

PARISH PROFILE OF

ST. ANDREW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS

2018

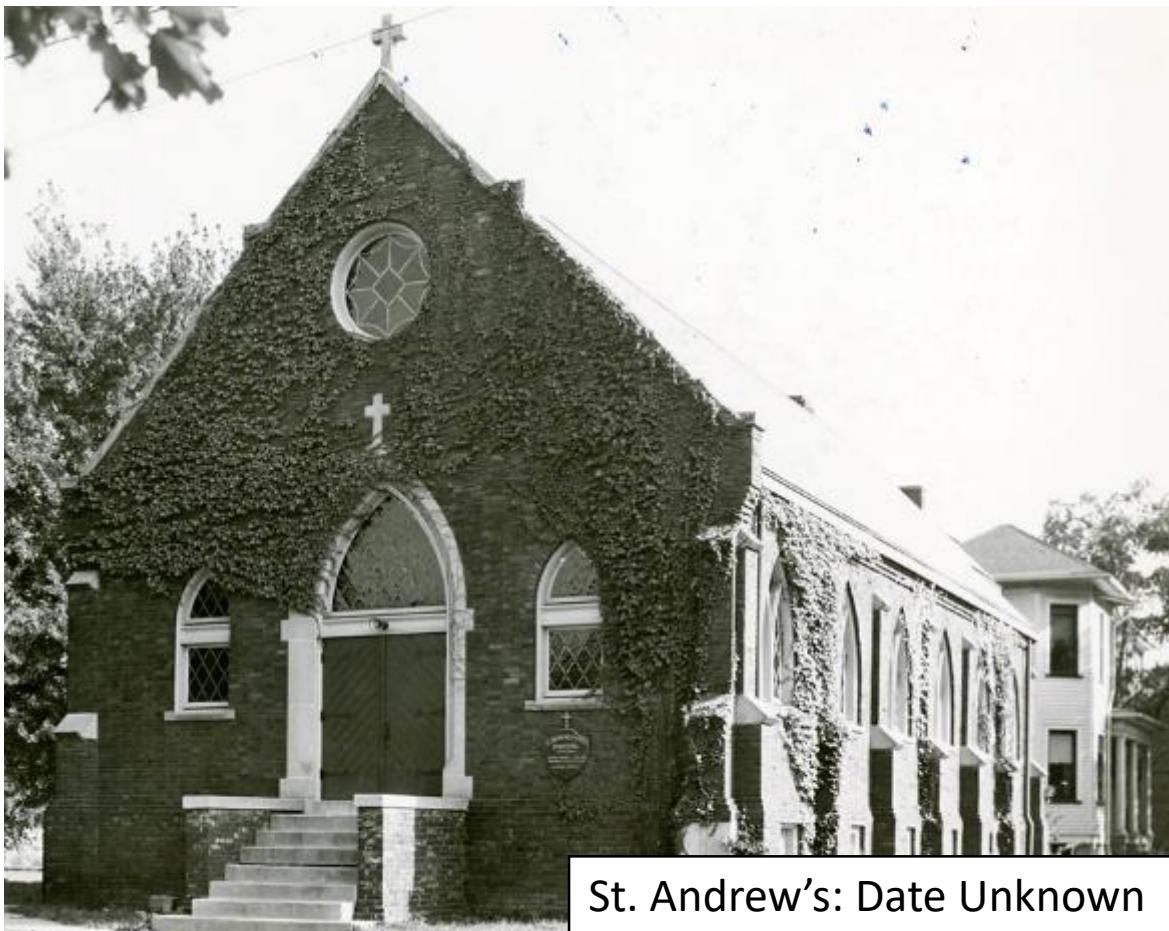
INTRODUCTION

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has begun a search process to call our next Rector. We are a mid-sized parish located in Edwardsville, Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. The Parish Profile that follows provides a sense of the parish and the people who worship here.



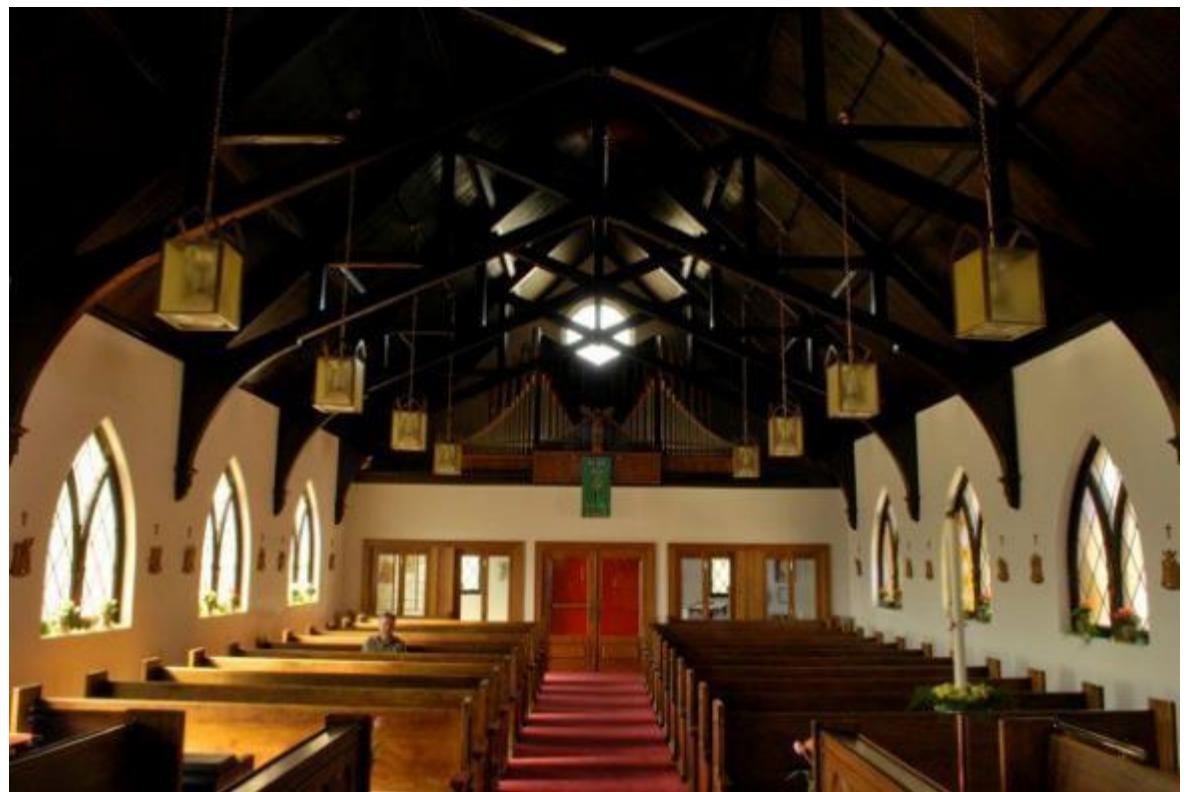
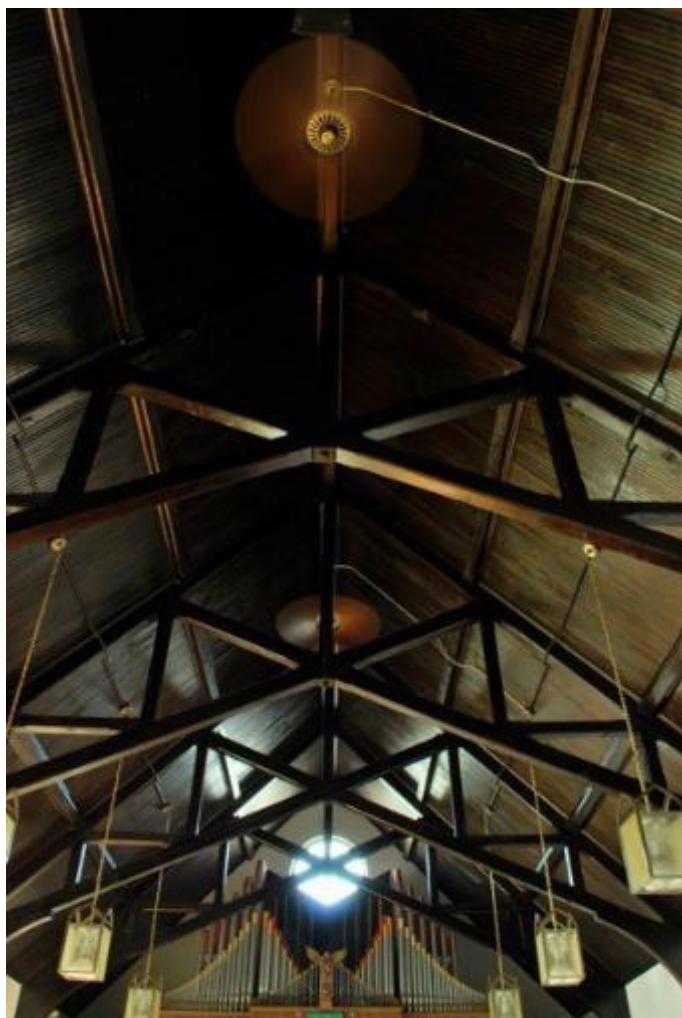
HISTORY

St. Andrew's was established in Edwardsville in 1841. The current site on which the church sits has been occupied by the church since 1872. The original church was razed, but was later rebuilt in 1916.



St. Andrew's: Date Unknown

CHURCH INTERIOR



2002 UPDATE

In 2002, St. Andrew's added a much-needed addition which is connected to the church by a cloistered walkway. This addition included a large parish hall and adjoining kitchen, library, offices, church bell, multiple classrooms for church school, nursery, and prayer room.

By expanding the church facility in this way, the architecture of the historic church was preserved. The addition was funded entirely through gifts and increased pledges.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

We recently experienced the 100th anniversary of the first service in this building. We celebrated our centennial with a special service which was attended by past parishioners who left Edwardsville, as well as two of St. Andrew's previous rectors.

Another component of our centennial celebrations was the large-scale restoration of the church's stained glass windows. Our investment reflected the commitment of today's parishioners to St. Andrew's history and future.

Restoration of the Centennial Windows



Home of Faith, Family, & Tradition for 100 Years

WHO WE ARE

We believe that our church occupies an important place in our community. Our parish prefers a traditional liturgical style. A large percentage of members participate in church activities. Our enthusiasm and member participation will help us continue to grow and prosper.



WHO WE ARE CONTINUED



Demographic Figures 2017

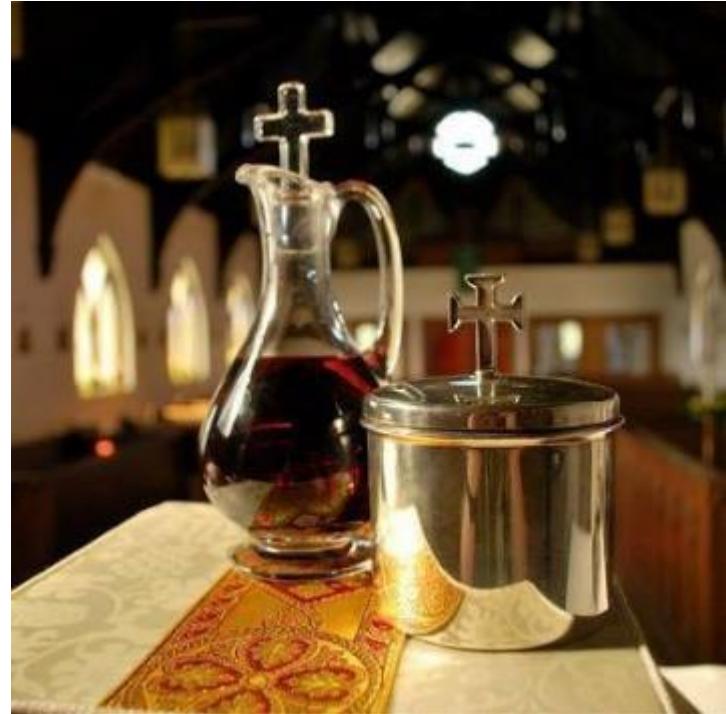
- Average Sunday Attendance: **71**
- Easter Sunday Attendance: **120**
- Members who have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year: **145**
- Total Church School Students: **18**

WORSHIP

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays and days of special observance. Faithful to the liturgy within the Book of Common Prayer, music (organ) and choir are joined by a congregation of singers in raising our voices in reverence and worship.

Music is an important part of our celebrations and with the ministries of Acolytes, Altar Guild, and Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Intercessors, we seek to honor our traditions, including the use of Sanctus bells, chanting, and incense.

Below is a link to our 175th Festal Evensong Service:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_3wX54W7sw



MUSIC

The music ministry at Saint Andrew's seeks to support the worship of a vibrant, singing, and loving congregation.

The planning and execution of choral and instrumental music is overseen by organist/choirmaster Henry Evans, III, who follows the liturgical calendar, giving thoughtful consideration to important events in the life of the parish. From September through May, the choir provides music appropriate to the various seasons and scriptures. The choir and congregation enliven the delivery of the Gospel through the spirited singing of hymns, canticles, and psalms.

Highlights of our musical offerings include advent lessons and carols, the solemn high Eucharist of Christmas Eve, and Easter Vigil. St. Andrew's holds special musical events for the parish and greater community, as well.



*Henry Evans, III
Organist/Choirmaster*

LAY MINISTRIES

St. Andrew's has many active lay ministries. These include Altar Guild, Flower Guild, the Dame Julian Norwich Prayer Group, and at least a dozen others.

Here is a summary of the Dame Julian of Norwich Prayer Group ministry:

This ministry is using the gift of intercessory prayer by nine people, of which seven are currently active. The ministry participants meet on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. We have a liturgy that we go through and then pray our list of people. On the first Tuesday of every month, a retired priest celebrates a healing Eucharist for us, and all the congregation are welcome.

We use our gifts to pray for those on our prayer list. We ask parishioners to give us the name of anyone needing prayer for physical, mental, or emotional problems. We also include on our list those of the larger church.

We invite any parishioner to join us and use his/her gifts.

FELLOWSHIP

We have potluck meals throughout the year, and our parishioners spend a great deal of time with each other in church-sponsored social and outreach groups. We also have fun events such as the “Blessing of the Animals” and an annual outdoor service.



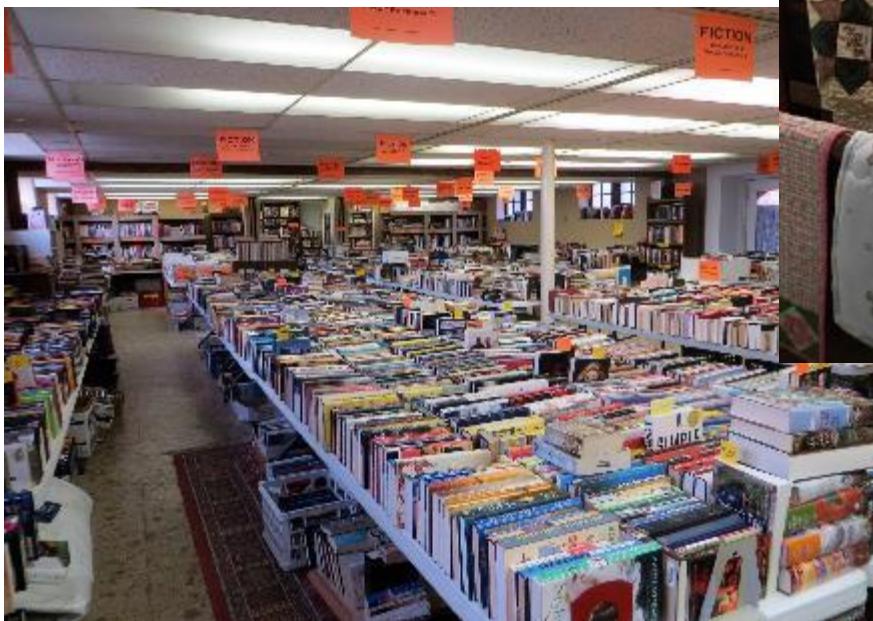
Many parishioners are close friends and spend time with each other outside of church.



OUTREACH

St. Andrew's is blessed by eager support of our ministries and outreach programs. The ministry programs play a large part in our everyday life and consist of several distinct areas. Some of our larger outreach programs are:

- Quilt Guild
- Book Fair
- Relay for Life



CHURCH SCHOOL

St. Andrew's is a nurturing, child-centered parish that recognizes the vital importance of offering a high quality spiritual education to its youth. Church School occurs each week from the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass until after the homily; it is in session between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

In an effort to allow for many parishioners to teach in the church school program while still maintaining their other ministries, St. Andrew's utilizes a month-to-month model in which one individual (or family) commits to teaching church school classes for one month at a time. The church school maintains unity between its curriculum and Sunday services by creating lessons based upon the same scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Teachers are encouraged to exercise their creativity and utilize their own particular talents when planning their classes.

With the guidance of our Rector, the Church School program will continue to instill a respect for Episcopal traditions and a love of Christ's teachings among its youngest parishioners.

CHURCH SCHOOL CONTINUED



STEWARDSHIP

Here is a snapshot of our Stewardship numbers:

- Number of Pledges: 52 (2% increase from 2017)
- Average Pledge: \$3,342 (nearly 8% increase from 2017).
- Total Pledge Amount 2017: \$163,446
- Total Projected Pledge Amount 2018: \$173,780

On top of pledges, we receive a noteworthy amount of our operating income from gifts, open plate offerings, and revenue from our quarterly book fair.

WHERE WE ARE

St. Andrew's is located in downtown Edwardsville. Edwardsville, a small city of 26,000, is the third-oldest city in Illinois, incorporated in 1818. It is the county seat of Madison County, whose county offices and courthouse anchor a bustling Main Street just a few blocks away. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a vibrant presence in our community, with more than 14,000 students.

Just to the south, the Village of Glen Carbon is a largely residential community that is also home to familiar ‘big-box’ stores and a number of restaurants. Most of our congregation call this “Glen/Ed” area and its surrounding communities home.

Our community’s school district, District 7, is widely recognized as one of the best in the state, with outstanding test scores and enviable sports and arts programs. Edwardsville is also the hub of an 85-mile network of bike trails crisscrossing the region. And with St. Louis just 25 miles away, we have ready access to all of the cultural, sports, and commercial resources a major metropolitan area can offer.

THE FUTURE

Our Goals:

1. Increase opportunities for educational and spiritual growth.
2. Increase our membership.
3. Draw more people into our active ministries by identifying and affirming spiritual gifts.
4. Include more youth and youth programs.

Our Search:

As we progress in our search for a new Rector, we look forward to sharing hopes, dreams and expectations with a Rector who is comfortable and convincing in his or her beliefs. We are hoping to find someone enthusiastic in their ministry, organized, innovative, energized and able to convey God's message to the congregation.

Our new Rector should help us in empowering the congregation to deepen our own faith and encouraging us to share it with the world. We also feel that looking at life with a sense of humor is a definite asset. We are open to moving out of our "comfort zone" and receptive to clergy with different ideas and strengths

EDWARDSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHS

