



Saint Andrew Parish

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Catholic Schools Week 2021

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 Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



“It is up to us to decide who we will listen to and how their message will affect our hearts.”

Dear Parish Family,

If you reviewed the readings for this week, you might think that they are all about the power of *speech*.

In our first reading, Moses speaks as a prophet “from among their kin” who speaks God’s words ([Dt 18:15-20](#)). The Psalm tells us that if we should hear the voice of God, we should listen with soft hearts ([Psalm 95](#)). And in the Gospel, Jesus impresses those gathered in the temple, teaching as one having authority, and commanding unclean spirits with only his words ([Mk 1:21-28](#)). But where does the authority to speak come from? Is it in the power of the person speaking? Or is there more? I’ll go to my roots for a metaphor...

In theatre, the playwright is the origin of the message. They come up with the idea, choose words carefully, construct the scenes, and put it all down on paper. Pretty powerful stuff! Let’s say the playwright is God. Now the actor is the conduit of the playwright’s message. They interpret the words, dig deep into characterization, and bring the words to life on stage, moving the audience. Power is there, too! We’ll call that person the prophet.

But wait, that last part - the audience! If there was no one willing to come to the theater and hear the words, witness the drama, and walk away changed... well, what was the point?

In reality, all three parties have the authority to make a message important. God inspires ancient and modern prophets to share wisdom. They do their best to lead us into right relationship with God, with words of warning, good advice, and profound insights.

But it is up to us to decide who we will listen to and how their message will affect our hearts... *there is incredible power.*

With appreciation for your kind attention,
Megan



Ash Wednesday - Lent Starts February 17

Celebrate Ash Wednesday with Saint Andrew on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at these services:

- 6:30 - 8:30am - Distribution of ashes
- 1:30 - 3:00pm - Distribution of ashes
- 6:30pm - Public Mass, *reservation required*

Special anti-COVID-19 precautions will be taken this year when distributing ashes. More information and a link to sign up for mass will be available soon. Please check www.standrew.org/ashwednesday for updates.

Catholic Schools Week - January 31- Feb 5

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity to share the good work that is done through our parish school. Having earned its second National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award, the school heralds its ongoing success, even through difficult situations. The faculty and staff have had strong reviews in handling the pandemic including successful transition to in-person classes and occasions of remote learning. Above all, we are proud of the Catholic identity which the school fosters in its students and family.


Find out more about Saint Andrew School by visiting its website at www.gosaintandrew.com

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, 2021 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 a parent.



E-Learning at Saint Andrew School

"The thought and care being put into Saint Andrew's approach to teaching our children is clearly visible every day. Then again, that's simply standard operating procedure at 1710 W. Addison. The rallying cry of the moment is "we're all in this together" and nowhere is that more evident than at Saint Andrew School."

-Parent of 5th, 6th & 8th Grade students



COME, FOLLOW ME...
**and bring hope to
the world**

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. For example, Appeal funds benefit our youth and young adult ministries through the various programs offered by the archdiocese and the logistical support given to local parish groups. More importantly, funds raised in excess of our assigned 2021 parish goal, \$33,945, will be returned to us to help support our annual operating budget. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of parishioners, last fiscal year we received a rebate of \$44,016 which went a really long way in helping to offset the losses in the Sunday Offertory we experienced due to the church being closed during the fourth quarter. This year, once again, we will depend on a healthy rebate for the same reason.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. And as we read in Sacred Scripture, the gifts that we give are given back to us in abundance! By supporting the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.



To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelopes sent to your home or give online at <http://annualcatholicappeal.com>.

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/FEBRUARY 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 31	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 18: 15-20 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28 +Dan Belicena, +Colleen O'Malley, and +Michael Beatty
Monday February 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 11: 32-40 Mk 5: 1-20 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Mal 3: 1-4 Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15 Mk 6: 1-6 +Dante Pagalunan, Bart Pagalunan, Sr. and +Bart Pagalunan, Jr.
Thursday 04	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24 Mk 6: 7-13 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Heb 13: 1-8 Mk 6: 14-29 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 07	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39 Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Renew My Church Update

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.

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!

Contact Anne Japsen in
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