



Saint Andrew Parish

GATHER - LEARN - LOVE



“Here am I!”

Genesis 22:1

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



“Who teaches us to listen to God?”

In the lowlands of Africa, in areas of Ethiopia and Kenya, lives a very small yellowish or reddish antelope, named Gunther’s Antelope. This little guy only weighs about 10 pounds when fully grown, and is only about a foot tall. A group of biologists were out in the area studying a species of bird, the Grey Lourie, when they noticed an interesting connection between the Grey Lourie and the Gunther’s Antelope.

Since the antelope are so small, they have a long list of predators, including raptors like hawks and falcons, who are also direct predators for the Grey Lourie. When this particular species of bird sees a raptor, they have a distinctive warning call to alert the rest of their flock, and the biologists noticed that the Gunther’s Antelope also reacted to the warning call, and they, too, hid from the raptors.

So the scientists, being scientists, wanted to test the theory to see if the antelope really react to the bird call. And after their testing, they concluded that the antelope reacted only to the specific warning cry that meant a raptor was in the area. But they couldn’t answer what, to me, is the real question: Who taught the antelope to understand bird?

And we can ask the same question of ourselves. Who teaches us to understand God? And maybe I should rephrase that a bit, since I don’t think any of us really understand God. Who teaches us to listen to God?

In the middle of the transfiguration story, we hear the voice of God telling us the answer, “This is my beloved son. Listen to him.” Like the antelope listening to the bird calls on the savannah, when we listen to the voice of Jesus, it leads away from fear and death, and brings grace and blessings.

Peter, James, and John wanted to build tents. They wanted to call the transfiguration an end, a glorious spot where you literally have a mountaintop experience, where you feel the holiness, where you are blinded by the majesty of the divine. Let’s linger in the moment, they said to themselves.

But the voice of Jesus doesn’t tell us to linger on a mountaintop. It tells us that we must be continually open to transforming ourselves, transforming our world, because we’re never really done. This isn’t an invitation to stick in a place we already know, it isn’t a calling to stay on top of the mountain, or to think that we’ve somehow reached a conclusion. Instead, we keep listening to Jesus, we go back down the mountain, back down into the peaks and valleys of life. The challenge of listening to Jesus is the challenge of putting radical transformation into practice.

So who taught the Gunther’s antelope to speak bird? With animals, we move to scientific concepts like symbiotic relationships and co-development. But I like to think that it is all about who you hang out with. The antelope and the birds are very different, but by hanging out together they learn each other’s language. When we hang out with Jesus, we learn God’s language. And, most importantly, we then can put that language in practice when we hang out with the world.



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



Pray the Rosary with the KofC

All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in a Zoom Virtual Scriptural Rosary on **Tuesday, March 9th starting at 7:30pm** and a Zoom Virtual Stations of the Cross on **Thursday, March 11, starting at 8:00pm**. Please logon to our Zoom Rosary and Stations at <https://tinyurl.com/KCRosary>, passcode 2349.

Please sign up on our registration page at www.tinyurl.com/KCLENTROSARY, if you would like an email reminder of our Rosaries, a Stations of the Cross Guide book emailed, or a loved one remembered in our services. Contact Tom Kaiser for more info at tjkaiser@sprynet.com



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

It's not unusual for people to misunderstand this aspect of Catholic Social Teaching. "Option" sounds like our marginalized sisters and brothers have a list of items to choose from. Occasionally the pillar is called the "preferential option," which can be even more confusing. What does it mean?

Consider Jesus's life as our model. After all, Jesus was born to a poor family, in a poor community, and he ministered precisely to and among those marginalized members of his community. He lived alongside them, shared his meals and conversation with the poor, and encountered them with a closeness that we may find uncomfortable. But the simplicity of these actions - allowing what he saw, heard, and felt to touch him deeply - are what made Jesus's love so radical. He did not stay at a distance from those who were in need. He put them first.

The poor do not choose to be poor. They are made so by a lack of love, whether that is a lack of love from individuals or unjust structures that are in place. So when we consider how we may help the poor, we obviously can start with answering their immediate needs of food, shelter, clothing, and water. However, we also need to ask the question, "How did this come about? What needs to change so my brother or sister doesn't have to live this way? How can I help that to happen?" When we work to solve both problems, by being charitable and seeking justice, we have a real chance of making lasting change.

Learn more: For brief lessons on Catholic Social Teaching, search for Catholic Relief Service's ["CST 101 Videos."](#) and share them with others!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2021

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
Monday MARCH 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 02	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28 +Ben Calacci
Thursday 04	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31 Our Departed Parishioners
Friday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 07	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 20: 1-17 1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25 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	1,724,675
Interest on Income	30,791
Total Income	1,725,467
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	943,520

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	8,535
Automated Giving	25,453
Loose Cash	428
Total Offertory	34,416
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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