



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

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.

Join us for Mass

Attend Mass in Person - Mass for the public is held every Sunday at 9:00am and 11:00am. We have increased the capacity limitations at Mass as a bridge measure between pandemic and post-pandemic celebration of the Eucharist. As a shift in our recommendation, we now encourage more regular participation and attendance at Mass and the parish is suited to accommodate more frequent assembly. Especially for those who are vaccinated it is appropriate and a welcome change to attend Mass every week.

Reservations are still required to attend and until the Archdiocese provides updated instructions, we still ask for masks to be worn while indoors by all congregants. Please make a reservation at www.standrew.org/mass-reservations

Pray the Your Sunday Connection - If you cannot gather in person, we encourage you to pray at home using the Your Sunday Connection prayer guide. 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



“Today’s celebration, the Feast of the Ascension, is like Jesus’ yearbook. It gives us three elements – identity, memory, and future – for our faith and our faith story.”

As the end of the school year draws near, thoughts turn to graduations, parties, and the summer beyond. We also start to look back at the year, and that’s where a yearbook comes into play. Unfortunately, my last high school yearbook was destroyed in a flood. Luckily for me, that means you can’t see my picture as a senior in high school which my daughter described as “coconut head.”

Yearbooks are designed to do three things: First, evoke an emotional reaction that gives you a sense of identity, like you school’s unique traditions; second, they sum up the year, reminding you of the road you’ve been down; and third, a yearbook points to the future, providing inspiration about the possibilities that lie ahead.

Today’s celebration, the Feast of the Ascension, is like Jesus’ yearbook. It gives us those three elements – identity, memory, and future – for our faith and our faith story.

Our identity includes shared experiences. And after the year we’ve been through, sharing our ups and downs, the sadness of distance from loved ones and the joy at seeing their faces – even from a distance – without a mask, we have faced challenges and succeeded. As a community, we have come together to become more compassionate, more understanding, and more forgiving..

That old yearbook also was filled with memories, helping me to recall classmates and teachers that I haven’t seen in years. Today’s feast helps to sum up Jesus’ ministry in the same way, to help us remember. It includes elements of both Christmas, the incarnation, in that only what came from God can go back to God. It includes elements of Easter, the resurrection, as we see in Jesus’ presence during these 40 days. We are reminded of the series of images that define Jesus’ earthly ministry. It also invokes the memory of Jesus’ teaching – if we are to teach others, we better remember what we’ve been taught.

So in the Ascension yearbook, we have elements of identity and we get strong memories. But perhaps, most importantly, we also get pointers to the future. We get a promise for the possibilities of what lies ahead.

The Ascension ends the time of Jesus physically present on the earth, and it sends us off to accomplish some pretty important work. After all, as we hear in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus sends us out to “proclaim the gospel to every creature.” While that may seem like too much for us, we are given the promise that this isn’t work we’re doing all by ourselves. Wherever we go, whatever we do to preach the Good News, to bring people together, to increase mercy and encourage forgiveness, it is always supported by Jesus. As the scripture says, “But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.”

Identity, memories, and a promise for the future – that’s quite a yearbook.



Altar Servers - Welcome Back!

The Archdiocese has given permission (*under the guidance of health officials*) for certain activities and functions to be restored to our liturgical celebrations. We are now training experienced and new youth to serve at the altar during Mass. The restoration of the ministry of altar servers will start with experienced altar servers first and then new servers in the fourth grade or older will be included as they become trained. Please contact altarserver@standrew.org to express interest for your child to participate in this ministry.



Help Feed the Hungry

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on **Saturday, May 22, 2021** from 8:30am to 11:15am at the Greater Chicago Food Depository 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.



Be a Coach for Fall Athletics

Athletics have always been an active part of Saint Andrew Parish's mission and culture. With our large gymnasium and dozens of volunteers making the program run, we are proud of the positive impact athletics have on our parish and our surrounding communities.

Flag Football coach and cross country assistance in the fall are currently open coaching positions. Also will be looking for middle school basketball coaches. Interested individuals should email our Athletic Director Mr Matthew Pope at matthewpope@gosaintandrew.com



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Easter Season

Pop quiz! Which season is longer: Lent or Easter? Most of us are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, and might think that Easter only lasts one day. But the Easter season officially lasts 50 days! If we were gathered for mass, we would see and hear these changes in the liturgy: the deep purple vestments give way to bright white, the Gloria is sung again, and the bareness of the altar would be covered in beautiful flowers. These signs tell us Jesus is risen!

The Easter season does not end with Jesus' return to heaven, on the Ascension of our Lord (May 16). He promised his disciples that he would send an "advocate," which is sometimes translated to "helper." This promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which instructs and guides us individually and as a church to grow in love and knowledge of God. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (May 23), which officially concludes the season.

But if the Holy Spirit is still with us, does Easter really end? Maybe not. Saint Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

At Home with Emmaus [\(Luke 24:13 13-35\)](#)

The gospel story of the Road to Emmaus provides us with ways to celebrate the Easter season. We can...

...read the Old Testament, and discover the scripture Jesus "opened" to the disciples. Try [Dt 18:15](#), [Psalm 22:1 1-18](#), and [Isaiah 53](#)

... go for a walk. Invite Jesus to meet you on the road, especially if your heart feels heavy.

... bake bread; Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of it. Here are [50 quick breads](#).

Hey! That's one for every day of Easter!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

MAY, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday 16	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-23 Mk 16: 15-20 +Ernesto Villacarlos
Monday 17	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16: 29-33 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 20: 17-27 Jn 17: 1-11a Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 20: 28-38 Jn 17: 11b-19 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 Jn 17: 20-26 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21: 15-19 Our departed Parishioners
Pentecost Sunday 23	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23 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	1,747,182
Interest on Income	31,736
Total Income	1,778,917
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,947
Balance	966,971

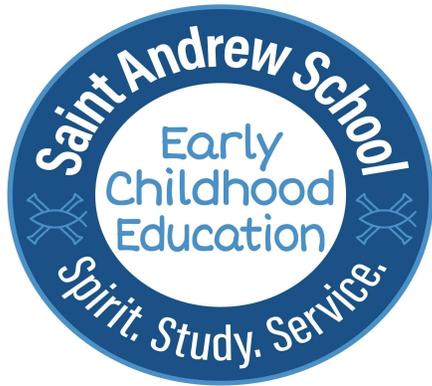
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

March 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	5,635
Automated Giving	21,973
Loose Cash	735
Total Offertory	28,343
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2021 Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	40,970
Amount Paid	37,460
Balance Due	3,510

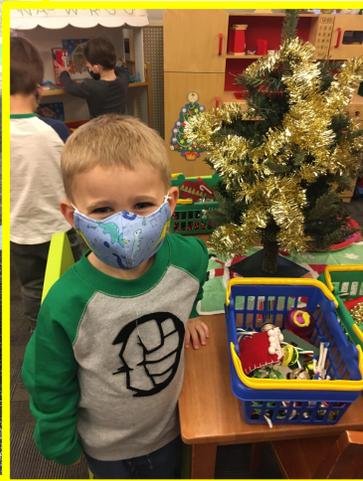


Saint Andrew School



Saint Andrew School Introduces Full Day Pre-School for 3 and 4 Year Olds, With Options for Half Day Programs!

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