get out there, follow, explore, and get engaged.



For more information from the USCCB [click here](#).

Choir by Shelly Sosa

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That is why we need at least 200 people in our group. That way, there are always a few people available to provide meals, but nobody is expected to make a meal every time.

So, please support our new ministry by emailing helping-hands@standrewsummer.org or by calling Dawn Puttler, at 253-435-7907. As soon as we have enough people in our group we can start helping families. Thank you!

One of the most beautiful gifts of the Mass is Sacred Music! Have you ever considered joining one of the choirs at St. Andrew? The music ministry needs willing voices – no experience required! On the job training is provided by Amy Gallwas at rehearsal. There are no “singing tests” or putting anyone in an uncomfortable solo singing situation - all voices are welcomed. We need your voice for both the Sunday chancel choir as well as the 5:30 youth ensemble. Adults are welcome to join the youth ensemble. If you have some experience, cantors are needed for the Saturday 5:00 and Sunday 8:00 Masses. Our children’s choir doesn’t have a set rehearsal schedule. If you have an interest in sharing your voice at St. Andrew, please contact

“To Sing is to Pray Twice”

Saint Augustine (354-430 CE)

Amy Gallwas either at the office 253.863.2253 or via email at music@standrewsummer.org

Don’t forget....prime seating for choir members on Holy Days and other special Liturgies!

Homilies by Traci Franz

How is the Church built up? In a sense there are as many answers to that question as there are individual members with individual vocations. But the overarching answer for all is this: through personal participation in and support of the Church’s mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, a Pastoral Letter on

Stewardship

There are so many people in the parish that serve others and ask nothing in return. In fact, they don’t really want praise or acknowledgment, they just want to quietly serve and help out in any way possible. One of those people in our parish is Larry O’Neil.

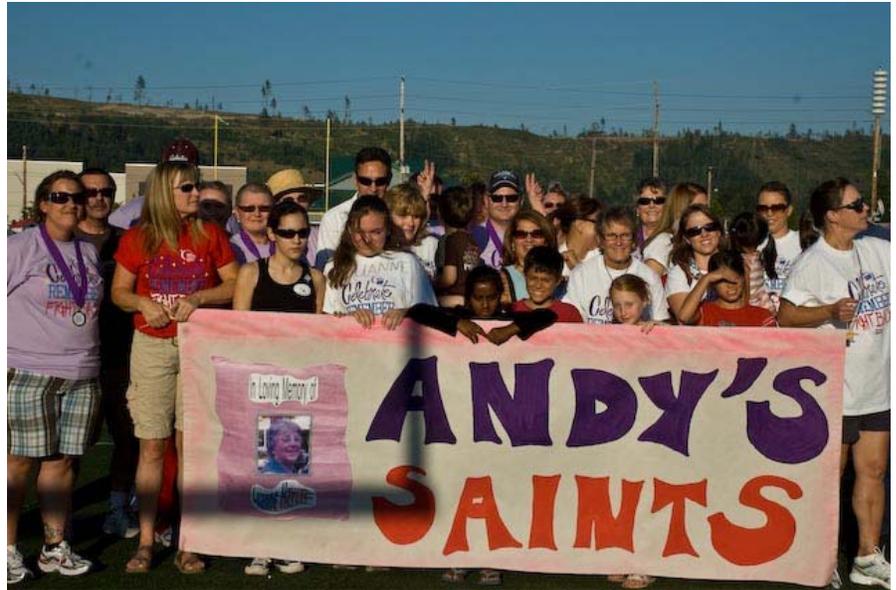
I first met Larry through an email. He had this great idea to record the homilies weekly and post them on the website. He wanted to make sure that if any of the parishioners missed a Mass because of sickness or vacation, they wouldn’t miss the opportunity to hear the homily from St Andrew’s. Larry in his quiet way records at least one Mass each week, edits the recording to just get the homily, and uploads the file to the website. He also did the recordings of Deacon Poyo’s mission.

Larry is also one of the ushers during the 10:30 Sunday Mass. He has worked cleaning up the grounds and mowing. There are probably many other ways that Larry serves at St. Andrew’s. Larry puts his time and talents to work and is a great example of stewardship.



Andy's Saints by Rose Bresina

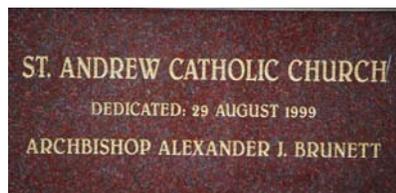
Relay for Life is a community endeavor to fight Cancer, which touches everyone in one way or another. St. Andrew has been a participant in this event for many years and is represented by our team, *Andy's Saints*. Parishioners have been very supportive of the activities and fund raisers the team has conducted in an effort to help the American Cancer society with funds for Research, patient services, and education. Team members are grateful for the support of our parish, and we are always looking for new members.



Anniversary of Church Dedication by Terry Robinson

Each year we commemorate St Andrew Church our anniversary on Valley Avenue in August. This year we celebrate our 13th year in our beautiful church. Even prior to 1999 when we were still located at our tiny church on Kincaid, we gathered and held an annual parish festival. As the years have passed we have been blessed with the parish community coming together to relax together, socialize together, eat together and give thanks for all the blessings God has given us. This August 28, 2012 will be no exception. It takes 70 or more parishioners to step forward and give their time

and talents to make this a annual success. Become a part of this and share your gifts with St Andrew. You will be glad you did.



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(Chairman), Albert Ugas, Carl Vigna, Chad Druffel, Christine Kolbrick, David O'Callaghan, Jason Sullivan, John Benoit, Ray Wilde, and Tom & Bibiana Burrill.

Do you like what you see or have suggestions for improvements or content? Please email feedback to Stewardship@standrewsummer.org We also encourage you to forward this publication to your friends here at St. Andrew. Our goal is to send out this publication on a quarterly basis to our email distribution list.