



Saint Andrew Parish

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“I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant
between me and the earth”

Genesis 9:13

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



“We have to be patient and gracious with ourselves in this season of change.”

Dear Parish Family,

Last week I learned a new skill. We borrowed a sewing machine from my neighbor to finish some projects that had been on the back burner for months. Unfortunately a sewing machine is about as familiar to me as the structure of the rover that landed on Mars this past week. I never took Home Economics in high school, largely due to a bet I took with my dad that involved my high school Auto Shop. So I can change your oil and rotate your tires, but don't ask me to wind that bobbin!

My husband had to show me what to do and was a patient teacher. My first attempts were painstakingly slow and far from uniform. But once I got going, I gained some confidence. My primary project was creating a hem around many squares of cloth, and the repetition meant each completed project was a little neater. That is, until I got TOO confident. I started going too fast, forgetting to set the foot down, choosing the wrong stitch... it was a mess.

Lent provides us with a reason to learn new skills, too. Our celebration of Ash Wednesday last week highlights the beginning of the season and asks us to examine how we are living our lives in preparation for the coming of Christ. What old habits are holding us back from a fuller life in the Spirit? What new habits can we pick up to improve lives with prayer? Committing to learning new skills is an exciting start to the season of Lent.

But don't be like me - don't fall into the mindset of "I've got this! This is easy!" and get sloppy with your commitments. At the same time, be conscious to resist the trap of "This is too hard. I'll never learn this." Both are a temptation to give up and walk away from the challenge.

We have to be patient and gracious with ourselves in this season of change. Expecting to see results in one day or one week sets us up for disappointment. Know that it takes *practice* - a lifelong commitment to practicing our faith in new and different ways that brings about a full and joyful life.

In the end I managed to finish all 60 burp cloths. (Did I mention these are for our first baby?) I'm comforted to think that when I am in the middle of my next hard lesson - motherhood - I will look at the stitches in these cloths and remember to be patient and gracious with myself and my little girl, as we practice our new roles.

Cheerfully in Christ,
Megan

PS - The name of the Mars rover... was *Perseverance!*



Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Mark this holy season of Lent by joining us on a virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Sr. Sallie Latkovich, CSJ on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 via Zoom video call at 7:00pm.

Sr. Sallie is an adjunct professor at Catholic Theological Union and leads their Biblical Studies and Travel Program.

She previously provides Saint Andrew with an evening of reflection during Advent on the holy sites of Bethlehem and now returns to share her insights to the places of Jesus Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Join us for the video call at www.standrew.org/pilgrimage



Join Us for Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Saint Andrew Parish prays the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm on Friday evenings.

Due to COVID limitations of opening the church, the general public will not be admitted to pray the Stations of the Cross in person this year.

Instead, we invite you to join the live stream of the stations being prayed from Saint Andrew Parish which can be viewed at www.standrew.org/stations



REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality

Saint Andrew Parish is hosting its popular "REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality" during LENT. This six week program is designed for adults and will invite you into a new and vibrant adult faith through weekly conversations. Sessions will begin on **Monday, February 22, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** and will be held via Zoom video call. It's the perfect way to make the most of your Lent. To sign up, visit www.standrew.org/reboot



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Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Forty Days of Lent

The Bible is filled with significant numbers, like 3, 7, 12, and 40. Have you ever wondered why Lent is connected to the number 40?

In the bible, the number 40 is mentioned quite a bit. During the flood, it rains for 40 days and 40 nights on Noah's ark. Moses spends 40 nights on Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people wandered for 40 years in the desert. Goliath taunts the Israelites for 40 days. Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert. So, consider: What do these events have in common?

They are times of waiting, testing, suffering... and they are all followed by a time of rejoicing. After the flood, the world has been given fresh to humanity. God gives Moses laws of love. The Jewish people are brought to their promised land. David beats Goliath. And Jesus begins his ministry.

Whenever we hear the number "40," we might want to focus on the time of suffering, but God is using this time to prepare us for some "glorious unfolding." We have certainly had our fair share of waiting in the last year, and wonder what God may have in store for us at the end of this pandemic. What might God be asking you to consider, change, or examine as we prepare for that glorious unfolding? And what marvelous calling may the Holy Spirit move us toward when we arrive in that place?

Things to Do at Home:

Pray: Take the 40 second challenge: Start with 40 seconds of daily prayer, and increase the same amount every day.

Do: Establish a new tradition to countdown to Easter with your family. Design a special calendar for kids to mark off, or light a candle each night at dinner to mark the days.

Sunday 21	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 9: 8-15 1 Pt 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15 Our departed Parishioners
Monday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Pt 5: 1-4 Mk 16: 13-19 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 55: 10-11 Mt 6: 7-15 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 11: 29-32 +Ben Calacci
Thursday 25	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7: 7-12 Our Departed Parishioners
Friday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 18: 21-28 Mt 5: 20-26 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 28	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8: 31b-34 Mk 9: 2-10 Our departed Parishioners

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



The Lenten Season is upon us with Ash Wednesday falling on February 17. Due to COVID, Saint Andrew Parish will not be hosting our annual Fish Fry's... But check out our restaurant partners for some great fish and non-fish dinner options during the Lenten season! (February 17, 2021 – April 3, 2021)



Fat Cat Bar – www.fatcatbar.com

Piazza Bella – <https://www.piazzabellachicago.net/>

Cozy Noodles and Rice – <http://www.cozychicago.com/home/index.asp>

Mrs. Murphy's & Sons Irish Bistro – <https://irishbistro.com/>

Commonwealth – <https://www.commonwealthchicago.com/>

Bojonos – <http://www.bojonospizzatogo.com/>

GT Prime – <https://www.exploretock.com/gtoyster/experience/161975/gt-fish-and-oyster-to-go>

Chicago's Pizza – <https://www.chicagos-pizza.com/>

Jet's Pizza – <https://www.jetspizza.com/stores/illinois/chicago/2811-n-ashland-ave/>



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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