



Saint Andrew Parish

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“And they were filled with the Holy Spirit”

Acts 2:4

Parish Information

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

Parish Buildings and Offices Closed:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**. The Archdiocese has established protocols for limited reopenings and a Reopening Team has been assembled to begin the process of limited church services. The team has determined that the soonest Saint Andrew parish might be able to offer a service such as a baptism, funeral, or time for private prayer might be June 7, 2020.

Meanwhile, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Support the (slow) Reopening of the Church

The parish needs several more volunteers in church reopening efforts. Volunteers must meet the following criteria..

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 10 people intermittently over the next few weeks.

Volunteers will be divided into the following teams: Set-up team, Greeting team, Clean-up team. To express interest in volunteering, please contact us at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*"We are the
living Church,
and one day we
will join together
celebrating our unity
in the building,
St. Andrew Church."*

After 50 days of celebrating this one 'Great Sunday', we hear this abrupt change in the lives of the Apostles. No longer followers of Jesus, but now one with him, "as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim, ... the mighty acts of God." Their going forth, expanding the Church, not by physical building, but by baptizing all into the one body, "we are all given to drink of one Spirit."

This being Church was profoundly manifested for the Sorensen and Linetzky families last week. Pete and Rita's mother, Emma, was dying at the age of 100 1/2 years. She was living in an assisted living facility in Petoskey, MI. They called to inform us come quickly. She was not suffering from coronavirus, but in these COVID times we had to reach out virtually with our love. Via phone she heard from each of her 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Each of us expressing our gratitude, love and prayers for her. Pete and Sue, Rita and I gathered at the funeral home to celebrate her funeral liturgy, and at the graveside for her prayers of committal. Back in Chicago, in our family's Google call this past Sunday, we mourned, we laughed, and we remembered. Yet, we all were aware that we were united in the Spirit of love, not only for Emma, but also with her and all the family members that preceded her. We were Church, the one body, both here and with all the saints in heaven.

So, what does it mean to be 'Church'? We know what it means to be *in* Church, as we long for the reopening. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the manifestation of the mystery of Christ's Church by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A Church made of living stones, all one body in Christ. The sacrament of salvation fulfilled by Jesus' redeeming cross and his resurrection. A Church both human and divine, gathering together the children of God into full communion with him.

Saint Paul proclaims, "'No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.'" When we share in the Holy Spirit we gather together in unity with Jesus, with each other and all who share in the Spirit. It transforms all of us, just like the Apostles, from individuals to becoming the children of God, his beloved. We are his living stones, bearing up the faith by *being* Church today.

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This Pentecost, in this time of COVID, we must remember Jesus saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit." By God's love the Spirit has been poured into our hearts. We are called forth to be his children, sent to invite all those we meet, ever building up the body of Christ. "We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

We are the *living* Church, and one day we will join together celebrating our unity in the building, St Andrew Church. Until then, let us be consoled by the Committal Prayer over the People: "May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ."

In God's Love, Eric

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Andrew School is Looking for Coaches! Flag football, cross country, and basketball coaches please reach out with interest for 2020-21 school year. Please contact the Athletic Director Mr. Matthew Pope to express interest by emailing him at matthewpope@gosaintandrew.com

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of: Marilyn, Phyllis, and for all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19 and for the scientist who are working on effective treatments and vaccines for COVID-19, that their efforts may be supported by God's grace and brought to fulfillment.

For the graduates of schools as they transition and celebrate their accomplishment in the midsts of social distancing.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice. We pray especially for the city of Minneapolis which is grieving from the death of George Floyd.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Bernadette McAleenan, Judith Heimann, Marissa Marin, Dick Kopecky, Jean and Edward Daugherty.

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to www.standrew.org/prayers You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Service and Sacrifice

Two major holidays mark the beginning and middle of summer: Memorial Day and Independence Day. While these days might be spent picnicking with family or watching fireworks over the lake, they are meant to be reminders of the service and sacrifice offered on the behalf of our nation. We take time away from our usual schedule but to honor and celebrate those who laid down their lives for others.

In the Catholic church, we celebrate feast days to commemorate saints, martyrs, and special events in the life of the church. These important days are listed in the calendar of the church, and they are ordered by degree of importance. They fall into three categories: solemnities, feasts, and memorials.

When celebrating a **solemnity**, the church begins with either Vespers (evening prayer) or sometimes a vigil mass. The Gloria and Creed are recited at the mass. For example: Sundays and Holy Days are considered solemnities. The second highest rank is **feast days**. They do not have an evening celebration (with the exception of our Lord's feast days), and only the Gloria is recited. Finally, **memorials** are important days to celebrate a saint or group of saints.

Consider taking some time to celebrate and honor these special saints on their special days:

June 3 - Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions (the patron saint of our sister parish in Uganda!)

June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

July 1 - Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra

July 6 - Memorial for Saint Maria Goretti

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

MAY/JUNE

Saturday Vigil 30	First Reading Second Reading Third Reading Fourth Reading Gospel	Genesis 11:1-9 EX 19:3-8A, 16-20B EZ 37:1-14 JL 3:1-5 JN 7:37-39
Sunday 31	Mass Intentions	+James Donoghue and + Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Monday June 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Jn 19:25-34 +Ramon Romo
Tuesday 02	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27 +Elaine Lavetta
Thursday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Tm 3:10-17 Mk 12:35-37 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Pentecost Sunday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	EX 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18
Sunday 07	Mass Intentions	+Elaine Laveta and +Tony Murphy

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



FINANCIAL REPORTS

In recent weeks, multiple appeals have been made to support Saint Andrew parish's financial health. The parish budget did not anticipate the several weeks of lower Sunday collections resulting from COVID-19.

Thanks to numerous supporters, we are pleased to report that the parish has moved from 158 online donors per month to 205 online donors per month and can also report that many households continue to support the parish by mailing their contribution to the rectory or dropping it off.

Additionally, the parish is the beneficiary of a PPP loan from the federal government. This loan was established by Congress to support the employees of small business. The monies are being used to keep our employees at the school and the parish on the payroll without interruption. In addition, to keep us on budget, the Archdiocese has instituted a salary freeze for all employees and discontinued employee retirement contributions for the immediate future. All together (*the urgent need of increased giving by parishioners, government assistance, and changes to employment*) the parish will be positioned to weather current economic difficulties, but only with your continued support. Thank you!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,658,292
Interest on Income	23,867
Total Income	1,682,159
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	870,812

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April, 2020 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	3875
Automated Giving	16,528
Loose Cash	85
Total Offertory	20,488
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

