



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The Lord is God above in the heavens and on the earth below.
There is no other.” Deuteronomy 4:35

Parish Information

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

Parish Office Now Open:

As we transition slowly out of pandemic operations, **the parish office will be open three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm.** Parishioners may stop by to make prayer requests, pay Mass stipends, or seek assistance. Please wear masks when entering the office and remain socially distanced. Our staff remains available via our remote office from 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday through Friday and from 8:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Mask Policy at Mass

Archdiocesan Guidelines - The Archdiocese of Chicago has 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 David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“Mass is preparation for how we will spend eternity with God in heaven.”

This past Saturday, May 29, 2021 the parish completed the last of our organized First Communion Masses since the pandemic began. This was a significant undertaking since last year’s First Communion Mass was cancelled and was rescheduled for multiple Masses in the Fall of 2020. We got ahead of things in the Spring of 2021 by starting First Communions in March, knowing that we could only do limited seating at each Mass.

The most important part of completing these First Communions is to congratulate all of our First Communicants! It is uplifting to see their participation in the life of the Church increase to include the reception of Holy Communion.

Second to the felicitations, I took some time to pause and reflect upon the significance of this milestone in our parish’s pandemic response. It feels like we have been doing First Communions celebrations every other weekend since October. All in all, there have been 15 First Communions.

Preparing for a First Communion is tricky because there are all these little details that a Director of Religious Education only does once a year. Prior to the pandemic, I believe was responsible for preparing 15 First Communions in my total career and from year to year, it is easy to forget the details. But this year, having done 15 First Communions in a short period of time, I feel like I really know what is supposed to happen. It’s an established habit now. I feel a bit uncertain and confused that I don’t have to prepare another one for another year.

I now feel more comfortable with the process and that drew me to reflect upon the importance of attending Mass (in person or virtually). It’s the repetitions that engrain an experience deep into our subconscious. The more we attend Mass, the more natural it feels and the more it is part of us.

One of our religion textbooks that we use at Saint Andrew states that **“Mass is preparation for how we will spend eternity with God in heaven. What we do in Mass reflects how we will spend all of our time after we die.”** In other words, Mass is the practice we do here on Earth so that we are ready to love God and love each other in Heaven.

If we only do it once a year, there is a good chance it will always feel a little bit awkward. Just like me only doing a First Communion once a year, there is a good chance that we can forget important details. For Mass to serve as a mirror to the experience of eternal life with God, it’s going to take us more than fifteen times to get it right. It’s going to take countless repetitions to allow our subconscious to naturally flow into loving others and loving God. After a year of multiple absences due to the pandemic, it is going to take us even more practice to make up for all the times we missed Mass.

We still need to keep safe as we entertain the idea of coming back to church, but one thing is for certain, we need to get back in the habit of worshipping God as a community. It will help us prepare for how we will live in the life that is to come.



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.



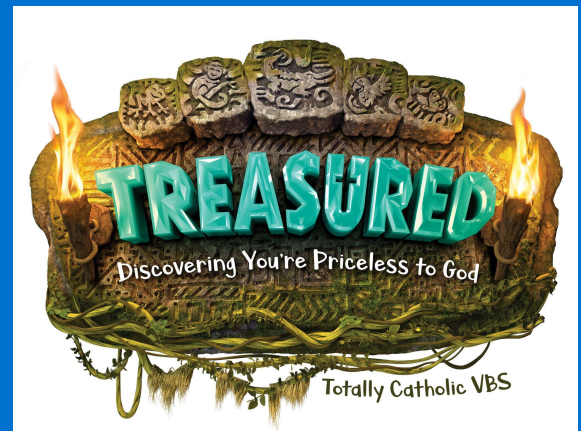
Vacation Bible School - July 19-23

Vacation Bible School will take place from **Monday, July 19 to Friday, July 23 at 9:00am** for students in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

This year's program will offer both in-person and virtual opportunities to participate.

This exciting program is developed in partnership with Saint Benedict, Saint Athanasius, Saint Mary, Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Nicholas, and Our Lady of Ransom Parishes.

More details and registration information can be found at <http://standrew.org/vacation-bible-school-2021/>



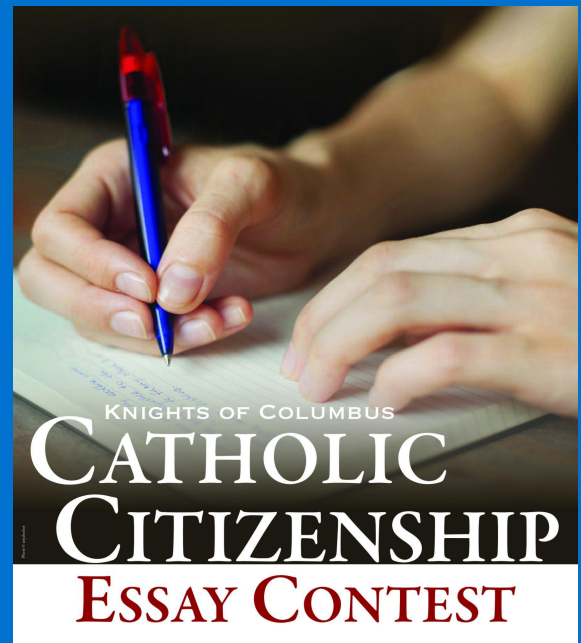
Knights of Columbus Essay Winners

On May 13, Brownson Council #1030 Knights of Columbus held their 57th annual Essay for the 7th and 8th grade students of St. Andrew school. The topic for the 7th Grade was 'My Hero' and the topic for the 8th grade was 'This I Believe'.

Congratulations to :

7th Grade - First place: Courtney Beatty; Second Place: Giada Gambatense; Finalists: Ellie Diemer, Patty Meunprasittiveg, Caitlin Muldoon

8th Grade - First place: Reilly Martin; Second Places: Emma Buol and Emma Robinso; Finalists: Sophia Anzell, Dahlia Medero



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-JUNE 2021

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 +Richard Azores and +Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Monday 31	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Zep 3: 14-18 Luke 1: 39-56 Our departed Parishioners
June Tuesday 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Tb 2: 9-14 Mk 12: 13-17 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 02	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Tb 3: 1-11a, 16-17a, Mk 12: 18-27 +Jo-Carol Sullivan
Thursday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Tb 6: 11, ,7: 1bcde, 9-17. 8: 4-9a Mk 12: 28-34 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Tb 11: 5-17 Mk 12: 35-37 Our departed Parishioners
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 24: 3-8 Hb 9: 11-15 Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26 +Joel David Kwasigrogh

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
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Envelopes	8,885.
Loose Cash	1,848
Automated Giving	10,172
Total Easter Offertory	20,905

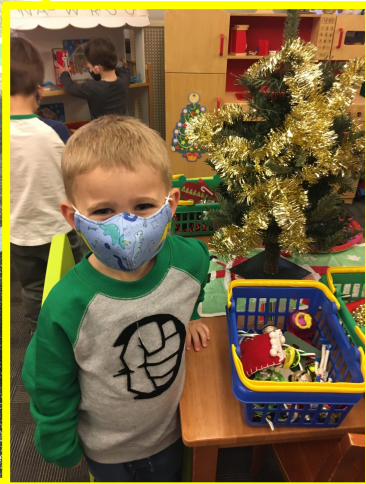


Saint Andrew School



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

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