



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that, when sown in the ground is the smallest of the seeds on the earth.” Mark 4:31

Parish Information

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.

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

Protocols for Attending Mass During Phase 5

Archdiocesan Guidance - The Archdiocese of Chicago continues to permit parishes to lower restrictions on attending Mass based on the individual parish's needs. This means that each parishes can make the best decision for their community based on local feedback. Within those guidelines, and recalling that Saint Andrew parish serves numerous persons who do not yet have access to the vaccine (especially children), the following guidance can be expected at Saint Andrew for the coming weeks:

- **Mass Reservations:** Mass reservations are no longer required to attend Mass. We will continue to have Mass at 9:00am and 11:00am and will begin to add additional liturgies once we have trained enough ministers to serve at these liturgies and there is a demonstrated need.
- **Seating Distance:** Saint Andrew Parish will retain separation between pews as congregants are seated. Blessed with a large church nave, we can still accommodate the congregants who come while still maintaining social distance for those prevented from receiving a vaccine.
- **Wearing Masks: Masks are required unless an individual is vaccinated.** Some parishioners have expressed concern that they do not wish to attend Mass if they do not know who is and who is not vaccinated. To alleviate confusion, for the time being vaccinated attendees at Mass are **encouraged** to wear masks so that vulnerable parishioners can worship free from the anxiety about others' status.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



*“Change affects us.
Growth defines us.”*

Social distance : Gather in crowds. Wear a mask : No face covering needed. Go to the office : Work remotely. No restrictions : Yes, there are restrictions.

I don't know about you, but these days I am very confused. I've gone from being impatient about the slow recovery from the pandemic to having my head spin as things change so rapidly around us. Of course, the reality of living through these COVID times is that we've been faced with constant change for more than a year. Some of that change has been extraordinarily difficult - separation from loved ones, unfamiliar rituals, and a real sense of grief for what we've lost. Some has been welcomed - more time for a favorite hobby, perhaps, or simply an opportunity to slow down a bit.

Change is often confusing. Change affects us from the outside, even if we're the one that instigated it. It breaks familiar patterns and causes us to think and work in new ways. And it requires patience. We definitely need to call on patience now as we experience the complexity of safely emerging from the rules and patterns that we've used to help protect us during the pandemic.

So, please, be patient as the parish continues to reopen. Yes, masks are still suggested - we have many families with children, and we want to protect them. We've reduced the social distancing at church by removing the ropes on some pews, but we still recommend that you maintain distance. Changes will continue throughout the summer as we continue to adjust to the whims of the virus.

Today's gospel focuses not on change, but growth. In some ways the terms are synonymous, but while change affects us, growth defines us. While things can change in an instant with a single decision, growth is slow, incremental, and internal. And we usually only recognize growth in retrospect. Grass grows, but we don't see it until it is time to get out the mower. Children seem to grow out of their clothes overnight, but it is only in looking back that we see how much emotional growth and maturity they've achieved. And as we hear in today's Gospel, the mustard seed sprouts and the plant grows and turns into an enormous bush.

In many ways, our lives are like that mustard seed. The tiniest spark within us sprouts and grows and turns into something we never imagined. But often we only recognize that growth when we look back. Perhaps this is a good week to take a moment and look back at how you are different, how you've grown, in the last year. Yes, the change has been confusing, but how have we responded? How have we grown? Perhaps you'll discover that you are more patient, more compassionate, or more forgiving. That little mustard seed of the Kingdom of God, planted in your soul, has continued to grow and flourish even during these confusing times. God bless!



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 retraining experienced 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 later this summer or fall. Please contact altarserver@standrew.org to express interest for your child to participate in this ministry.



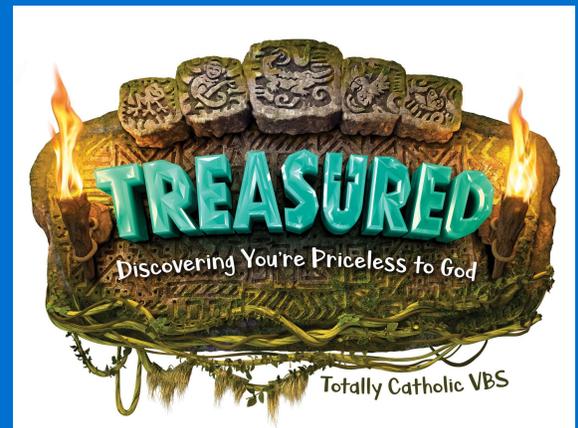
Vacation Bible School - July 19-23

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/>



Young Adult Gathering Return!

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the young adults from Saint Benedict and Saint Andrew parishes as we prepare three evenings this summer for "Conversations in the Courtyard. Young Adults Giving Voice to Building a More Inclusive Church."

The first gathering will be on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:00pm in the courtyard of Saint Benedict Parish, 2214 W. Irving Park Rd.

The first conversation will be hosted by Fr. Michael Trail, Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and will discuss how we can find a solution to racism in the Catholic Church.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Can Ordinary Time be Special?

Ordinary time. It just seems so, well, ordinary!

In church terms, *ordinary time* doesn't mean unimportant or commonplace. Instead, it simply means that the weeks are numbered - the Latin word *ordinalis*, where the term originates, refers to a numbered series. In church terms, use of the term is pretty recent, having been introduced with Vatican II in 1970.

What can we do to make sure that ordinary time isn't just ordinary? Without the excitement of Christmas or the preparations for Easter we may have time for some longer-format projects around the home:

Focus on the Scriptures

Now is a great time to really focus on the scriptures that we hear at Mass each week. Ordinary time can be a time of growth in learning about and knowing Jesus. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, usccb.org, is the best online resource for the weekly readings (look for the "Daily Readings" link). Loyola Press offers the Sunday Connection, which provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday readings (loyolapress.com, look for the "Sunday Connection" link).

Study the Saints

Saints are a great way to show your family how to live a life that shines through a relationship with Jesus...and that makes ordinary time a great time to begin a family tradition of reading the stories of the saints on a regular basis. There are many children's books about the saints, and even some coloring books that feature the lives of saints! Or watch a movie: Fr. James Martin, SJ has penned a list of his top 10 movies about saints (also on loyolapress.com - use the search box to search for "movies about saints" to find his list)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JUNE 2021

Sunday 13	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Mk; 26-34 +Kevin E. Pearson.
Monday 14	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Cor 6: 1-10 Mt 5: 38-42 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Cor 8: 1-9 Mt 5: 43-48 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 16	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Cor 9: 6-11 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 +Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 17	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Cor 11: 1-11 Mt 6: 7-15 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30 Mt 6: 19-23 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 20	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jb 8: 1, 8-11 2 cor 5- 14-17 Mk 4- 35-41 +Frank Battendorff, Cecilia Vinzons, +Jennifer Stephen, +Paul A. Huetteman and +Patrick Walsh

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



WEARIN' THE GREEN 2021 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Thanks to the INCREDIBLE support of our Saint Andrew Community, Wearin' the Green 2021 raised gross revenue of over \$240,000, attributable to the following categories:

Admission \$8,600
Sponsorship \$32,250
Raffles \$35,590
Auction \$69,130
Paddle Raise \$92,000 *includes \$25,000 donation from
Cubs Charities
Boka Catering Group Give Back \$1,740
Other \$2,043

Wearin' the Green 2021
net revenue is approximately \$210,000

**we are still waiting for some expenses to come in,
but this is a strong approximation of where net revenue will end up.*

Thank you so much for your support of our first ever virtual Wearin' the Green. We look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday, March 5th!



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 Kevin E. Pearson

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow

Income	1,753,397
Interest on Income	32,0696
Total Income	1,785,466
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	973,519

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	12,038
Automated Giving	25725
Loose Cash	2,378
Total Offertory	19,670
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	40,141
EASTER	
Envelopes	9,165
Loose Cash	1,848
Automated Giving	10,172
Total Easter Offertory	21,185

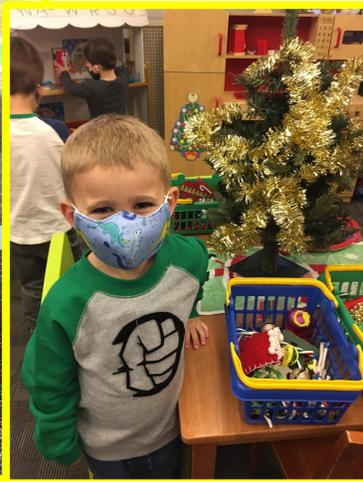


Saint Andrew School



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

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