



Saint Andrew Parish

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Simon and his brother Andrew were casting their nets into the sea; Jesus said to them “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” *Mark 1:16-17*

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 Fr. Sergio Romo

Dear Parishioners,

Christ's peace to you!

As part of Renew My Church, Cardinal Cupich announced this past Friday, January 22, 2021, his decision for our grouping of Saint Andrew, Saint Benedict, Saint Mary of the Lake, and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes.

In these decisions, Saint Andrew and Saint Benedict will remain separate parishes while establishing a covenant for ministry between them, with particular emphasis on evangelization and spiritual renewal. This decision builds upon the activities that these parishes have already co-sponsored over the last several years and asks them to more deliberately plan on ways that two Catholic parishes can support one another.

The Cardinal's announcement also included his decision to unite Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Mary of the Lake as a new parish called Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish with one pastor and pastoral team. This change will take effect July 1, 2021, with both Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches used for Masses. In the coming months parish leadership will discuss the Mass schedule at each church to begin after July 1. The future of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and campus will be reviewed on an annual basis, with a particular focus on supporting the pastoral presence and importance of the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, balanced with what is financially sustainable.

The changes being asked of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes will be hard on the members of these faith communities. The parishioners of Saint Andrew and Saint Benedict want to reassure the parishioners of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, that they are in their prayers and they offer their support.

We would also draw your attention to the other announcements that the Cardinal has made which united several other parishes. All over the archdiocese, faithful Catholics are mourning the loss of things the way they once knew them. We would ask that you keep the Church and all her members in your prayers.

As Catholics we believe in the imagery that Saint Paul writes about in his Letter to the Corinthians. He points out that we are all part of one body, the Body of Christ. When one part of the body suffers, we all suffer. These decisions are painful, but we also believe that Christ always walks with us, offering us healing, peace, and new life.

We want to thank all of our Renew My Church Discernment Teams who spent many hours over the past several months meeting with representatives from the archdiocese. In the coming weeks we will have more information about next steps. We want to emphasize that what is being asked of us is to partake in a journey of spiritual renewal. We invite you to join us on this journey that, with God's help, will lead us to a more vibrant Church.

God bless,
Fr. Sergio Romo
Saint Andrew Parish

Fr. Manuel Dorantes
Saint Mary of the Lake Parish

Fr. Stephen Kanonik
Saint Benedict Parish

Fr. Michael Shanahan
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish





Wrigley Field Renew My Church Update: January 22, 2021

Discernment Process

St. Andrew, St. Benedict, St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes engaged in the Renew My Church (RMC) discernment process through the fall of 2020. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment team (GFDT), which was made up of members from each parish community, met to review and discern the future parish structure for the area. Our deepest appreciation goes to the GFDT who prayerfully discerned the parish grouping structure during this challenging time.

Based on their meetings and feedback gathered from the larger parish communities, they submitted feedback to the archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, reviewed the feedback and other information, including financial summaries, capital needs and parish trends.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Bartosic are grateful to Fr. Romo, Fr. Kanonik, Fr. Dorantes, Fr. Shanahan and the Grouping Teams who gathered throughout the past few months, and all parishioners who offered feedback through the recent discernment process.

Outcome

In the past few weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, Cardinal Cupich made the following decisions regarding the parish structure in the Wrigley Field grouping.

- **Effective July 1, 2021, St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes will unite to form a new parish called St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish with one pastor and pastoral team. Fr. Dorantes will serve as pastor of the united parish.**
- **St. Mary of the Lake will serve as the main ministry center of the parish.**
- **As the new parish begins on July 1, both St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches will be used for Masses.** The specific schedule of Masses at each campus after July 1 will be discussed by parish leadership in the coming months.
- **The future of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and campus will be reviewed on an annual basis,** with a particular focus on supporting the pastoral presence and importance of the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, while also balancing what is financially sustainable.
- **The Our Lady of Lourdes school building on the east side of Ashland will be listed for sale as soon as possible,** to generate proceeds to enhance ministry in the new parish.

St. Andrew and St. Benedict will remain separate parishes while establishing a covenant for ministry between the two parishes, with particular emphasis on spiritual renewal and the Five Strategies of Building the New Reality, namely:

1. Creating and promoting new **entry points** into parish life for those seeking answers, a sense of belonging and an initial encounter with God and the joy of our community.
2. Committing to create a culture of **radical hospitality** within a spiritual family that will be powerful for us as believers and encouraging to those who are seeking, lost or alone.
3. Ensuring **Eucharistic liturgies are vibrant and transformative** to lift up our hearts and souls to celebrate the Good News and keep our eyes focused on Christ present among us.
4. **Reimagining faith formation to become readiness-based, rather than simply age-based,** with programs and family catechesis that are holistic and oriented on unifying families in faith.
5. Committing to new avenues of **pastoral care that focuses outward in love** to share our faith and serve those in need both near and far.

An annual review of the relationship and sustainability of the individual parishes will take place between parish leadership and the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate II.



Parish Structure Rationale

- Uniting St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes connects the two parishes with Hispanic ministry, enabling future planning to serve the needs of Hispanic ministry in the area.
- Annual evaluation of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and campus, within the context of what a united parish will need for ministry and facilities, will help evaluate how best to steward parish resources, including proceeds from the sale of the Our Lady of Lourdes school building.
- Maintaining St. Andrew and St. Benedict as separate parishes avoids overwhelming a pastor with two large school communities while they are continuing with the hard work of Building the New Reality.
 - Establishing a covenant and an annual review process ensures the communities continue to make disciples, build communities and inspire witness.

Next Steps

The united parish community of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, as well as St. Andrew and St. Benedict, will embark upon the next phase of renewal, focusing on strong evangelization to the world around us. The renewal process calls us to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future, capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, building communities with one another and inspiring witness in the world around us.

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 ensures that a larger portion of the event will be held in person than if we held it during its traditional date.

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.



Join Our Safety Team

Our Safety Team helps to ensure that we can continue to hold public Masses by safeguarding our pandemic protocols including, set-up, greeting/ushering, and clean up. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry in 2021 so that others can attend Mass safely. Contact Megan Daigle at megan@standrew.org, or sign up at www.standrew.org/volunteer-church-safety



Broadcast with Us

Saint Andrew Parish continues to offer live streaming broadcasts of our Masses and special events in the church. That means we are in need of additional volunteer support this ministry. Please volunteer if you have or are willing to learn skills in how to use audio, visual, and live streaming equipment. If interested, please contact David Heimann at david@standrew.org.



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 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jon 3: 1-5, 10 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20 +Ann Burke, +Mary Lou Jones, +John and Virginia Kaufman
Monday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	+Acts 22: 3-16 Mk 16: 15-18 +Pompeyo Borja
Tuesday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Tim 1: 1-8 Mk 3: 31-35 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 10: 11-18 Mk 4: 1-20 +Ann Burke
Thursday 28	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Heb 10: 19-25 Mk 4: 21-25 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 29	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 10: 32-39 Mk 4: 26-34 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 31	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Deut 18: 15-20 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28 +Dan Belicena and +Colleen O'Malley

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



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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