

# ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Faith · Family · Education*



Dear Parents,

As we enter into the New Year, I would like to take this time to ask you all to continue to give thanks for all the gifts we have at St. Andrews Parish. I count my many blessings every day, giving thanks for the great privilege of being your pastor and being part of such a vibrant parish community.

As you may recall, last month the School Advisory Council (S.A.C.) members approved and implemented our Vision Statement for our school. The Vision Statement ties to our school mission and the overall mission of the Church. It also stems from what our patron saint, St. Andrew the Apostle, is noted for in the Gospel of John 1, 41 "*Then he (St. Andrew) brought his brother, Simon to Jesus*". Our Vision Statement is, "*At St. Andrew the Apostle Parish School we are called to **introduce the world to its Savior!***" This statement, coupled with our Success Criteria, Mission and Value Statement, while being supported by our Goals, provides us with very clear direction about how to continue to grow our parish school as part of the overall Church's mission, which is *to introduce the world to its Savior*. As a reminder our Value Statement is:

*We believe quality Catholic education calls us to integrate Gospel teachings and values with everyday life; while believing that all secular subjects need to be taught in the light of these values. These values are deeply rooted in the belief that Jesus Christ is the reason for our school and our community lives out our faith expressing the virtues of prudence, fortitude, charity, generosity, temperance, humility, and brotherly love. All, in communion with a strong sense of hospitality and belonging in everything we do.*

This month we will be focusing on the virtue of Temperance, which is both a Cardinal and Capital Virtue. It is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable. The temperate person directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion. Temperance is often praised in the Old Testament: In the New Testament it is called "moderation" or "sobriety."

As the days start getting longer and our and New Year's resolutions seem to be a thing of the past, I ask that you reflect on, pray for, and demonstrate the virtue of Temperance throughout your daily lives this month. Collectively as a parish family, let's show each other and teach our children the meaning of the virtue of Temperance; while *introducing the world to its Savior* through word and deed. Once again, let me say thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. Please remember that I will always keep you in my prayers. I would also ask that you continue to pray and reflect as to how God may be calling you to support our school with the gifts He has so generously bestowed onto you.

Thank you so very much and God be with you and your family!

In the loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Gregor

[www.andrewcc.org](http://www.andrewcc.org)

505 Kingston Drive · Romeoville, Illinois 60446 · 815-886-5953 · Fax 815-293-2016