

# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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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.

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#### Rectory Update by Ray Wilde

As we related in the first newsletter in July, plans for the new Parish Rectory are well underway. We were given permission to move forward by the Diocese, the location was chosen within the framework of the revised Master Plan for the Valley Ave campus, initial design work was completed, and three potential builders were identified.

Shortly after our July update, we received a poor soils report from the geologist for the building site east of the Grotto. After further review by the committee it was agreed that the

chosen location was still the best site for the long term needs of the community. Additional site preparation will be needed and larger footings for the building will be required to mitigate the soil issues. We also received our first feedback on building costs based on the initial design work and found we needed to make design revisions to bring the overall costs into line with our budget. Once we receive additional feedback on the estimated construction costs for the redesigned building, and are comfortably within budget, we will make the selection of a

building contractor, apply to the City for building permits and proceed with the project.

Given the added site work required for the foundation and the current time of year, we now anticipate beginning construction early next year. We thank you for your continued prayers and support and we look forward to sharing the revised design information with the entire parish in the very near future.

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#### Children’s Faith Formation by Rose Bresina

Our parish is very fortunate to have Julia Cox as the new Coordinator for Children’s Faith Formation. During our conversation, I could sense her enthusiasm and interest in the program and her involvement with it. Her job is to work with all the volunteer catechists, with the parents whose children are in the program, prepare and help teach the Elementary Sacramental Preparation classes and coordinate all of the details for Vacation Bible School. Consistent with her belief that parents are the first teachers of their children’s faith formation, she looks forward to working with and assisting parents to help them grow in their



faith as a family.

Julia is very musically talented and will continue to use music as an enrichment for classes and children’s liturgy. This year’s theme song, *Cry the Gospel*, will be used as an opening for the liturgy at the Mass on the Kickoff Wednesday for Faith Formation. As she has done in previous years, Julia will visit classes to pray and sing with the children. Julia is also a member of the Contemporary Ensemble when they do music ministry at Mass on the third Saturday of the month. For Julia, music is a mode where she is comfortable

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## Helping Hands - Our First! by Ann-Marie Thompson

Isn't it interesting how certain foods associate to great memories? Many of us remember the smell of something delicious baking in our mother's kitchen or dad at the grill. Christ even saw the importance of food so he gave us Himself to nourish our souls. Food can be a wonderful gift.

This is why the Helping Hands ministry is a wonderful addition to our parish. Being the first recipient of Helping Hands, I was grateful for the gift of food. Our family was scheduled to receive meals for two weeks and what a relief it was to have them when a minor complication kept me in bed for a week after having our son. Even when I was up and going again it was nice to be able to focus on Matthew and the rest of the kids without having



to worry about dinner.

This is a service that anyone may need at some time. There are so many reasons when a good meal or two would be a life saver. I highly encourage anyone who is in need to ask. There are so many people who would love to help and it is a great opportunity to let the

parish family serve you. It is also a great way to start becoming involved at St. Andrew's. If you are new to being an active member, then this is a very non-committal first step.

Now, if I could just call when I don't feel like making dinner!

### **Please email Dawn Puttler**

at [dawnputtler@comcast.net](mailto:dawnputtler@comcast.net) or call her at [253 435 7907](tel:2534357907) to sign up for Helping Hands or to request meals. If you know of parishioner who is in need of a meal, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn.

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## Tracy Lentz by Shelly Sosa

St. Andrew has a new face and voice that will greet you when you come into the office or call! Tracy Lentz has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant after Susan Atkinson's retirement in July. Tracy always has a smile on her face and in her voice and is eager to support Father Jack, office staff, and anyone of us who may need assistance.

Many of us know Tracy as a member of both the Chancel Choir and Contemporary Ensemble as well as a Cantor at Mass. She is also the coordinator for Marriage Preparation team with her husband John.

John and Tracy have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and counting...and have been parishioners of St. Andrew for over 32 years! Welcome to the front office Tracy!



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sharing her faith.

Julia and her husband have been parishioners for 10 years. They have 3 children who are also involved with the parish. Julia said, "I feel very blessed to be surrounded by this community. So many people are willing to share their time and talent. For this, I am grateful."

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Closed weekends and holidays

## Preparation Leads to Participation by Robert Hon

For the past few years, I have been wondering how others prepare themselves for Mass. I have a normal routine that seems to work for me. At least I am more prepared when I go through my routine than when I don't. First, I roll out of bed before the rest of the family. It assures me of some quiet time. Then I read the readings. Occasionally, I even try singing the Psalms, but only in my head. It is ironic that I sound as bad when singing in my head as singing out loud. Second, I think about the readings and how they tie together. Because I am no bible scholar, I listen to my favorite podcast "[Sunday, Sunday, Sunday](#)". This is a reflection put together by Mark Hart (aka The Bible Geek) of Life Teen. He helps tie it all together

in a way I am not capable of doing. Finally, I close my eyes, pray, and contemplate Mass. It is very relaxing.

Now that I am ready for Mass spiritually, it is time for battling to get the girls out of bed in a well orchestrated manner so there is enough hot water, they are dressed, and we are ready to leave 30 minutes prior to Mass. If this isn't done correctly, my preparation can go completely backwards.

I did a little research on the internet regarding this subject. Our Sunday Visitor has a [pamphlet](#) called Five Ways to Prepare For Mass.

1. Know why you are there.
2. Reflect on the readings
3. Think about your offering
4. See yourself as part of the commu-

nity.

5. Enter God's presence.

We are all different, and we all prepare for Mass a different way. To be a good steward of our Time, we all need to find what works for us.

If you would like to share the way you prepare, please go to our website and leave a comment.

[www.standrewsummer.org/prepare](http://www.standrewsummer.org/prepare)

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## Catechesis by Ana Pedersen

Sept 19, 2012 marks the beginning of a new catechetical year in our parish. Students from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be joining their teachers in their new classrooms with some anxiety and enthusiasm. Some will have trouble introducing themselves while others will feel right at home. These are very normal and expected responses from a child, but what do we expect from the catechist or the kids teacher? Is it normal for them to be nervous, anxious, do they have first day jitters? We certainly do, our mission is an extremely important one, we are to echo the word of God, *"Catechists must hand on the teachings of Christ to those being catechized; ... Catechists must make the words of Christ their own: 'My teaching is not my own but is from the one who sent me,' and they con-*

Catechesis aims to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of his person and message, and a firm commitment to follow him.

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*fess with Saint Paul, 'I handed on to you ... what I also received.'*" NDC 4:29E. Catechesis is all about teaching like Jesus taught, although a bit hard work, we look forward to sharing our faith, to be a witness of the Gospel, and servants of the community. While this work requires lots of preparation (i.e. prepare lesson plan, set up classroom, gather materials, etc.) what we require the most is prayer, for it is through prayer that we will worship God and are able to proclaim His message. Therefore, we ask parents and parishioners to pray for us catechists as we impart the teachings of Christ, and for the children that they will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

## Upcoming Events

### October 2012

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### November 2012

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### December 2012

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### October

October 14/15—Emmanuel Food Pantry Open House after Mass

October 28—Newcomers Brunch for all newly registered families. Held in Building B 11:30-1pm

October 31—All Hallows Eve

### November

November 1—All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation), Mass 9am, 7pm (Bilingual)

November 2— All Souls, Mass 9am

November 6—Election Day

November 15—Turkey Bingo / Basket Raffle, Sumner Middle School, 1507 Willow St, 6pm-9pm

November 15/16—Community Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution, 9:30-4:30 each day

November 18—St Andrew Celebration Day

November 22—Thanksgiving, Mass 9am

### December

December 2—1st Sunday in Advent

December 8—Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

December 9—2nd Sunday in Advent

December 10—Advent Lessons and Carols, 7pm

December 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 16—3rd Sunday in Advent

December 23—4th Sunday in Advent

December 25—Christmas Day

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## The Festival of the Dedication by Shelly Sosa

The Festival of the Dedication is held on the last Sunday in August and combines the anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful Church with a festival that celebrates a wonderful and diverse parish community such as St. Andrew. It is truly a coming together of the best of us! It takes a lot of planning and work to prepare and pull off a party for over 700 – but with the wonderful stewards here in our church, the burden was never too heavy. The weather was perfect, there were games, a soccer challenge, Bingo, great food, pony rides and lots more. There were booths of different ministries set up to answer questions, sign children up for Faith Formation, register new families,

talk about the new Helping Hands or Prayer Shawl ministries and many more.

The Stewardship Commission gave out royal blue silicone bracelets with an imprint that states “BELONGING LEADS TO BELIEVING”. We want all parishioners to feel that they truly do belong here at St. Andrew. There is nothing like the warm feeling, deep in your heart after you give of your time and talent to better someone’s life or to help better our Church. That warm feeling is Christ working in your heart and leads to believing more and more. If you yearn for that warm feeling too, just get involved here at St. Andrew. Grab a bulletin or go to

the website at

[www.standrewsumner.org](http://www.standrewsumner.org) and look for the ministry leads and give them a call or send an email to ask for more information. If you want to contact Stewardship directly for general questions or to help get you pointed in the right direction, please email [stewardship@standrewsumner.org](mailto:stewardship@standrewsumner.org) or call Shelly Sosa at 253.709.4488 – NOW is a great time to start!

Everyone in Sumner who drove by our Festival was wishing they were one of us and thinking.... **Look at all those Catholics having fun!**

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