



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Here I am. You called me.”

1 Samuel 3:6

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 Mark Purdome



*“When we listen
for God’s call,
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From my very first introduction to punch cards when I was in high school, I knew that I wanted to become a computer scientist. I toyed with going to law school, perhaps to study the then-emerging area of technology law, but the reality was that I had a great affinity for programming. Somehow, my logical brain found working through the arcana of algorithms and programming languages to be fulfilling.

For many others, my chosen vocation would seem like a punishment. Thankfully, our talents are many and varied, and that is why - together - we are stronger as a community than we are as individuals.

It is a bit unusual that the story of Samuel and Eli is such a treasured “call” story in the Old Testament. Old Eli, the high priest, didn’t immediately recognize that his assistant was being called by God, and neither did Samuel. You’d think that the story would emphasize the unmistakable voice of God, with a clear and well-understood invitation. That’s the kind of call story we see in Matthew 4, when Andrew and Peter at once leave their nets and follow the Lord. Here, though, we see uncertainty, hesitation, and discernment, which I think is more of a true mirror to our own lives. When it came to a career, I was lucky, because I had a strong affinity for a type of work. But in other areas of life, it seems that the direction isn’t so clear.

But that’s OK. One thing that I take from Samuel’s story is that God’s voice comes from unexpected places and at unexpected times. And we’re always listening, always searching, always seeking.

Jesus, of course, cuts to the core of the matter: “*What are you looking for?*”

We each must come to an understanding of this question, to resolve for ourselves just what we’re looking for in this life. We all crave a sense of belonging, a sense of value. We want to love and be loved. We want a sense of peace. And whether an introvert or an extrovert, we want these things in the context of a community. We want to know that our strengths and weaknesses are balanced by others around us.

Today’s readings remind us that what we seek is the divine, and in God we discover that our most basic vocation is to love. To love God, and to love our neighbor. To be committed to our own role, no matter what it might be, in building our community and making it stronger. When we listen for God’s call, when we respond to Jesus’ question, we find that our journey is always toward love, always toward peace.

God Bless! Deacon Mark

PS: There’s a lot going on in the world and in our country. Let’s together pray for peace and a commitment to the common good for all people this week.



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 anticipates a hope that some of the event could be held in person, though we still await definite plans.

The new date for Wearing the Green 2021 will be

Saturday, May 1, 2021 in the evening.

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

The Sacraments

In *Living the Sacraments*, author Joe Paprocki describes the sacraments as “thin moments,” significant opportunities when “we find ourselves encountering and keenly aware of the divine presence.” Kathleen Hughes, RSJ, sees the sacraments as opportunities to “[hallow and celebrate] everyday experience, inviting us to deeper participation of the mystery of God with us.”

When we celebrate a sacrament, we celebrate in a very tangible way the intangible God - we have a visible reminder of God’s love for us. These are not the only moments when we encounter God, but they are moments when we can see and hear God acting directly through the sacramental rites to touch us, individually.

Take some time this week to contemplate how you live the sacraments daily.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

- Do I put pressure on myself to be perfect or complete in God’s eyes? Can I allow myself the grace to be “on the journey” of conversion?

Sacraments of Healing

(Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick)

- Am I holding back forgiveness and healing from those who I have hurt or who have hurt me? Do I practice the [corporal works of mercy](#)?

Sacraments of Service

(Matrimony, Holy Orders)

- Do I spend a great deal of time turning in toward myself and my own concerns? How am I serving others? Do I expect something in return? Do I graciously allow others to help me?

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 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 +Mary Lou Jones, +Horatio Ledesma, Jr, +John and Virginia Kaufman and +Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Monday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 5: 1-10 Mk 2: 18-22 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 6: 10-20 Mk 2: 23-28 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17 Mk 3: 1-6 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 21	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Heb 7: 25-8:6 Mk 3: 7-12 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 8: 6-13 Mk 3: 13-19 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jon 3: 1-5, 10 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20 +Ann Burke and +Mary Lou Jones

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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