



## **HISTORY OF ST. ANDREW APOSTLE PARISH**

In June, 1959 St. Andrew Apostle parish was established through the division of portions of two parishes, St. John the Evangelist, Forest Glen and St. Bernadette's, Four Corners. Groundbreaking for the new ten acre site at the corner of Kemp Mill Road and Arcola Avenue was led by Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, John M. McNamara. The first Mass was held on June 14, 1959 at Good Counsel High School. Services continued there while the Church was under construction. On November 27, 1960, the church, rectory, convent and three classrooms with activities hall was dedicated by Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle and the Pontifical Mass Sermon delivered by Rt. Rev. John R. Cartwright.

Our first pastor was Msgr. Joseph B. Coyne. The Parish school opened September, 1960 with the first, second and third grade and was staffed by the Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St.

Francis Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes from Rochester, Minnesota.

The parish has grown over the years to its current size of over 1200 families and an elementary school of first through eighth grade plus kindergarten, and pre-school for three and four year old children. Educational and social activities and organizations have been added as well. Additional pastors who served at St. Andrew's are Rev. Robert McMMain, Rev. Francis Krastel, Rev. John Stack, Rev. David Conway, Msgr. Thomas Kelley, Rev. Joseph P. Kennedy, Msgr. Michael J. Mellone and currently Rev. Daniel P. Leary.

### **PARISH LIFE AND WORSHIP**

**Altar Servers:** Serve weekday and Sunday Masses. Open to young people from Grade 6 and up

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Assist priests in distributing the Eucharist at Mass, as well as taking the Eucharist to those in local nursing homes and to those confined at home due to illness.

**Greeters:** Welcome those arriving for Mass.

**Lectors:** Team of volunteers who proclaim the Scripture at Mass. Training is provided.

**Evening Prayer Group:** Charismatic prayer group meets Tuesdays at 8:00 PM

**Ministry to the Sick:** Local nursing home visitations

**Music Ministry:**

**Traditional Choir:** Sings at 10:00 AM Mass  
Practice Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

**Contemporary Choir:** Sings at 11:30 Mass  
Practice Thursdays at 7:30 PM

**Cherub Choir:** Grades K-2; Sing at monthly liturgies and parish concerts. Practice Tuesdays, 2:45-3:30 PM, with snack time included

**Children's Choir:** Grades 3-5; Sing at monthly liturgies and parish concerts. Practice Tuesdays, 2:45-3:30 PM, with snack time included

**Jr. High Choir:** Grades 6-8; Sing at monthly liturgies.  
Practice Tuesdays, 2:45-3:30 PM

**Cantors:** Lead song at Vigil mass and 8:30 AM mass.  
Auditions by appointment

**Sanctuary Team:** Volunteers who keep our church beautiful; maintain Sanctuary and vessels and prepare altar area for worship.

**Ushers:** Assists staff and parishioners during services.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Youth Ministry – offers recreational, spiritual and service activities for high school students.

Athletic Council – coordinates parish youth sports programs

Fall Sports Programs:  
CYO Soccer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and up

Winter Sports Program  
Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Spring Sports Program

Coed T-ball

Baseball

Softball

Coed Track

K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Community Sunday** – Second Sunday of the month. Meet fellow parishioners for refreshments and conversation after Mass in the all-purpose room.

**Bingo** held in the All-Purpose room Thursday and Friday evenings at 6:45 PM. Staffed by parishioners and school parents.

**Christmas Craft Show:** sponsored by the Home and School Association.

The Church Bulletin lists current social events and details weekly.

**ADVISORY BODIES TO THE PASTOR**

Pastoral Council: Chief advisory body to the Pastor on matters of Parish affairs. The membership is composed of elected and parish organization appointees. This council addresses issues including worship, education, spiritual formation and social justice. Pastoral Council elections are held each May for rotating terms.

Finance Council: Appointed by the Pastor to advise on the financial condition of the Parish, assist in preparing the Annual Parish Budget and at regular intervals evaluate and monitor the status of the budget.

**EDUCATION**

Saint Andrew Apostle School – Catholic elementary School

Preschool through eighth grade. We are accredited by the Middle States Association Registration and have been awarded the Blue Ribbon for Excellence by the Department of Education. Registration is held each year during February and March

School Board – Advises the Pastor and Principal on matters related to the elementary school. Composed of elected and appointed members.

Home and School Association – A fund raising organization for the elementary school.

School of Religion – Supported by the Director of Religious Education and volunteer teachers. Serves ages 3 through high school. All classes meet on Sundays.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Classes for those preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church and for those desiring to deepen their commitment to the faith by sponsoring candidates. Meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the rectory or by special appointment.