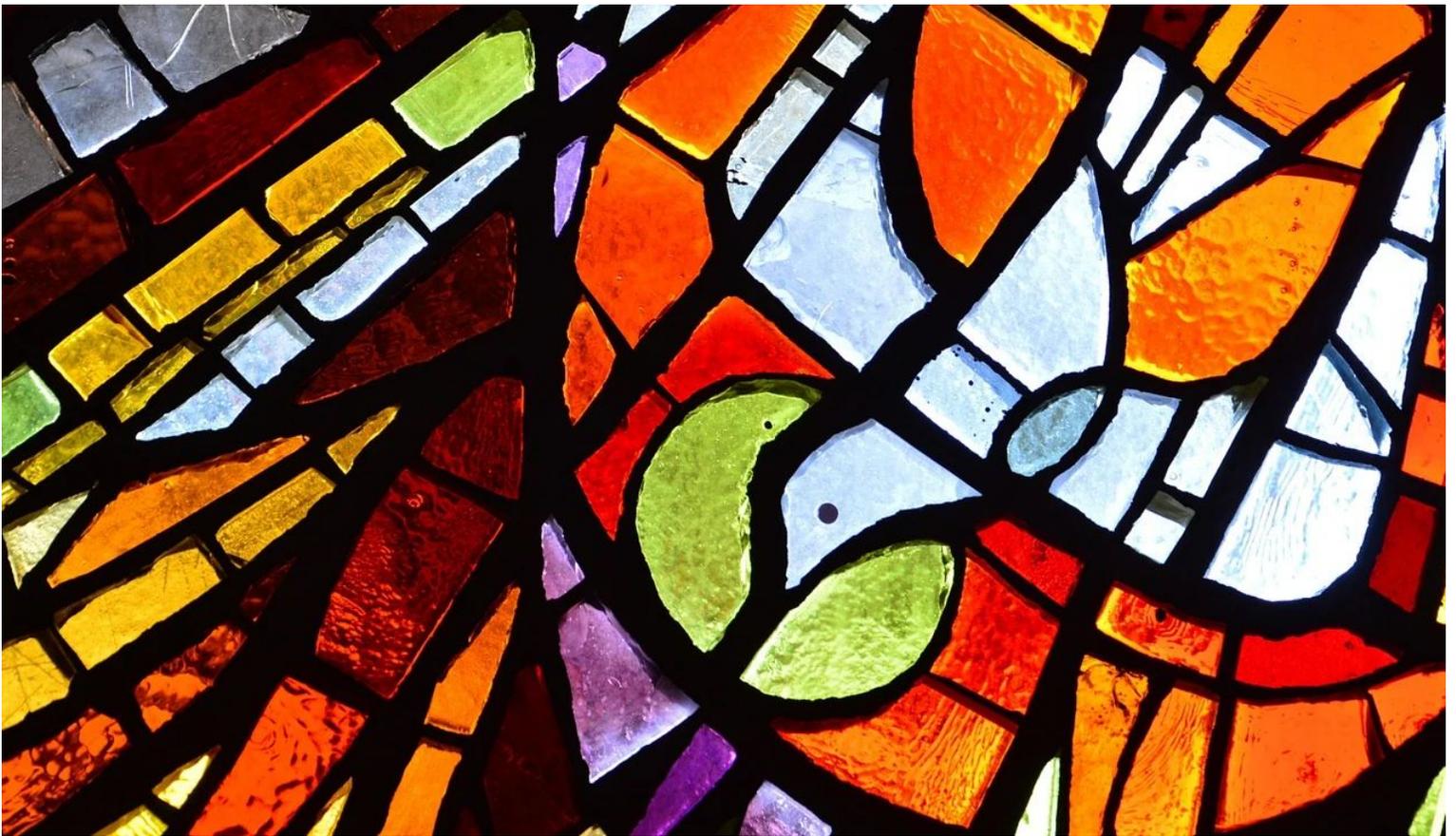




Saint Andrew Parish

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“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit”
Acts 2:4

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.

Mask Policy at Mass

Archdiocesan Guidelines - This past week, the Archdiocese of Chicago announced that parishes could individually choose (with some conditions) whether to require masks or not for attendees a Mass. Saint Andrew Parish has chosen to continue universal wearing of masks, even by those who are vaccinated, for these reasons:

- **It is a charity to others.** Not every adult can be vaccinated and they would still be required to wear masks. Some who cannot be vaccinated expressed to us the concern that they would not come to Mass without the assurance of knowing masks were in use. Even if you are vaccinated, your charity and kind sacrifice is allowing others to attend Mass who do not have the privilege of a vaccination.
- **We have a large contingent of families with children in this community.** Children cannot yet be vaccinated and thus are more prone to both contract and infect others unless they are wearing masks. By everyone wearing masks, it helps our children feel safe as well as prevents them from feeling outcast and marginalized when in public. We want our children to come to Mass!
- **Our safety team still needs additional help.** The Archdiocese instructed that only individuals who presented their vaccination card could go without wearing masks in church. This requirement would burden our safety team which is already stretched thin. If not wearing masks is a priority to an individual, we'd invite them to utilize that energy by joining the safety team! More information can be found at <http://standrew.org/volunteer-church-safety/>

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Pastoral Letter

by Kascha Sanor, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



“With this one breath, we become disciples not only praying for the peace of the Kingdom, but responsible for the coming of justice.”

I love the Holy Spirit. I know it might not be best practice to pick favorites among the Trinity, but God knows my heart so I'll share it with you too. I just love how Spirit shows up, often when we would least expect, like a gust of wind or a tiny gasp. Spirit is absolute presence.

I spent some time this week trying to imagine what it would feel like to be among the disciples in the Gospel - to be in the room behind those locked doors, shocked by the crucifixion, grieving the loss of Jesus, and afraid of the authorities. It feels overwhelming and hopeless. When Jesus appears, I am certainly side-by-side with doubting Thomas, unable to understand or to rationalize how it could be possible that Jesus is among us now.

In his homily last week, Fr. Sergio reminded us that in the Ascension of Christ we are not abandoned by His absence, but rather connected and called to continue His work and ministry in the world. This week, Jesus says to the disciples, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you”. Then He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

I know the Holy Spirit to be the breath of God and still, I think about how hard it is to go into the world, to continue the work of Christ - to face racism, poverty, homophobia, environmental destruction, and dehumanization of our neighbors. Not only do these worldly realities confront us with the external and extreme pressures of hatred and empire, but as we begin to meet these social ills, we also encounter our own internalized expressions of fear and greed. Again, it feels overwhelming and hopeless. How often do we retreat to a locked room, shocked by the injustice, grieving the loss of dignity, afraid of corrupted structures?

And still Jesus comes into our hiding places and says “As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit”. With this one breath, we become disciples not only praying for the peace of the Kingdom, but responsible for the coming of justice.

The Holy Spirit calls us to unlock the door, to leave our comfort and privilege, and to go into the world. We must trust our own breath as a reminder that Spirit will give us the language we did not know we could speak. We must hear the winds of change, as the faithful gathered near declaring dreams and visions we might now understand. Spirit comes to us, moves through us, unrestrained by hatred and fear, but in the full promise of love and liberation. We just have to be in Her absolute presence.



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.



Join Our Safety Team Help Feed the Hungry

Our Safety Team helps to enable us to open Mass on Saturday evenings and to assist with check in with our increased capacity. The team allows us to remain open for Masses by safeguarding our pandemic protocols which are changing and challenging. Especially if you may have the benefit of receiving a vaccine, please consider volunteering for this important ministry in 2021 so that others can attend Mass safely. Contact our coordinating team at <http://standrew.org/volunteer-church-safety/>



Learn How to Livestream & Serve Our Team

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

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

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
Monday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Jn 19: 25-34 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 35: 1-12 Mk 10: 28-31 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17 Mk 10: 32-45 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 42: 15-25 Mk 10: 46-52 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 44: 1, 9-13 Mk 11: 11-26 Our departed Parishioners
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 30	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	DT 4: 32-34, 39-40 Rom 8: 14-17 Mt 28: 16-20 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

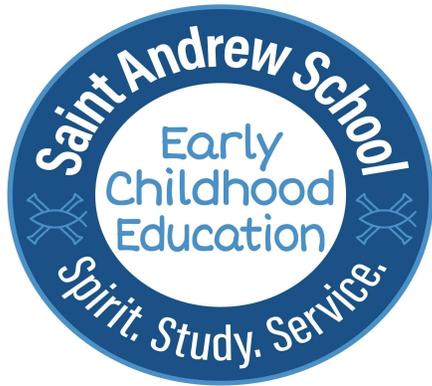
PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	2,990
Automated Giving	15,676
Loose Cash	1,004
Total Offertory	19,670
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
EASTER	
Envelopes	8,885.
Loose Cash	1,848
Automated Giving	10,172
Total Easter Offertory	20,905

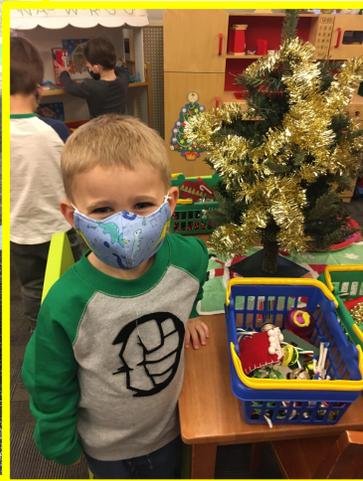


Saint Andrew School



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

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