



Saint Andrew Parish

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And a voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:11

Parish Information

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

Contacting Parish Staff:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**.

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.

Pray in Person - Pray at Home

During the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass in person has been lifted by the Archbishop of Chicago. This lifting does not resolve our need for the spiritual nourishment that come from encountering Christ. Saint Andrew Parish encourages participation in the following ways:

Attend Mass in Person - Mass for the public is held every Sunday at 9:00am. Reservations are required to attend. Make a reservation at www.standrew.org/mass-reservations

Pray the Your Sunday Connection - Gather with your household to read the readings and prayers assigned to each Sunday of the year. Watch a homily/reflection by a pastoral leader of the parish. Find this week's Your Sunday Connection at www.standrew.org/ysc

Live Stream Mass - Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed to watch in real time and it is saved as a recording for parishioners to watch throughout the day. Witness other parishioners read the word of God, the consecration of the Eucharist, and the beauty of Saint Andrew church. www.standrew.org/sundaymass

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



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It is 2021, it was 2020. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way--in short, the period was so far like the present period that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only." Yes, so much like our present period, but it was written by Charles Dickens in 1859, for a different era in *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Yet, in the superlative degree of comparison, we do celebrate today **the season of Light** with the Baptism of the Lord. As it was then, a time of the best and worst -- still it was a **spring of hope** when the Lord was baptized in the Jordan by John. Beginning, not as a babe -- but as the Son of God -- to "do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." In the water, Jesus himself becomes the very sign of the dawning of the Kingdom; a Heaven on earth. Yes, Jesus begins his ministry of salvation!

I always refer to this reading from Mark at all my celebrations of Baptisms. I often ask the family and friends if Jesus needed to be baptized, for John only baptized with water. It still is a question that scripture scholars contest even today. Yet, it offers us insight to the truth of the spiritual reality that takes place at each baptism. As Jesus emerges from the water it affirms that he is the Son of God. He is assured of the beloved relationship with his Father. Jesus begins his mission, not alone, but with the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of the Lord ends the Church's Christmas season, a remembrance of the birth of Emmanuel. Today, we enter into the age of God's wisdom, of eternal hope and not despair. Just as with our own baptism, through eyes of faith, we too are affirmed of the Holy Spirit's descent upon us. With ears of faith we too are assured by our Father, "You are my beloved Son/Daughter; with you I am well pleased." This is not the French Revolution of 1789 of which Charles Dickens wrote. This is our *Revelation* of being God's beloved; of our relationship with Jesus, always with us; of our peaceful and confident guidance by the Holy Spirit to our heavenly home.

It was 2020. But now it is a new era for us to restore the best of times, by reflecting the glory of his Kingdom, being the radiant Light of God's love for all!

May this New Year be one of

Radiance, Eric



Wearing the Green - Save the Date

The parish's annual fundraising party - *The Wearin' the Green* - will be moved to a later date this year. The move supports the hope that some of the event might be held in person.

The new date for Wearing the Green for 2021 will be

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Please mark your calendars and look for more information on how you can participate by donating, volunteering, and attending.



Renew My Church Announcement

For several months, Saint Andre has worked with local parishes in the Renew My Church process, exploring how to advise the Archdiocese of Chicago to best structure the Catholic Church in our geographic region.

You are invited to join Bishop Bartosic, our regional bishop and Cardinal Cupich's representative to our region of the archdiocese, who will meet on **Friday, January 22, 2021** at 7:00pm, to join in prayer and share an important update on the future of our parishes. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be done online. Please go to www.renewmychurch.org/announcements for details about how to access the meeting from your computer or smartphone.



Help to Feed The Hungry

The parish can now send volunteers as a group to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Join us on **Saturday, February 6, 2020 from 8:30 am to 11:15am** to sort food items that will be distributed to food pantries serving the hungry throughout Chicagoland. Your volunteer time and help feed hundreds of people!

Contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to express interest.

Volunteers must be 11 years of age and up. 11-15 year olds must be accompanied by and parent.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Catholic Social Teaching - Solidarity

Hyper-connected. Polarized. These two words give us a fair snapshot of our modern society.

In one respect, we have never been so in touch with what is happening around the globe - through social media, news outlets, film and radio, we see and hear about events that take place half a world away, almost in real time. Conversely, we constantly find ourselves choosing sides, standing at odds with one another. Communities are sharply divided, with little room to negotiate or compromise. We see this happening in our families, in our government - and yes, even in our church. What should be our reaction to this dichotomy?

Solidarity is a core principle of Catholic Social Teaching. Because we are all created by God, we are all intimately connected to one another. God loves us as adopted children, and we are to do the same; we are to love each other as sisters and brothers.

St. Paul tells us that we are many parts of one body. "If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." (1Cor. 12:26) Jesus gives us clear directions that we are to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned (Mt 25:31-46). This is not a distant form of charity - it is highly personal, messy, unpredictable, and sometimes uncomfortable. God wants us to be involved in each other's lives, concerned and caring for one another. It takes closeness.

When we step outside ourselves and really engage in practicing solidarity, we are not uncomfortable... instead we find our hearts expanding, because we are made for this kind of love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JANUARY, 2021

Baptism of the Lord Sunday 10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mk 1: 7-11 Our departed Parishioners
Monday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 1: 1-6 Mk 4: 12-17, 23-25 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 2: 5-12 Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 2: 14-18 Mk 1: 29-39 +Sgt Joseph Lazo
Thursday 14	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Heb 3: 7-14 Mk 1: 40-45 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 4: 1-5, 11 Mk 2: 1-12 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6, 13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42 Patrick Walsh, Jr.

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



The Giving Tree! Let us Give Thanks!

A special thank you note from St. Thomas of Canterbury and Saint Mary of the Lake Schools



St. Thomas of Canterbury School
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December 21, 2020

Dear Friends at Saint Andrew Parish and School,

Thank you for the wonderful way that you made Christmas very special for the children at St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Mary of the Lake Schools. This year has brought many hardships and challenges for our school families. More than 65% of our families are without jobs so Christmas did not hold too much promise for the children. On our last day of school one of the boys in second grade put his hand up and said "My mom says that Santa can't make it this year!" You can only imagine how happy they were to get the beautiful box with socks and the gift cards that came from the fundraising the Saint Andrew community did through The Giving Tree project. Everyone was so happy and surprised! The Saint Andrew families were amazing, and this year we needed it more than ever!

The school has been blessed with good health and we have not had to quarantine thus far! It is so much better for children to have in person instruction. Please pray that we will be able to continue!

Best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year!

Cordially,

Christine M. Boyd
Principal



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For the health and wellbeing of all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19 including the ill, the deceased, and those suffering job loss.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Sandra Burns, Loretta Ferenzi, Robert Ledvina, and Antonio Seranilla

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow

Income	1,705,490
Interest on Income	28,917
Total Income	1,734,407
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	922,460

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

December 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	10,911
Automated Giving	26,333
Loose Cash	1,639
Total Offertory	38,883
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	75,992
Amount Paid	64,887
Balance Due	11,105



Saint Andrew School



Saint Andrew School Introduces Full Day Pre-School for 3 and 4 Year Olds, With Options for Half Day Programs!

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