

ST. ANDREW'S 2024 COLUMBARIUM TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

There are currently sixteen sets of remains in the Columbarium. No inurnments took place in the past year. The last was in 2020.

No spaces have been purchased in the past year. Four were purchased in 2021. More than sixty remain available. Parishioners should consider the Columbarium as an option for the final disposition of their earthly remains and may contact me or Fr. Andy with questions or to request an application and purchase agreement.

The cost remains the same as when the Columbarium was established in 1997: \$750 for a single niche or \$1,000 for two adjoining niches. When niches are purchased, 25% of the cost is reserved for future care and operation of the Columbarium, as required by state law. These funds are held in a certificate of deposit that is valued at \$3,368.69 as of November 2024, an increase of \$82.21 over last year. The CD renews every six months (on April and October 22), and interest is regularly added back to the principal, which explains the increase in value.

The State of Wisconsin regulates disposal of remains of all kinds. By statutory definition, a columbarium is considered a mausoleum. For various regulatory reasons, St. Andrew's columbarium is available only to Parishioners and their immediate family members and does not offer space for sale to the general public.

The Columbarium Trust is organized as a separate non-profit Trust, consistent with Chapter 701 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Its existing written by-laws require an annual meeting of the trustees, and an annual report. Those meetings have not been taking place because all of the positions are currently vacant. I encourage anyone interested in serving a three-year term to please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Finally, although I'm told there is no conflict of interest in serving as both Treasurer and Chair of the Columbarium Board of Trustees, I'd be more comfortable serving as Treasurer only, especially since there are no other current trustees. For anyone interested in taking on the role of chair, I'm happy to continue serving as one of the trustees.

Dennis Lloyd
Chair, Columbarium Board of Trustees