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## *Annual Report*

*For the period July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011*

When someone asks me how I am, I answer out of habit, "Not bad for an old man." Although I am not ancient, I am old enough to claim years of experience. I think it is important that I write this column as an old man, giving fatherly advice as a pastor should.

When I was a child I noticed one day that my father's relatives, who were Protestant, all belonged to a church but when we were invited to their house for dinner, they did not go to church. We always went to church. It did not matter if my relatives were coming for dinner or we were driving ninety miles to visit them, we went to church. My parents explained to me that we were Catholic and it is important that we worship every week, whether it is convenient or not. The only valid excuse for missing Mass was being sick. I have been noticing that more and more people seem to have adopted the ways of my Protestant relatives. I respect my relatives, but as a Catholic, I ask how can one become an occasional worshipper. How can anyone think that weekly reception of the Eucharist is not necessary? It is in fact, essential.

My Jewish eye doctor told me that he asks people what they think is the most important Jewish holy day. He gets a variety of answers. Then he tells them that it is the Sabbath. He says, "the Sabbath is the only holy day mentioned by the Lord, IN A COMMANDMENT." It is a good solid point. Catholic understanding completely agrees. Weekly worship on Sunday is of the highest importance.

So my fatherly advice is simply this: we need to worship every week. We need to do this for ourselves, for the example we provide for our family and for others. In this report you will see much activity. It is all important activity of the church. But there is nothing more important than weekly worship of the Lord. I would like to encourage those who have drifted away from weekly worship to get back to it. It is the source and the summit of our life as followers of Jesus.

*Fr. Thomas M. Sweany*

# Sacraments and Worship

## Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

This year a team of parishioners, led by Mrs. Millie Oriani, Sister Ann Whitely and Father Tom Sweany assisted as **3 adults** began their journey in the Catholic Church.

Three adults completed Christian Initiation by Profession of Faith and received Eucharist and Confirmation:

Carnita Lorenzo

Alex McCormick

Charles Brooks

## Baptism of Children

**55 children** were baptized in our parish last year. They are:

Madison Olivia Depa  
Carley Ann Gollwitzer  
Michael James Grano, II  
Gino Rocco Patitucci  
Gianna Marie Lauro  
Sophia Marie Bauer  
Luca Richard Veverka  
Matthew Alexander Keresztesy  
Michael Anton Keresztesy  
Ainsley Elizabeth Wills  
Jordan Thomas Force  
Sarah Ann Kent  
Michael Joseph Massi  
Meredith Linda Gerbitz  
Layla Sarah Echt  
Marian Josephine Nicolosi  
Enzo Salvatore Fioritto  
Isabella Marie Sassano  
Ania Grace Andreani

Vivian Marie Nellis  
Liam Fraser Raddell  
Lucas James Damukaitis  
Adelaide Ruth Poklar  
Jackson Wayne Clark  
Addison Nicole Sprenger  
Joshua James Nobbe  
Sofia Paige Iacobucci  
Luke Gerard Ottman  
Jaxsen William Timmons  
Jason Robert Healey  
Beniamino Dante DiFiore, Jr.  
Joseph Edward Jagodnik  
Anthony Jacob Maniche  
Matteo Franco Villella  
Aidan Charles Margevicius  
Ethan Scott Vura  
Grace Angelina Boehlein  
Dominic Gregory Rall

Nadia Antonietta Silla  
Davin James Martinez  
Colin Patrick Martinez  
Quinn Patricia Dolecek  
Sofia Rose Lucarelli  
Gabriella Josephine Donofrio  
Abraham Thomas Ludick  
Shannon Marie O'Malley  
Daniel Patrick Schill  
Brady Adam Irvin  
Elisabeth Diane Bruosta  
Jocelyn Carol George  
Valentina Annamaria Ianiro  
Madison Helene Jaycic  
Kyla Marie Bauckman  
Eleanor Jane Oakes  
Gianna Louise Lallitto

Our parish offers a two-hour session for first time parents on the Sacrament of Baptism. Theological background on the Sacrament of Baptism is shared via video and discussion. Support and suggestions are then offered by a Saint Anselm parent or couple who give witness on the important work of passing on the faith to their children. These interactive sessions, offered six times per year, explore the meaning of the sacrament—an encounter with the Trinity and welcome into the Church. The sessions are followed up by seven letters on faith sharing, rituals and parenting which are sent from Saint Anselm Parish to parents over the next two and a half years. **34 couples** from Saint Anselm and neighboring parishes attended the sessions this past year.

# Sacraments and Worship

## Confirmation

On May 6, 2011, Bishop A. James Quinn celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with **105 Confirmandi and their families** (from Saint Anselm and Gilmour Academy). Saint Anselm Candidates for Confirmation were prepared through attending three preparation sessions with their parents or sponsors on the Sacraments of Initiation, the Holy Spirit and moral decision making. In addition, the Confirmation retreat was facilitated by Mary Lou Beers and at a concluding session, candidates and sponsors decided on ways in which to live their faith in their parish communities.

Samantha Achauer  
Zachary Allegretti  
Zachary Backos  
Sarah Benedict  
Brandon Boazman  
Matthew Bobango  
Kevin Bonfich  
Lauren Brenkus  
Marissa Burwell  
Bradley Caldwell  
Kaitlyn Carr  
Anna Carrick  
Andrew Cassese  
Kristina Ceicys  
Nicole Cesa  
Michael Cipriani  
Natalie Cizek  
Jacob Clark  
Gregory Concilla  
Kyle Corbo  
Ariana Cubela  
Marissa Dalessandro  
Katina Demarchi  
Gianluca Di Franco  
Theresa Di Franco  
Andreja Didovic  
Natalie DiNallo  
Alyssa DiPadova  
Paul Donato  
Carlee Duggan  
Donald Foiani  
Drake Force  
Matthew Forrai  
Alexander Garcia  
Collin Gardner

Casey Grant  
Connor Grdina  
Alexandra Gunner  
Oona Haffey  
Emily Hawkins  
Sarah Hazelton  
James Herten  
Miranda Holizna  
Thomas Hollovary  
Bradford Horton  
Zachary Hostoffer  
Anna Impullitti  
Julia Jones  
Justin Jones  
Brenden Judson  
Hillary Junglas  
Angelina Keglovic  
Brandon Kinzig  
Courtney Kirchner  
Dominic Kosley  
Nicholas Kosley  
James Kovalick  
William Kucera  
Meghan Lear  
Jordyn Lees  
Nicholas Loncar  
Sara Malak  
Rebecca Mancini  
Alexa Manolio  
Dylan Marin  
Paul Marous  
Joseph Mazzurco  
Bianca Medancic  
Jessica Melaragno  
Christina Mercuri

Matthew Mitchell  
Claire Mitri  
Aidan Mlachak  
Joseph Mog  
Maria Muehrcke  
Olivia Murray  
Darryn Nardi  
Regan O'Brian  
Samantha Pasquale  
Hayley Pausch  
William Peltz  
Enzo Perfetto III  
Nicholas Petrac  
Elizabeth Pona  
Megan Porter  
Isabella Powers  
Scott Pschirer  
Joseph Roznik  
Grace Rybak  
Elise Sanelli  
Anthony Sapanaro  
Margo Schweter  
Rily Simpkins  
Robert Stroup  
Megan Tomsich  
Michael Traci  
Connor Van Etten  
William Velotta  
Anthony Vetturini  
Devon Wagner  
Alyssa Wentz  
Adam White  
Miranda Young  
Kelly Yurick  
Kristina Zerbe

# Sacraments and Worship

## First Communion of Children

**88 children** received the Eucharist for the first time this past year. Parents of children participated in three meetings focused on the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. A retreat day called "Jesus Day" was held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 for all the first communicants and their families. The following young people came to the table of the Lord for the first time:

Alexandria Ange	Samantha Grazia	Steven Masionis	Peter Sanelli, III
Valerie Angie	Franklin Hanna	Mia McGroarty	Madison Shenkel
Isabella Atzemis	Brooke Henriksen	Aidan McLaughlin	Julia Siupinys
Madeline Barker	Levente Karetka	Marissa Meakin	Samantha Skerbec
Maria Bevanda	Emily Kaseda	Patrick Meakin	Devon Skufca
Marissa Bican	Robert Kent, III	Lauren Mikes	Jillian Smith
Adriana Bihun	Caila Kimble	Lucas Mincer	Kaitlin Smith
Daniel Carcelli	Emily Klika	James Mullally	Ryan Spencer
Joseph Carcelli	Hadyn Kollmorgen	Seamus Mullally	Marina Spuzzillo
Raeanna Cenni	Robert Kosie, Jr.	Elizabeth Murray	Melissa Sterkel
Kaitlin Cesa	Molly Kosir	Jacob Nemunaitis	Molly Sterkel
Emma Clark	Jason Kovary	Trevor Ober	Braden Toth
Michael Colagiovanni	Todd Kreuz, Jr.	Nicholas Patitucci	Anthony Trivisonno
Madeline Cross	Philip Kristoff	Nicholas Paulic	Nicholas Velotta
Joshua Danszczak	Lauren Lance	Erin Piczer	Anthony Verona
Maya Del Valle	Markos Leonard	Liam Powers	Megan Viezer
Anthony Formichelli	Adam Lesko	Mia Pozzuto	Alexandra Vombergar
Alyssa Galbraith	Nicholas Liberatore	Owen Purcell	Trevor Wiece
Damian Gambrill	Ashley Lujan	Nora Raicevich	Aiden Wiley
Evan Gardner	Anthony Mariola	Peter Ramaska	Adam Zakrajsek
Lydia Gattozzi	Barry Markiewich	Laine Roberts	Elana Zebrowski
Krysten Goodrick	Vincent Markiewich	Jessica Romano	Ally Ziegler

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is celebrated between 3:30 and 4:15 p.m. Additionally, communal penance services were held during Advent at Saint Anselm and during Lent at Saint Francis of Assisi. Penance services were also celebrated for children in the day school and the PSR programs so that each child had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament twice during the school year.

## Ministry to Parishioners who are Homebound

Many Saint Anselm parishioners keep the parish in prayer as they spend their days in the confines of their homes and extended-care facilities. We are grateful to all of them. As parish community, we have ministered among the **38 persons** who have been sick and unable to attend weekend liturgies. **21 Eucharistic Ministers** visited those 38 parishioners to bring the sacrament to them weekly. Our pastoral staff visits parishioners who are homebound once a month. In addition to periodic visits by staff, a parishioner, who is a mental health nurse and is trained in pastoral visiting, visits parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes on a weekly basis.

# Sacraments and Worship

## Marriage

Couples wishing to be married at Saint Anselm should contact the parish priest or deacon at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. The couple will meet with a parish priest or deacon several times to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. In the first meeting, couples spend about an hour with the priest or deacon in an initial interview. The couple then completes an online premarital inventory (Prepare-Enrich) and reviews the results with the priest or deacon. Prior to the ceremony, the couple meets with the priest or deacon to plan the details of the wedding. The couple participates in a one day marriage preparation program called Pre-Cana. Last year **7 couples** attended the Pre-Cana Day on January 15, 2011. Several married couples formed a team that facilitated the Pre-Cana Day. The team spent several sessions in prayer and preparation for the day. The following **15 couples** were married at Saint Anselm last year:

Carl Borgione~Renee Orefice  
Michael Doberdruk~Linda Monateri  
Jason Przeracki~Tiffany Guardo  
Jeffrey Sikula~Teresa Godale  
Andrew Benesh~Jessica Svoboda  
Donald Ferritto~Theresa Krihwan  
Michael Albino~Kristen Wolfgram  
Paul Irwin~Manasa Manapragada

Randall Hansen~Angela Miloro  
Depen Naran~Kimberly Cardinale  
Kent Dale~Nina DiGeronimo  
Glenn Hoehnen~Lisa Wollschleger  
Neal Hellner~Kelly Wyszynski  
Patrick Irwin~Kelly Cooper  
Daniel Hromada~Jacqueline Kodrich

## Deaths

The following parishioners received Christian Burial during the last year: May God grant them eternal rest.

Joseph Goletz  
Kenneth "Danny" Salter  
Stephen Bozic  
Ronaldo Politi  
Celeste Iammarino  
Joseph Catalioti  
Judith Field  
Josephine Hobby  
Michael Raicevich  
Rosemary McMillan  
Marguerite Kosiewicz  
Paul Kadis  
Jene Orosz  
Paul Kalesky  
Geraldine Srebernak  
Alois Manherz  
Arlene Naderer  
Dorothy Van de Motter  
Dennis Morek

Lucille Evans  
Frances Randazzo  
James Yuko  
Stephan Boczek  
William Fickel  
Frank Duncan  
Helen Zdanko  
Joann Luciano  
Jeanette Chiancone  
Frank Romonto  
Frank Ferrara  
Giuseppe Del Balso  
Margaret Crawford  
Jacqueline Raitano  
Thomas Walter  
Leonard Kramarz  
Ronald Purchase  
William Molle  
Michael Roth

Antonette Gollini  
Paula Habzda  
Thomas Conner  
Frances Dujmovic  
Loreta Tarasco  
Barbara Ritt  
Dorothy Perry  
Merle Gambrill  
Mary Christopher  
James Barber  
Alice Malloy  
Mary McHenry  
Helen Hollesh  
William Muni  
Patricia Wascovich  
Ruth Corlett  
Michael Rerko  
Alberta Brinsek

"Blessed are they who mourn. They will be comforted." Mt. 5:4. In attempting to live this beatitude, Saint Anselm Parish offers ministry to the bereaved in the following ways listed on the next page.

# Sacraments and Worship

## Funeral Planning and Visiting the Bereaved

Outreach is provided by **12 parishioners** trained in ministry to those who grieve. They assist families in planning the funeral liturgy or memorial service and call upon the families to offer support in the months following the death. Bereavement ministers assisted **56 families** this past year.

Members of the Funeral Choir and Adult Funeral Servers assist with the Funeral Mass.

A Memorial Buffet is offered to the families of registered parishioners so that after the funeral, a meal served by parishioners is available to those who attend the funeral. Last year, **23 buffets** were served to **1,940 people**.

## Memorial Mass

The Mass was held on November 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. All families who experienced the loss of a loved one were invited. Families of deceased for whom we prayed were also invited. A reception followed the liturgy.

## Grief Support Group

A Fall support group was held for grieving members of Saint Anselm and Saint Francis parishes. **5 people** participated in the October, 2010 group at Saint Anselm.

## Hope for the Holidays

On November 7, 2010, Saint Francis and Saint Anselm collaborated on a joint afternoon of reflection at Saint Francis for grieving families facing holidays without their loved ones. **2 parishioners** from our cluster parishes participated. They received ideas on ways of experiencing Thanksgiving and Christmas and explored new traditions as they work through their grief.

## Liturgical Ministers

We are grateful to the many parishioners who share in the Liturgy through various liturgical ministries, which include:

**126** Eucharistic Ministers, **36** Lectors, **30** Servers,  
**21** Ushers, **16** Greeters, **27** Mass Coordinators

## Music Ministers

David Fuller and Yu Sakamoto coordinate liturgical music. There were approximately **113 parishioners** active in music ministry. This includes 55 adults, 45 children and 13 teens. 4 extra instrumentalists as well as 2-3 guitar players also participated in the weekend liturgies as well as Christmas and Easter celebrations.

## Liturgies

Weekend liturgies are the source and summit of our faith as Catholics. Masses were celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (through April, 2011) on Sundays. Daily Mass was celebrated at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday followed by Morning Prayer (The Liturgy of the Hours). On Fridays, the 8:30 a.m. Mass was celebrated with children and faculty of our school and also with parishioners.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Ten years ago, Eucharistic Adoration was established in our parish. Day and night, the opportunity to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel has been available to us. Many have responded by adoring one hour each week at a specific time. To accomplish the goal of adorers at all hours, more participants are needed. Jesus' words, "Can you not spend but one hour with me?" call out for more adorers. To receive more information and to join this ministry please phone Bob Mayer at 729-4895.

# Outreach

## Alhambra

The members of the Alhambra yearly collect money for their work with the Developmentally Disabled. This year's collection was \$1,520.00.

## Birthright

Birthright Geauga on Chardon Square counsels and assists pregnant women. Parishioners donated \$2,584.10 toward their annual appeal.

## Blanket Sunday

In October a collection was taken up for the needy to purchase blankets, towels, sheets and miscellaneous items. This past year \$600.00 was donated.

## Catholic Charities

For over 80 years, Catholic Charities has provided hope to the hungry and homeless, children and families, disabled and elderly of the community. Last year **441 parishioners** pledged \$96,676.00.

## Christmas Giving

Through the Giving Tree each Advent, parishioners provide Christmas gifts for families and individuals with a financial need. Approximately 416 gifts were given this year to **35 families or individuals**; also gift cards were supplied that assisted families and individuals in need throughout the year. This year PSR students donated toys for distribution at the Collinwood Food Pantry.

## Collinwood Hot Meals / Food Pantry

Through our Partnership in Ministry with Saint Jerome Parish and an ecumenical group of churches in the Collinwood area, a hot supper is served on Wednesdays and a hot lunch on Saturdays at the Salvation Army Center in the Collinwood area. Saint Anselm was a major organizer of this program. Approximately 70 dinners and 50 lunches are served each week by **60 volunteers** of which **40** are parishioners. The Food Pantry was established prior to our Partnership in Ministry but today we supply much needed support with donated food, monetary help and volunteers. The food pantry is located at 15220 Lakeshore Blvd. in the Collinwood area and serves approximately **1000 individuals** per month with essential food items.

## Little Sisters of the Poor

In January 2011, \$2,919.80 was collected to help this organization.

## Mission and Relief Collections

During Lent, the school children collected funds for the works of the Missions. A total of \$1,257.75 was collected. PSR students donated \$639.66 during Lent to the works of the Missions and Catholic Relief Services which provides assistance to those in need in more than 100 countries. Parishioners donated \$5,955.42 to help those affected by the devastating earthquake and Tsunami in Japan and weather related disasters in the United States. Parishioners also supported the works of the missions in Uganda and the Diocese of Cuddapa, India with donations totaling \$10,340.

## Retirement for the Religious

This money helps religious orders to provide retirement care and nursing care for its members. This year parishioners contributed \$6,989.78.

## Saint Anselm Assistance Ministry

This group's work reaches out to parishioners with a financial need on a confidential basis. Members provide financial assistance and give advice in budgeting and in other ways.

## Social Outreach

**Six people** met monthly to explore ways to advocate for justice and directly serve the poor. The group promoted, sought and obtained 100 letters regarding Justice for Immigrants. These were sent to Washington lawmakers. Our Food Ministry continues to go well with \$15,807.05 and approximately 4,875 pounds of food donated this year. The food is sent to the Collinwood Food Pantry and the money collected is divided between Collinwood and the Geauga Hunger Task Force. The committee generated a spin off group entitled *Faith in Action: Textbooks for Uganda*.

## Support-A-Student

This is a program to help students receive a Catholic Education. To sponsor a Saint Anselm student by donating any portion of one year's tuition, contact the school principal at 440-729-7806. This year \$70,660.26 was contributed to this program.

## Thanksgiving Day Dinner

This free dinner is available to whoever wants to come. Donations are accepted. This year, 454 dinners were served by approximately **60 volunteers**. Due to the large amounts of donated food and supplies, a donation is made each year to the Geauga Hunger Task Force which totaled \$2,199.18 this year.

# Formation and Education

The parish has a variety of opportunities for both children and adults to aid in growth in the faith.

## Saint Anselm School

Saint Anselm School provides a quality Catholic education for children in preschool (ages 3, 4 and 5) through eighth grade. There were **31 children** in the preschool program and **228 students** in kindergarten through eighth grade. Our staff consists of two licensed preschool teachers, two certified teacher aides, thirteen full time teachers, and six part time teachers. Teachers include classroom instructors and specialized teachers for art, computers, physical education/health, music, Spanish and band. Saint Anselm also has one librarian, one school secretary, three custodians, a principal, and proctors who supervise children during the lunch and recess period. Through Auxiliary Services monies, the School also has a daily health aide, school counselor, speech teacher, LD tutor/intervention assistant, Title I teacher and clerk.

In September of 2010, Saint Anselm School was recognized by the Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. We received the designation based in part by standardized test scores that place us in the top ten percent of schools nationally. Other factors included programming that includes 21<sup>st</sup> Century skill development and a faith-based approach to our mission. Delegates were recognized at the national celebration in Washington, D.C., last November.



Saint Anselm School also concluded its two year self-study process for accreditation through the Ohio Catholic School Accreditation Association. Faculty and staff members worked on the five year strategic plan that was approved in Columbus in May. Highlights of the plan include a Catholic Identity Goal focusing on developing a deeper understanding of Catholic moral living, respect for others, and service. The Student Performance Goal will focus on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills, based on the work of Marzano.

A dedicated, creative group of parents came forward to take on marketing for Saint Anselm School creating new brochures, new stationery, new signs, logos, and work on a new website. Their excitement over the Blue Ribbon led to a wonderful burst of creativity.

Our essential work is educating children in faith and excellence, but some of our other activities included Spirit Days, Class retreats, school retreat on Holy Thursday, Prayer Partner Program, Operation Keepsake; flower bulb planting for service, the Harmony and Honor program for grade 5; hosting teacher sharing session for diocese; Kindergarten family night, Geauga Senior Center monthly visits by each class, Young Authors assemblies and events, Safety Committee meetings, Real Money-Real World program for upper grades, RealEyes program for all students, safety programs for fire prevention/helmets use/ bus and ATVs; participation in John Carroll Science Olympiad, Power of the Pen, spelling and geography bees, sixth grade camp; and field trips for grade 7 to the Challenger Center and grade 8 to Columbus.

We are grateful for parish support through the Support-A-Student program, Box Tops for education, Campbell Soup Labels, recycling of paper in our bins, sponsored programs through Target/Giant Eagle/Heinen's stores, participation in the Fall Fundraiser, magazine drive, Christmas and Easter candy sales, and annual golf outing. Your prayers for the children, families, faculty and staff are deeply appreciated.

## Saint Anselm School Extended Care Program

This program continues to provide a safe, supportive environment for families in need of before and/or after school care. This program is under the direction of **2-3 staff members**.

## Saint Anselm School Parent Club

The Parent Club sponsors programs to enhance parent/teacher/child relationships as well as those that raise funds to benefit the students and the programs at Saint Anselm School. We strive to promote the spiritual, intellectual and social growth of our members through these programs. We want to convey to the Parish and the community the vitality and strength of Catholic education.



# Formation and Education

## Saint Anselm Parish School of Religion (PSR)

There were **407 children** enrolled in grades 1-8 in the PSR program. We are grateful for the ministry of the **32 catechists** who work in this program along with the volunteers who assist as substitute teachers, office helpers or classroom aides. Sister Ann Whitely directs this program.

## Sunday Pre-School Religion Program

The Sunday Pre-School Religion Program for three, four and five-year olds was held during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings during the school year. This past year there were **20 children** served by a staff of **one teacher** and **2 student aides**.

## Vacation Bible School

**96** children attended Vacation Bible School the week of June 20-24. There were **3 team members** who served on the Planning Committee. With the generous help of **48 volunteers** assisting as teachers, aides, center helpers and decorators, the week was one of laughter and excitement for both children and adults. Through fun filled activities, children discovered how they can continue to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

## Intergenerational Events

### Blessing of Pets

Many parishioners brought pets of all shapes and sizes for a Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Bible Study and Sharing Groups

Two opportunities for Scripture Sharing were and are available to parishioners:

1. Scripture Study on the Angels (Fall, 2010) and The Holy Spirit (Spring, 2011) happened every Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with **15 participants**. The group is facilitated by Scripture scholar, John Scarano.
2. Men of the parish shared faith and scripture each Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. with **18-20 participants** weekly.

### Wisdom Ministries

The cluster team of **10 people** participated in training, goal setting and calendar planning to provide spiritual formation for cluster parishioners over age fifty. Events included: *Spiritual Companion Workshop*, with Joanne Sheldon, M. Ed., on February 1, 2011 (**8 in attendance**); *All My Days Life Review* on March 15, 2011 (**5 in attendance**) and *Spiritual Tasks of the Renewal Years* with Sr. Mary Ann Burke, SND on April 16, 2011 (**16 in attendance**).

### Adult learning - Aces of Faith

Events included: Proclaiming Isaiah – Lector Training session with Fr. Mike Woost held Nov. 8, 2010 (**25 participants**); Movie / discussions for all ages were held on Friday morning, Nov. 12 (**15 participants**), and Saturday, Dec. 4 (**10 participants**); Small Group Reflections on the Readings of Advent were held on Nov. 28, Dec. 3, 5, 10 and 17 (**2 participants**); Lenten reflection small groups with tapes of Fr. Michael Himes were held on March 4, 11, 18 and 25 for **7 people**; Dinner and Movie on *Jesus Christ Superstar* was offered on Saturday evening, March 19 and **10 people** enjoyed this evening and a presentation on *The Life and Spirituality of Padre Pio* was offered on Friday, April 1, for **8 people**.

### Christ Renews His People

One women's retreat was held in March 2011 at Saint Anselm where **13 women** attended and **7 women** were on the team. The women held a reunion tea in the fall attended by **76 women**. Currently the formation team is on hold. There was no men's retreat held in 2011. A total of **287 men and women** have made this retreat since 2001.

# Parish Life

## Annual Fall Fundraiser

This was the eighth year for this parish fall fundraiser/social, this year entitled "Steppin' Out". Some **300 people** enjoyed the evening at the Croatian Lodge Party Center filled with a delicious dinner, wonderful auction items and dancing. Thanks to the exceptional kindness of many donors, volunteers, bidders and buyers, the event netted in excess of \$50,000. The monies benefit our school and athletics and the parish's many outreach programs.

## Athletic Association

This group responds to the athletic needs of parish children. Sports at Saint Anselm include volleyball, basketball and track. Football, cross country, baseball and softball are offered through adjoining parishes. There are approximately **150 children** participating in one or more sports and approximately **40 volunteer coaches**. Anderson Hall is used for athletic programs.

## Coffee Social

After the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses most Sundays, coffee, juice, donuts, muffins and cookies were available in Kelly Hall as part of this social time for the parish. About 15 dozen donuts and 4 dozen cookies are served each week with 175 cups of coffee along with tea and punch.

## Communication Committee

This committee is responsible for the review and enhancement of written and electronic communications for the parish. In addition to the new parish website, we began using Constant Contact to communicate via email and Facebook to support our mission. **8 volunteers and staff members** serve on the Communications Committee. We welcome new members and ideas!

## Cluster Evangelization Committee

This committee, comprised of members from Saint Anselm and Saint Francis parishes, has been particularly focusing on ways to reach those Catholics who have stopped coming to church or who have felt abandoned or hurt by our church. Last year, we held three "Come and See" events. They were entitled "*Anger at the Church and God: What to Do about It*", "*Common Misunderstandings about the Catholic Church*" and "*How do I Remain Catholic when I Disagree with Church Teaching*". During Lent 2011 we had a three-part series focusing on forgiveness followed by a joint Reconciliation service. Presentations included "*Forgiving Myself*", "*Forgiving my Family and Friends*" and "*Forgiving My Church and My God*". Approximately **50 cluster members** attended each event. We are always open to new ideas or new ways of being a more open, loving, forgiving and thriving parish. Please feel free to contact us with your thoughts.

## Girl Scouts

**56** girls in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade participate. Each year Saint Anselm hosts World Friendship Day with **200 scouts** (400 people) attending. Saint Anselm also hosts a mother/daughter event, Girl Scout Sunday Mass, cookie booth sales and an awards ceremony. The parish accommodates monthly troop meetings.

## Handy Men and Women

Men and women of the parish donated their time and talent to work on painting, carpentry, plumbing, landscaping and electrical tasks. This past year these "handy people" completed repairs and updates which improved both functionality and appearance of our parish buildings. Their efforts contributed to lowering parish operating expenses.

## LifeTEEN

Saint Anselm Life Teen meets every Sunday evening and is for the high school students of the parish. Each week the teens gather to share friendship, food, fun and faith. These "Life Nights" provide an opportunity for teens to grow deeper in their faith through witness talks and interactive discussions and activities. Teens also learn more about relevant social issues and focus on community service throughout the year. Approximately **15 students** gathered each week. **3 adult volunteers** made up the core team and helped facilitate each Life Night. Retreat experiences were a focal point for the year. Fall and spring retreats were attended by many of the youth and held jointly with Geauga and Lake Life Teen at the Hiram House.

## Messenger

The parish newspaper was published 3 times during fiscal 2011 by a **staff of 5** with the assistance of **10-15 volunteers** who label it for mailing. Regular issues are published in the Spring and Fall and in November it is published as our Parish's Annual Report. *The Messenger* issues can also be found on the parish website.

# Parish Life

## Parish Festival

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual parish festival was held during Memorial Day weekend, Thursday through Sunday. The Festival Committee of **38**, along with over **550 volunteers**, staffed the nearly 800 positions needed to run the festival. Continuing the traditions of the past, the festival featured entertainment, great food, rides, games, instant bingo, a cash raffle, a Chinese Auction and Monte Carlo. Many of the parish's organizations volunteered their time in the various booths. This year's festival income exceeded last year's receipts, netting a total of over \$54,000 with almost \$43,000 going to the parish, and just over \$11,000 to parish organizations.

## Parish Picnic

Saint Anselm and Saint Francis held a cluster parish picnic on September 5, 2010 at Weigand's Lake Park. A total of **362 people** from Saint Anselm attended. Mass was celebrated at 5:00 p.m. The day included all you could eat food, games, swimming, paddle boats, corn hole, face painting, softball, volleyball and a baking contest.

## Partners in Ministry

The Collinwood Area Church Council of which Saint Jerome and Saint Anselm are members is providing much needed services in the Collinwood area including the "Hot Meals Program", "The Pantry Program", and the "Backpack Program".

## Play 'N Pray

Play 'N Pray is Saint Anselm's playgroup for children under preschool age and their caregivers. The group meets twice a month during the school year, providing a time for the children to play and fellowship and faith sharing for the caregivers. This year, **3 pairs of children/moms** attended on a regular basis.

## Prayer Line

By calling the parish office at 729-9575 with your anonymous request for the Lord's intervention, more than **38 men and women** will pray for your intention. Many parishioners participate in this ministry of praying for those in need, some communicating by phone, some by the Internet and some by receiving a monthly mailing.

*The Lord is our strength and help in troubled times.*

## Shawl Ministry

Our shawl ministry knitted and crocheted **43** prayer shawls during this past year. We distributed these items to the elderly, the shut-ins and the sick. We also made **48** personalized Baptismal blankets for the newly baptized babies. Additionally, we made **187** hats, **9** scarves and **1** fleece blanket which we donated to Saint Malichi to be distributed to the homeless and the needy. Our ladies pray for the recipients of these items as they are being made. The items are then prayed over in our meetings before they are distributed.

## Strengths & Engagement

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, **20 parishioners** participated in a three-hour workshop, to better understand how to use their strengths within their marriage relationship. Dr. Dobie Moser facilitated an enjoyable evening allowing dialogue among participants as they became familiar with each others' strengths. A follow-up in depth event was held on June 25, 2011 for couples going deeper with their relationship.

## Welcoming Committee

This committee, which consists of **15 members**, invites new parishioners to attend an informal information session about the parish. Sessions are held monthly and include a continental breakfast, which is prepared by the Hospitality Committee. During fiscal year 2011, **68 families** registered at the "Welcome Breakfasts."

## Women's Guild

Founded to help women grow spiritually and to serve the community through projects such as sponsoring the Christmas Boutique, Pot Luck Dinner, Holiday Dinner and Lenten Program, Bake Sale, and Mother's Day Breakfast. They also have a group of ladies that are making Cord Mission Rosaries, Chain Rosaries and Rosary Bracelets. The group has **90 members** and donated \$7,750 to the parish and school in addition to the service.

## Young of Heart

This parish senior organization is open to any member of Saint Anselm Parish and any senior resident of Geauga County who is 55 or over. The purpose of the organization is to bring members together for fellowship, education, entertainment, and support. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Friday of each month in the Hospitality Room. Membership now totals **175**. The group hosted 17 trips during 2011.

**Saint Anselm Parish**  
**Comparative Financial Report**  
**For Year Ended June 30,**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011/12 Budget</b>
<b>Parish Receipts:</b>			
Offeratory Collections <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 964,546	\$ 971,885	\$ 950,000
Bequests & Gifts <sup>(2)</sup>	177,757	215,678	184,000
Income from Parish Programs	27,018	25,309	27,200
Investment Income <sup>(3)</sup>	14,866	26,532	9,000
Rental Income	14,069	7,968	7,334
Contributions from Parish Organizations	4,250	4,250	4,250
Miscellaneous Receipts	12,000	12,000	12,000
Receipts from Insurance Claims <sup>(4)</sup>	21,916		-
Insurance Settlement Expenses <sup>(4)</sup>	(19,472)		-
Designated Collections	54,717	52,418	-
Designated Collections - Remitted	(54,717)	(52,418)	-
<b>Total Parish Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,216,950</b>	<b>\$ 1,263,622</b>	<b>\$ 1,193,784</b>
<b>Parish Disbursements:</b>			
Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	\$ 492,871	\$ 509,762	\$ 504,024
Rectory & Household	11,349	8,387	13,400
Parish Office & Administration	42,262	40,326	50,750
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	19,034	17,836	23,575
Community Outreach	12,749	11,207	14,650
Religious Education & Evangelization	32,245	33,886	42,520
Utilities <sup>(5)</sup>	67,330	58,671	66,506
Insurance & Property Taxes	20,103	19,687	20,472
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	64,993	61,956	72,800
Diocesan Assessments <sup>(6)</sup>	109,740	110,232	111,144
Capital Disbursements <sup>(7)</sup>	25,000	-	-
Parish School Support <sup>(8)</sup>	267,013	267,876	275,476
<b>Total Parish Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 1,164,689</b>	<b>\$ 1,139,826</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,317</b>
<b>Total Parish Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 52,261</b>	<b>\$ 123,796</b>	<b>\$ (1,533)</b>
Net Fundraising Activity - Debt Reduction & Capital Campaign	\$ 5,367	\$ 11,523	

**Parish and School Assets & Liabilities**

	<b>As of June 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Checking Accounts	\$ 101,053	\$ 104,872
Savings & Investments	264,123	208,091
Savings & Investments held for Extraordinary Maintenance	728,850	678,850
Accounts Receivable	1,500	-
Provision for Extraordinary Maintenance <sup>(7)</sup>	(728,850)	(678,850)
Total Checking, Savings & Investments	366,676	312,963
Building Fund - Checking, Savings & Investments <sup>(9)</sup>	220,484	250,590
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 587,160</b>	<b>\$ 563,553</b>
Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	\$ 257,432	\$ 252,009
Net Assets	329,728	311,544
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 587,160</b>	<b>\$ 563,553</b>

**Saint Anselm Parish**  
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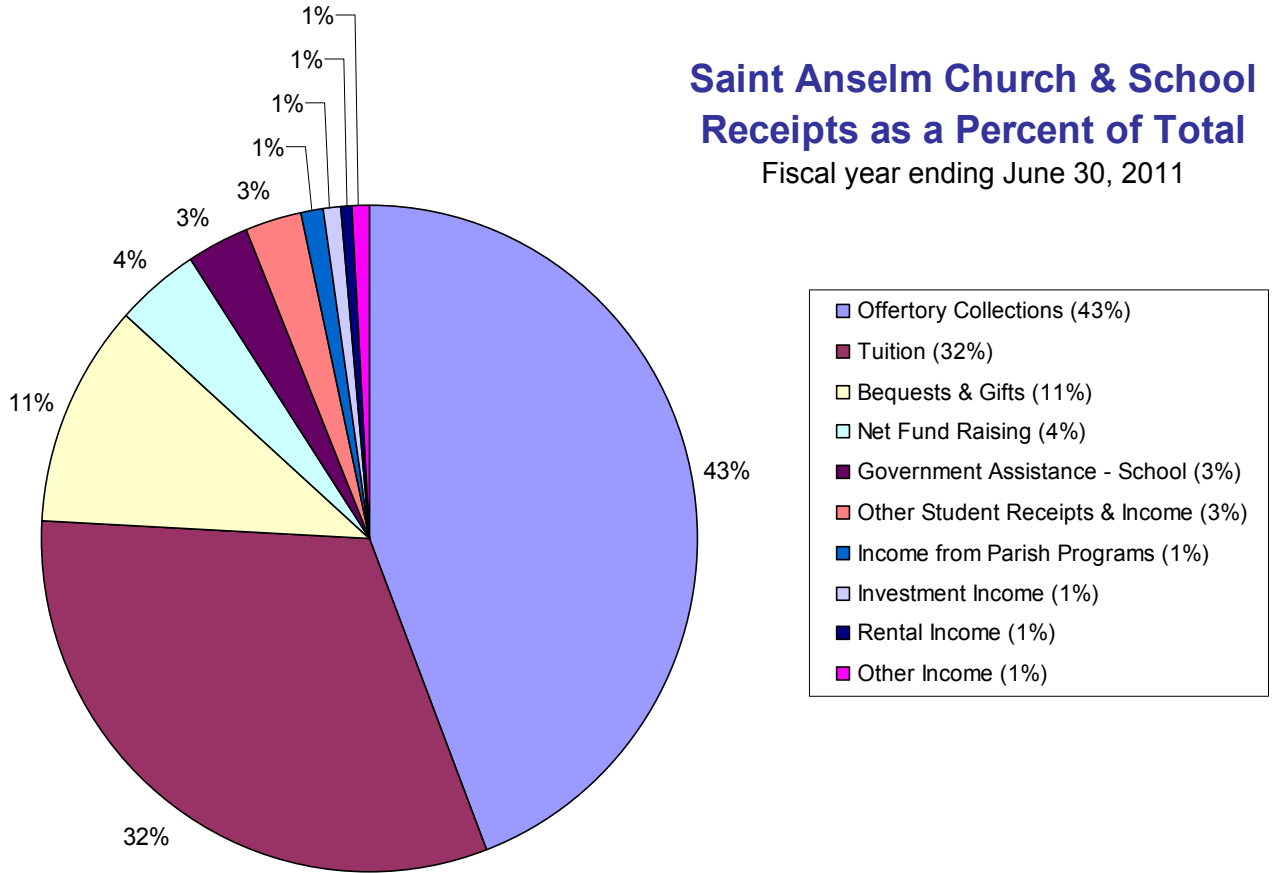
<b>School Receipts:</b>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011/12 Budget</u>
Tuition <sup>(10)</sup>	\$ 693,926	\$ 667,705	\$ 690,560
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	67,250	55,465	64,740
Bequests & Gifts <sup>(2)</sup>	62,915	41,666	65,101
Net Fund Raising <sup>(11)</sup>	89,181	87,113	86,500
Other Student Receipts & Income	58,655	66,421	61,466
School Support from Parish <sup>(8)</sup>	<u>267,013</u>	<u>267,876</u>	<u>275,476</u>
<b>Total School Receipts</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,238,940</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,186,246</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,243,843</u></u>
<b>School Disbursements:</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$ 962,825	\$ 941,394	\$ 987,456
Instructional	42,602	38,954	41,651
Utilities <sup>(5)</sup>	54,737	49,472	54,906
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	55,854	64,622	57,350
Insurance & Property Taxes	15,695	15,500	16,000
Student Services	39,358	37,825	40,000
Administration	42,869	34,940	46,480
Capital Disbursements <sup>(7)</sup>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>3,539</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total School Disbursements</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,238,940</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,186,246</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,243,843</u></u>

**Footnotes:**

- (1) Offertory Collections decreased less than 1%, or \$7,339 year-to-year.
- (2) Bequests & Gifts decreased 6.5%, or \$16,672; fiscal year 2010 included \$15,880 in one time contributions for deficit reduction.
- (3) Investment Income decreased 44%, or \$11,666 year-to-year. This was due to continued low overall interest rates during fiscal year 2011. All funds are held in insured bank accounts or money market accounts.
- (4) Receipts from Insurance Claims and Insurance Settlement Expenses are related to the flood of May 31, 2010.
- (5) Utilities for the parish and school increased 13%, or \$13,924; the colder winter of 2011 caused an increase of gas usage. There was also a change in the invoicing date, the prior year reflects eleven invoices.
- (6) Diocesan Assessments decreased \$492 year-to-year. Diocesan Assessments are adjusted annually based upon the previous fiscal year's offertory collections and are 11.5% of the offertory collection.
- (7) Capital Disbursements represent funds allocated to the Provision for Extraordinary Maintenance. The Provision for Extraordinary Maintenance increased \$50,000 year to year.
- (8) Parish School Support, the difference between school receipts and disbursements, decreased \$863.
- (9) Items funded with Building Fund donations included \$26,002 for the new water well, \$7,255 for improved drainage and additional culverts, \$6,188 for window repairs and upgrade to HVAC controls. Additional net Building Fund contributions and interest income of \$9,087 were also received.
- (10) Tuition included Support A Student Contributions of \$72,600 in 2011 and \$30,951 in 2010. In fiscal year 2011, 63 children received tuition assistance totaling \$97,509.
- (11) Fund Raising income for the school increased 2.4%, or \$2,068 year-to-year. Net Fund Raising income is comprised of the proceeds from the following fundraisers: Parish Festival, \$42,836 (additional proceeds of \$11,476 were distributed to parish organizations); Fall Fundraiser, \$23,704 (additional proceeds of \$27,558 were distributed to Parent Club and Athletic Association for funding of school improvements and programs); Golf Outing, \$10,593; Magazine Sale, \$10,215; and Candy Sale and Spring Luncheon, \$1,833.

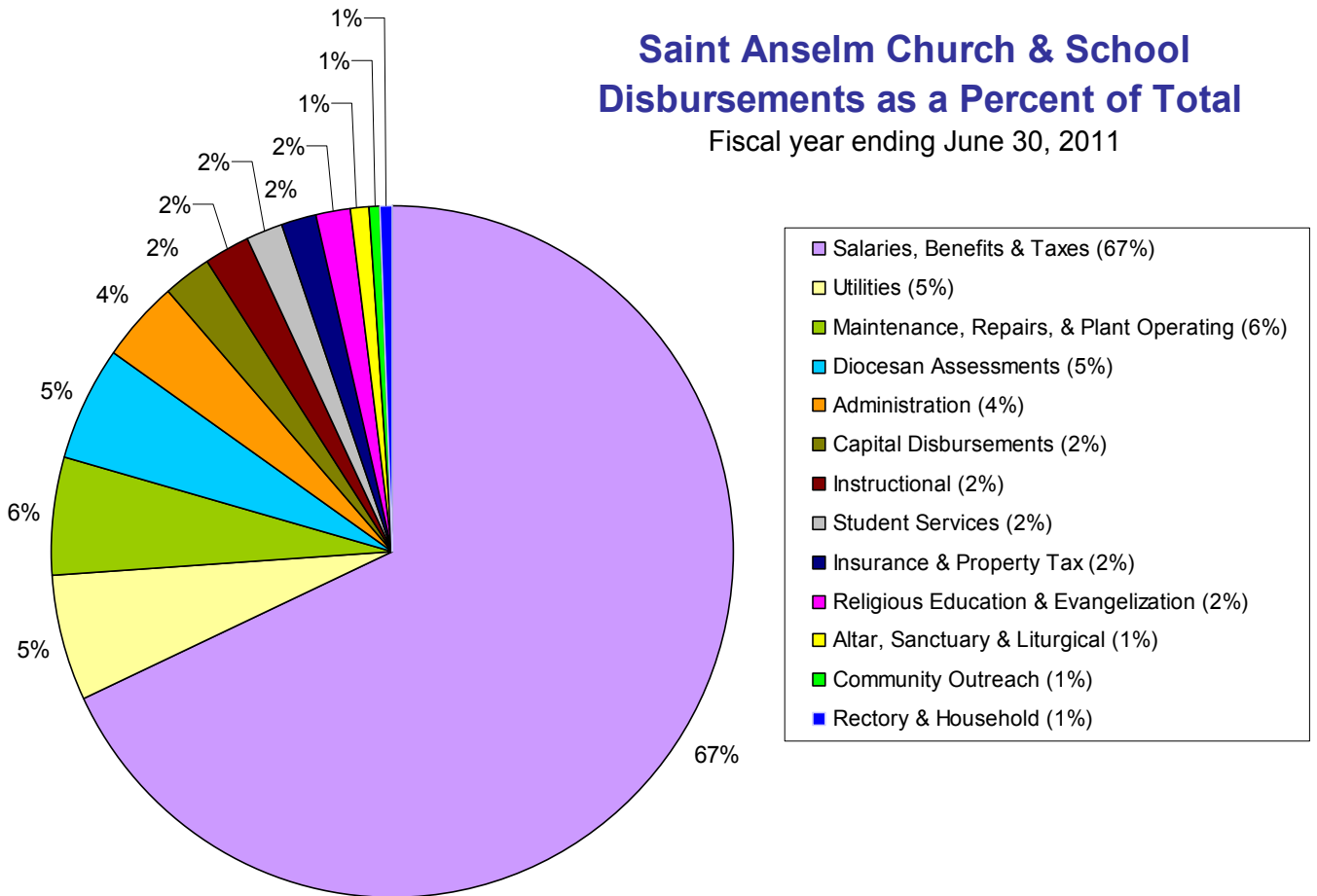
## Saint Anselm Church & School Receipts as a Percent of Total

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2011



## Saint Anselm Church & School Disbursements as a Percent of Total

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2011



# Administration

## Staff

Fr. Thomas M. Sweany, Pastor  
Mrs. Jean Fitzgerald, Pastoral Associate  
Sister Ann Whitely, Director of Religious Education  
Miss Joan Agresta, School Principal  
Deacon Robert Kovach Jr.  
Deacon Donald Sill  
Fr. John Blazek, Weekend Mass Presider  
Fr. Michael Woost, Weekend Mass Presider  
Mrs. Mildred Oriani, Director of R.C.I.A.  
Eric & Teresa Charmley, Youth Ministers

Saint Anselm Parish and School had **24** full-time employees and **31** part-time positions.

## Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council makes recommendations to the pastor and staff regarding parish activity. There are **12 members** of Council in addition to the Pastor, Father Thomas Sweany and Pastoral Associate, Jean Fitzgerald. They are:

Lou Amer  
Bernadette Cavolo  
Mark Graeter

Tim Leahy  
Susan Massey  
Eric Montgomery

Terry Palermo  
Michael Rayl  
Rosa Studniarz

Mary Ann Trask  
Alan Wesen  
Carol Zsulya

## Finance Council

This group gives advice regarding the financial and business aspects of parish life. There are **7 members** and they are:

Rev. Thomas M. Sweany, Pastor  
Laura Pirosko, Chairperson  
Edward Bennardo  
Edward Doles

Lynn Kriessler Junglas  
Benjamin Pintabona  
Robert A. Studniarz

## Registered Parishioners

As of June 30, 2011, Saint Anselm Parish had **2,381** registered households (**6,642** people).



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*Director of RCIA*

**Mr. David Fuller**  
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**Mrs. Yu Sakamoto**  
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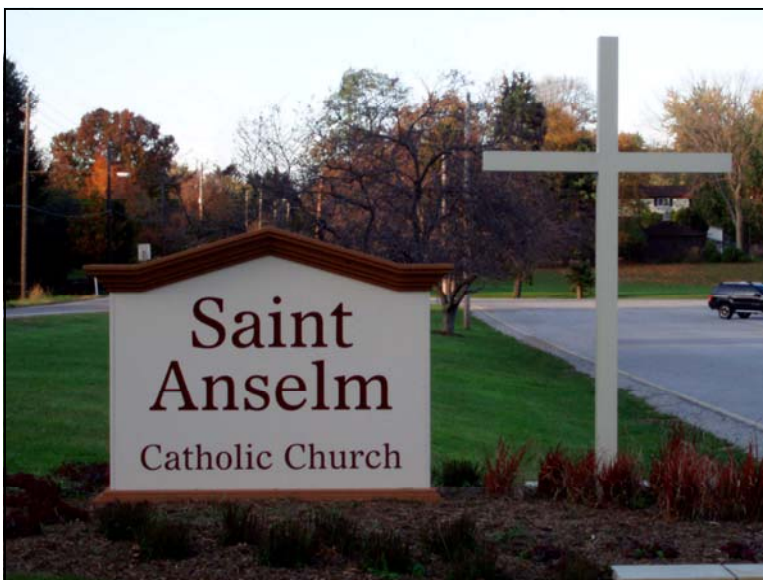
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Vigil: Sat. 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.**

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