

# September 4 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8 AM Mark VanLoo  
Wednesday 8 AM Francis Vetter  
Thursday 8 AM Alyssa Almon  
Friday 8 AM People of St. Andrew

Saturday (September 10)

Saturday 5:30 PM Donald & Caroline Starke

Sunday (September 11)

Sunday 9:30 AM Mary Bure

Adoration & Benediction:

First Friday October 8 7-9 AM with Mass at 8 am  
First Saturday October 9 7:40 AM Rosary with Mass at 8 AM

**SAVE THE DATE~** As the Diocese of Jefferson City transitions to the Stewardship Model there is a lot of important information that needs to be shared, *correctly*. Fr. Stephen Jones, Director of Stewardship will be doing a presentation on Wednesday, **September 7th at 6 PM** in the church.

The presentation itself lasts about 40 minutes and then time for Q&A. Finished in about an hour. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. This is open to the entire parish.

*Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares them in love of God and neighbor.*

**BULLETIN ITEMS & MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS** need to be to the office my noon on Wed., asking Fr. or the Deacons to make these announcements right before or during Mass is no longer preferable. Fr. needs to approve the announcements ahead of time. If you take time to read the bulletin you will be up to date. We try and repeat items for several weeks. Online is also an option.

**TRANSPORT CHAIR** is missing from the medical supply room. If you happen to know where it is located, please call the office or return it if you are no longer using it.

**NON ACTIVE PARISHIONERS** Social Concerns needs your help. We would like to contact the parishioners who haven't been attending Mass since the year off because of Covid. If you know anyone or a family that you no longer attending to Mass at St. Andrew, will you please notify us so we can reach out to them. You can either call the Church Office (573) 896-5010 or Renee Phillips at (573) 896-5790. Thank you for your help!

**YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** Monday evenings **Sept 19th & 26th** at

**BAPTISM CLASS** will be held after the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, **September 18th** in the St. Anne Room, about 10:30 am. If you have recently been blessed with a baby, or are expecting in the near future, please plan on attending. All new parents are required to attend Baptism class before you can schedule to have your baby baptized, unless you have attended in the last two years. Questions please call on Dan Ramsay or Wendy in the office.

5:45-6:30PM in the church. Questions call Cindy at 573.544.3272.

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Sat., Sept 10**, with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Richard Frank at 10 AM followed by outside Memorial Service at Aborted Babies Headstone in front of the church at approximately 10:45 am. More Info: Contact Kathy at 573 821 5130

**Sept. 50+** Madison's, JC on **Wed. 9/14, 11:00** for lunch. RSVP by Fri. the 9th either on the 50+ Facebook page or call Carol 896-4825. We are trying different times of the day/evenings to accommodate different schedules, etc. and floating based on availability/dates/times restaurants are open and to avoid the most crowded times. There were also suggestions to go to Canterbury, Dos Primos and a carry in at church to accommodate those that prefer it.. Any suggestions are welcomed.

## Results of the Parish Vote on Sale of Beer at the Fall Festival

The results of the voting on the sale of beer at our Fall Festival was 307 total votes with **223 Yes** votes and **84 No** votes. So, nearly 73% of those who voted were in favor. As explained in the bulletin, the Knights of Columbus will run the beer sales using their trained volunteers and appropriate licenses. The Knights of Columbus will decide on how to move forward on this while working with the Fall Festival Chairs. We appreciate the input from the parish. Fr. Roberto and the Parish Council



## **FALL FESTIVAL NEWS October 2nd**

Worker lists, raffle tickets and flyers are available to pickup in the gathering space. Please take your and your friends & families.

Chairpersons are needed for the snack shack and a co-chair for the kids area.

Many workers are needed in the dining room and other areas. Please see the worker list in the gathering space this weekend and talk to Lisa, Betsy or Duane on how you can help.

Fall Festival Silent Auction Please consider using your time, talent, or other means to donate either an auction item or a basket for our silent auction. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. We appreciate your support. Michelle (573) 220-0254 and Chelsie (573) 338-7788

Envelopes in the pews are for you donations, please drop in the collection basket.

Saturday **Oct. 24 at 8 AM** clean up the kitchen and parish ground. Saturday **Oct. 1st at 8 AM** set up outside.

VERY MUCH APPRECIATED all the work done by Curtis Versluis, Tom Mehmert, Mark Lueckenhoff, Ken Schulte, Jim Keeven, David Perry & Bill Peacock. They repaired the crack in the Knights of Columbus Hall, a leak that has been going on for about two years now. They donated time, labor, machinery, materials and their crews to dig, repair, resod the area.

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday October 7**, St. Andrew will host a "Wine & Shrine" event in Veit Hall. John Carpenter will be speaking on Marian apparitions and resulting shrines and miracles. Be watching for more information coming soon!

**Liturgical Ministers September 10 & 11, 2022**

**Altar Servers**

5:30 PM *2 Volunteers Needed*

9:30 AM Noah & Zoe Massman

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

5:30 PM Wendy Winkelman & *Volunteer Needed*

9:30 AM Fran Draper & Gaye Suggett

**Greeter**

5:30 PM Jim & Dorothy Brune

9:30 AM *Volunteer Needed*

**Lector**

5:30 PM Joe Reinkemeyer

9:30 AM Kris Hartman

**Offertory Gifts**

5:30 PM *Volunteer Needed*

9:30 AM *Volunteer Needed*

**Ushers**

5:30 PM Jim Brune & *5 Volunteers Needed*

9:30 AM *6 Volunteers Needed*

**Musicians**

5:30 AM Alyssa, Adam, Emily

9:30 AM Ed & Valda

*St. Andrew Catholic Church like us for all the updates.*



**Weekly Collection - August 28 , 2022**

Sunday Offering \$8951

Donuts \$24.45

Repairs & Improvements \$3045

Rainy Day \$150

Catholic Missourian \$20

Rental \$150

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**ST. ANDREW EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

- 9/4 9 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
Back to School Supply Drive
- 9/5 Labor Day
- 9/6 8 AM Mass  
8:30-10:30 AM Quilting  
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, KC Hall
- 9/7 8 AM Mass  
6 PM Stewardship Meeting, Church  
7PM Bible Study, St. Joseph RM
- 9/8 8AM Mass
- 9/9 8 AM Mass
- 9/10 10 AM Memorial Mass & Prayer Service for Unborn Children  
4:45 PM Confession  
5 PM Rosary  
5:30 PM Mass
- 9/11 8:15 AM PSR Class & Parent Meeting, Church  
9 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass

*Lost & Found* under the table in the gathering space.

*Funeral Dishes* on the shelf outside St. Joseph Rm.

*Books, Newsletters & Flyers* are on the tables & the racks in the gathering space. Please help your self to any of the items.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR MOSER'S RECEIPTS!**


Moser's Grocery Stores pays us 1/2 cent/dollar for every grocery receipt we turn into them. Please save your receipts and deposit them in the basket on the table in the gathering space.

An active member of St. Andrew parish is registered with the parish, participates in Mass and the sacraments, has completed the most current version of the Time, Talent, & Treasure form, and supports the parish financially. If the pastor, Fr. Roberto, can help you in any way, please feel free to call or e-mail him. Know that he strives to be approachable and available.

Sign up on our website, under "Parish Life", "Liturgical Roles". Our website in new and sometimes hard to find. Go to [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org), hit "find a parish", our website is on the left. Once you get there, save it

**Bishop McKnight's  
September prayer intention  
for our Local Church**

For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.



**YOU CAN BE THE PROTECTOR OF OTHERS  
WITH SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING.**

The Diocese of Jefferson City has a safe environment training program to create a safe environment for ministry in parishes across the diocese. To learn more about the program or begin training on the visit [DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/SAFE-ENVIRONMENT](http://DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/SAFE-ENVIRONMENT)



**Safe Environment**  
OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

DIocese of Jefferson City

**PSR** will be starting in September 11th. Registration information will be available in the gathering space. Preschool will not be offered this year, due to the Children's Liturgy that will be starting each Sunday during Mass.

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS** The Parish Safety Committee needs to identify the health care professionals within our parish. If you are a licensed health care professional, please sign the form on the table in the Gathering Space. This list is used in the event there is a medical emergency in which a health care professional is needed.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** are being collected by the Social Concerns Committee. A box for the supplies has been placed in the Gathering, collection ends September 10/11th weekend.

## AREA HAPPENINGS

**Helias Catholic High School Alumni** Graduates of Helias Catholic High School are invited to stay informed about Crusader alumni news! Visit [www.heliascatholic.com/alumni](http://www.heliascatholic.com/alumni) to sign up for email updates.

**Our Lady of the Snows Parish Picnic, Sept. 4th.** 11 AM-7:30PM Adults \$15. All you can eat Fried Chicken, Roast Beef and sides.

**JP2 Young Adults BBQ Party, Sept. 19th** at 6PM, McClung Park. RSVP: JP@ Young Adults FB Page

**Ducks Unlimited Diner:** The 39th annual Osage ducks unlimited dinner will be on Saturday, **September 10**, 2022 at loose creek community center. Doors open at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Couple tickets \$80.00, single tickets \$55.00 table packages starting at \$350.00. Tickets available [www.ducks.org/events](http://www.ducks.org/events) or call Jeff at 573-680-2205

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Matthew Flatley, February 27 - March 8, 2023.** Information Gathering Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 7 pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City. Fr. Matt [mflatley@diojeffcity.org](mailto:mflatley@diojeffcity.org) or 573-202-3590. To learn more or to download the full brochure: <https://www.traveltymeilpilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-with-father-matthew-flatley>

**Pilgrimage at The National Shrine of Mary,** Mother of the Church invites all for a pilgrimage with speaker Kathleen Lindemann on **September 17**. Kathleen is a dynamic Catholic evangelist. Taking everyday life situations, she weaves the Joy of the Gospel into a practical application. Listeners will learn how to unleash the Gospel in their own lives as Kathleen leads them to realize how they can walk in the light of Christ. Kathleen will be speaking on Mary's "Yes" Can Be Our "Yes" too and Unlocking the Virtues To a Joyous Life. The pilgrimage day starts at 8:30 a.m. and includes the two speaker sessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet culminating in Mass at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. The Shrine is located at the Lake of the Ozarks, 176 Marian Drive, Laurie, MO 65037. Call 573 374 6279 for more information.

**Signum Crucis** a new interparish men's faith formation group is about to be launched in the Jefferson City area. It is called the Men of *Signum Crucis*, and our first gathering will be on **September 21**. Tim Hronick of our parish has been instrumental in getting this initiative off the ground.

**BBQ Knights of Columbus** in Wardsville & Osage Bend Missouri is planning a BBQ for September 24 on the St. Stanislaus Campus. \$12 plate serving pork steaks, chicken, bratwurst, baked beans & cole slaw.

**St. Peter Parish in Fulton Fall Festival, MO.** We invite you and your parishioners to our Fall Festival on **Sept 25**, from 11 AM-6 PM, at 700 State Rd. Z. Come and enjoy a delicious meal of fried chicken, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, applesauce and desserts.

**YOU'RE INVITED to SAVE THE MUSIC!** Please plan on joining us at **2 p.m., Sunday Sept. 25** for *Somewhere in Time*, the fifth annual Basi family concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Columbia (903 Bernadette Dr., Columbia, Mo. 65203). It's 2022 and all the music has mysteriously disappeared. Come watch Doc Brown and Marty McFly team up with Bill & Ted as they race to repair the space-time continuum and bring back the music! A free-will offering will be collected to support Down syndrome services in mid-Missouri.



**RENTAL AGREEMENT & FEES UPDATE** in January the Diocese stated that all parishes are to require liability insurance for any individual, group or organization **renting** our facilities. At this time Fr. Roberto, Finance Council & Administration decided to look over the rental agreement and fee structure of the parish. (This had last been updated in 2008.) The new fees, agreement & insurance have been in place since July 1 of 2022. This also includes some changes to weddings, wedding receptions & funerals.

**VIRTUS** The training may be completed online at [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org). Click on "New registrant" and begin the process of registration. When asked which training you wish to choose, click on "online training" from the menu. If you need assistance, you may contact Connie at 573-619-2391. The training consists of a series of questions with multiple choice answers followed by a short video clip. This is repeated approximately 14 times and takes about 1.5 hours to complete. Thank you.

**RCIA** Thinking about becoming Catholic? Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA) is the program which prepares people for reception into the Catholic faith. The St. Andrew group meets from September to May on Tuesday nights two or three times a month. No commitment to become Catholic is required to attend the meetings. We want a person to gather the information needed to make that decision when ready. Adult Catholics who have never been confirmed are also encouraged to attend. If you are an adult, confirmed Catholic and just want to refresh your knowledge of your faith, you are also welcome. We will begin meeting Tuesday, **Sept. 13**, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Church. For further information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Dan or Bobbie at 573-220-1727.

*More information on the back.*

Collections Income	Regular Collection			Repairs and Improvements			Rainy Day Fund		
Through July, 2022	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<u>Month To Date</u>	\$36,108	\$35,765	\$ 343	\$1,557	\$5,833	-\$4,276	\$ 998	\$1,500	-\$ 502
3 Year Monthly Running Average Collection	\$33,809			\$4,341			\$ 373		
Year to Date	\$36,108	\$35,765	\$ 343	\$1,557	\$5,833	-\$4,276	\$ 998	\$1,500	-\$ 502
	<b>ALL COLLECTIONS ACCOUNT SUMMARY</b>								
	Actual	Budget	Variance						
Year to Date	\$ 38,664	\$ 44,369	-\$ 5,705						
	<b>ALL BUDGET SUMMARY</b>								
	Total Income	Total Expense	Variance						
Year to Date	\$ 44,280	\$ 55,180	-\$ 10,900						

Definitions of Terms in the Budget report above:

**Regular Collections** includes envelopes, loose checks and change

**Repairs and Improvements** includes [only funds received through](#) that special marked envelope

**Rainy Day Fund** includes only funds received through that special marked envelope

**All Collections** includes all funds collected through envelopes, loose checks, change, Holy Days, Rainy Day Fund and Repairs and Improvements.

The Parish Council would like to refresh parishioners on the definition of the special collection envelopes:

**Rainy Day Fund:** The funds from this offering are being used exclusively to replenish our short term and long-term investment back to the point of having 12 months of operating capital.

**Repairs and Improvements:** The funds from this offering are used to make the repairs and improvements necessary around our Parish facilities.

August Mass Count	Mass time	Language (ie, English, Spanish, bi-lingual, etc.)	Attendance (includes infants, children and all ministers in the sanctuary area)	
8/6/2022	5:30 PM	English	237	
8/7/2020	9:30 AM	English	205	We averaged 219 individuals per Mass in August.
8/13/2022	5:30 PM	English	216	
8/14/2022	9:30 AM	English	235	
8/15/2022 Holy Day	8 AM	English	89	
8/20/2022	5:30 PM	English	167	
8/21/2022	9:30AM	English	264	
8/27/2022	5:30PM	English	180	
8/28/2022	9:30AM	English	245	

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## Announcing a New Monthly Catholic Formation Opportunity for Men—**Signum Crucis**

A group of Catholic men in our area is excited to introduce a new interparish, multi-generational men's formation group in Jefferson City. It is called the "Men of **Signum Crucis**."

Why **Signum Crucis**? **Signum Crucis** is Latin for "Sign of the Cross." This new group will focus on growth in the areas of Study, Devotion, and Service. As we trace the Sign of the Cross on our bodies and pray this most basic prayer, we recognize that we need to seek Study for our Minds, seek Devotion in our Hearts, and to wear our faith gained from Study and Devotion on our sleeves in the form of Service.

This group will strongly encourage men to bring their sons to our monthly gatherings. We know how important it is in our current culture to model our faith to our young people before they leave the fold. Therefore, men are especially requested to bring their sons, nephews, and grandsons who are in high school and grade school. By doing this, adult men will be able to model how to be a true Catholic man by seeking more. This is needed now more than ever.

Monthly gatherings will always be on the third Wednesday of each month, at Helias Catholic High School, from 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. This timeframe was intentionally set to allow men to get back home in time to help with the family bedtime routine. Our plan is to allow men to choose between attending either a Devotional session or a Study session when we gather, whichever is most needed by each man attending. We might offer a Service opportunity on Wednesday evenings as well. Our Study, Devotion, or Service sessions will last approximately 45-60 minutes, with a wrap-up of our sessions in the Commons, followed by brief fellowship.

Our first gathering will be on September 21. Father Paul Clark, Chaplain of Helias Catholic High School, will offer Mass for us in the Chapel of St. Pius X at Helias at 6:30 p.m. More details about **Signum Crucis** will be shared after the Mass.

The second gathering will be on Oct. 19. Father Anthony Viviano will lead us in Study, and will challenge us to be strong Catholic men for our parish, our family, our friends, and our community. Details about the November **Signum Crucis** gathering will be shared after the session with Father Viviano.

Entrance into Helias for the **Signum Crucis** gatherings will be through the entrance on the east end of the school on Swifts Highway. You will see signage to direct you into the entrance.

We hope you also have the desire to be the Catholic man that God is calling you to be for your family and parish community. The area men who have put this concept together are eager to join you in developing our faith life as a fraternity of committed Catholic men. We are confident that our fraternity will help men grow in their faith and faithfulness to all who are important to them.

For more information, please contact Tim Hronick at 573-418-0851 or Mark Rehagen at 573-680-2520.

St. Joseph, Foster Father of the Son of God, pray for us.

**RECYCLING OF ALUMINUM** Thank you to everyone who has been recycling their aluminum cans here at St. Andrew's. For those who don't know, the recycling area is in the fenced enclosure next to the lower parking lot. All money collected from the recycling benefits the youth of the parish. A few details to remember as you recycle:

- Aluminum cans need to be placed in bags securely tied.
- PLEASE - no aluminum foil or pans. The recycling center does not pay for these items.
- Metal or steel items need to be placed in separate bags.

### Breaking the Silence of Abuse

As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Nancy Hoey, and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information, or want you to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to use the 'reach us' form on our diocesan website, [diojefcity.org](http://diojefcity.org). Assure them every submission is read.

**SICK OR HOSPITALIZED?** If you know of a parishioner who is ill, the parish health ministry committee sends a card. Please share with us so we can send a card. Email the name and address to [admin@standrewparishhs.org](mailto:admin@standrewparishhs.org).

**PRAYER LINE** is always in need of prayer warriors. If you would like to be on our prayer line please email Carol at [mamcheaf@yahoo.com](mailto:mamcheaf@yahoo.com). Carol will email out all pray requests. If you are in need of prayers you can also email Carol requesting those or email the parish office.

### OUR MONEY COUNTERS NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

St. Andrew parishioners are very generous - both of their talents and financially. You are appreciated! It would be very helpful to those who volunteer their time to count the weekend collections, if everyone would write a separate check for each type of donation, rather than rolling everything into one check. One check works well for multiple weeks of offertory donations, but it complicates things when one check is written for multiple purposes (i.e., offertory, capital improvements, and a special collection).

DIocese of Jefferson City has many job postings. Check them out [diojc.org](http://diojc.org). It is updated often.

**WORKOUT CLASS** The workout class has resumed in the Veit Hall St. Andrew. Come join us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7pm. We have a personal trainer that will work with you at your own pace. It's only \$5.00 a session and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The workouts are focused on cardio, strength training and overall fitness. For more information call or text Theresa at (573) 680-9600 or email at [verslues1064@gmail.com](mailto:verslues1064@gmail.com).

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE** for loan to anyone needing it:

- 2 manual wheelchairs
- 4 walkers, (1 with a seat)
- 3 bath seats
- 3 bedside commodes
- 1 knee roller
- 3 pairs crutches
- 5 canes
- 4 gait belts

Above equipment (except for bed) is stored in the storage area in the back of the St. Joseph room. Take anything you need and sign it out on the clipboard hanging on hook just inside doorway. Keep it as long as you need, then return it and sign it in on clipboard. Any questions? Call Helen at 573-491-3813.

**TEXT & EMAIL SCAM** Often times a parishioner receives text or email messages from an number claiming to be Fr. Roberto. They may ask for "a favor", "he is in a meeting and can not call", in the end they want you to get iTunes gift cards or something similar, scratch off the numbers and text them to that number.

Fr. Roberto, another priest, deacon or parish staff member will never ask for you to purchase gifts cards of this kind and then have you text us the information. PLEASE always check with us before doing so, by calling the office, call the rectory, CALL the number back &/or talking directly with the person by phone or email them back. Check the email address as well, it is usually not Fr. Roberto's. Thanks.

### TEXT & SCAM ALERT

The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. *If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text.*



Studies show that one in four females, and one in six males, will be a victim of sexual abuse by the time they reach the age of 18. You can help prevent this from happening. The Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a VIRTUS® *Protecting God's Children* class on line.

This program is one component of the overall effort to protect God's children and vulnerable adults. **All employees, volunteers, and parents of Catholic grade school children are required to attend a *Protecting God's Children* session. Other adults in the parish community are also encouraged to attend. Grandparents, etc. who plan to help with school activities or field trips are also required.** To view valuable resources regarding the protection of children and vulnerable adults, please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or the USCCB's website at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/index.cfm>.



# LET'S ALL DO OUR PART: SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING.

The faithful of our diocese can work together to protect the most vulnerable among us. We have a trustworthy and easy-to-access training program to equip you in creating a Safe Environment at your parish. To learn more about the program or begin training online, visit:

[DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/SAFE-ENVIRONMENT](http://DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/SAFE-ENVIRONMENT)



In the fall of 2020, safe environment policies were updated to strengthen how our diocese is protecting the vulnerable among us by training employees, priests, deacons, religious, adults, youth, and volunteers in our parishes, including our schools. This also means about 24,000 people in our diocese know the warning signs of predatory behavior, know the Diocese's code of conduct, and know how to report suspicious activity of anyone who might want to harm children. Every person who works or volunteers for the Church in a setting with children must undergo a background check and receive training on "Safe Environment."

Please see where you fit in below and help St. Andrew become compliant with the new diocesan policies. This can be done online, but if you would prefer to attend an in-person class call the parish office and we can get something scheduled.

### Categories of those who are required to be Safe Environment Compliant

1. Adult Employees, Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Seminarians, and Deacon Candidates are required to do the following:
  - Attend a *Protecting God's Children (Virtus)* workshop in person or online and agree to ongoing online training;
  - Agree to a national background screening that evaluates any history related to criminal charges, and agree to regular screening every three months;
  - Complete the *Child Abuse or Neglect Registry* background check form; and
  - Read and consent to the *Code of Pastoral Conduct* by providing an electronic signature.
2. For those volunteers whose duties involve contact with minors. This would be PSR teachers, Adult servers serving with minors, children's choir directors, Confirmation leaders, working in a children's booth at a fund raiser, coaching, etc.
  - Attend a *Protecting God's Children (Virtus)* workshop in person or online and agree to ongoing online training;
  - Agree to a check through the *National Sex Offender Registry* (this is completed by the Safe Environment Office).
  - Complete the *Child Abuse or Neglect Registry* background check form; and
  - Read and consent to the *Code of Pastoral Conduct* by providing an electronic signature.
3. For those volunteers whose duties do not involve contact with minors. This would include (but is not an exhaustive list) Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, lectors, workers at a fund raiser in the kitchen or closed off area where children are not around, music ministers, officers of organizations, greeters, etc.
  - Attend a *Protecting God's Children (Virtus)* workshop in person or online and agree to ongoing online training;
  - Agree to a check through the *National Sex Offender Registry* (this is completed by the Safe Environment Office).
  - Read and consent to the *Code of Pastoral Conduct* by providing an electronic signature.
4. For those volunteers whose duties do not involve contact with minors and who volunteer no more than one time per calendar year.
  - On the website [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) click on Safe Environment. Scroll down to the middle of the page and click on "Please click here to fill out the single occasion volunteer form" located in the mid-section of the page. Complete the form and read and electronically sign the *Code of Pastoral Conduct*. Submit your form.

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