



## **MATT MURRAY, MD**

### **1. What do you consider the most important issue facing St. Andrew Parish and how do you recommend addressing it?**

It is important for our parish to avoid feeling satisfied with the way things are. Instead, we should feel compelled to make our good parish even better. We can envision a great parish where encountering Christ is an inherent aspect of everyday life both at home and as a whole community. We can work to understand the pastoral needs of our community, identify/prioritize the unmet needs and develop a realistic plan that addresses those needs going forward in both the short and long term. This type of focus along with thoughtful preparation will lead to a strategic pastoral plan that aligns our available funds and resources with the highest priority needs of our parish.

### **2. What do you like best about St. Andrew Parish and why?**

The best thing about St. Andrew parish is, by far, the people. To be honest, it may be a bit selfish for me to run for a second term on the Pastoral Council because, if elected, that means somebody else will not get to enjoy the opportunities to meet and work with so many wonderful and talented people. I will certainly be humbled if given that opportunity, though, and will exert the effort needed to meet your expectations.



### **3. What gifts would you bring to the Pastoral Council?**

I currently practice medicine at the TCU Health Center after working for 17 years (1992-2009) in Cook Children's emergency room. For seven of those years I served as Chief Medical Information Officer including two years as Senior Vice President. I am active in organizations that promote the adoption and use of health information technologies to improve quality of care. These activities involve strategic planning, consensus-building, alignment of needs/desires to resources and management of interpersonal relationships. These administrative experiences, combined with the humbling and compassionate nature of healthcare, were helpful during my previous two years on the Pastoral Council.

### **4. Additional information:**

My wife, Theresa, and I moved to Fort Worth in 1992 and became Saint Andrew parishioners in 1996. We have three children ages 20 (Christopher), 18 (John) and 12 (Julia). Two of our children attended Saint Andrew School in the past. Among the parish activities we are involved in, Theresa and the children most heavily invest their time with the Youth Music Ministries. My personal favorite parish activity last year was to serve on the Saint Andrew School Principal search committee who selected Charlie Llewellyn. I also immensely enjoyed the 10-day trip to Italy over Spring Break as one of the chaperones (Keeping Youth Safe- certified!) for our High School Bell Choir group.