



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

Mark 4:41

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.

Additional Steps for our “Return to Normal”

Thank you for everyone’s patience as we take additional steps to worshiping safely after the height of the pandemic. We are pleased to announce that next week, Saturday, June 26, 2021, we will return to having the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. Reservations are no longer needed. All are welcome to join us for Mass at

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm , Sunday Morning 9:00am and 11:00am.

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.
- **Seating Distance:** Saint Andrew Parish will retain separation between pews as congregants are seated.
- **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 David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“There is so much more to learn and part of the problem is we don’t know what we don’t know.”

Dear Fellow White Parishioners*,

**I acknowledge that these pastoral letters usually are written to all parishioners. Everyone is welcome to read this, but there are some thoughts I needed to share this week specifically with those who are White.*

Yesterday was June 19 or “Juneteenth,” which for the first time in the history of the United States was recognized as a federal holiday. Perhaps you got the day off on Friday or perhaps you will in future years. The holiday marks “Emancipation Day” in 1865 for those who were still enslaved in the United States. It was signaled by the occupation of Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas, marching under General Grainger. He issued an order to Texas citizens that reconfirmed enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation and thereby freed the last of the once legalized slaves from the Confederate States.

As Whites in America, it is important that we know the history that led up this date and the struggles that have happened ever since. We must do so in order to understand the needs and concerns of our fellow Americans who are Black, Brown, Asian, and Indigenous. Even if you know something or nothing, a little or a lot about the effects of slavery and racism on our country, I guarantee you there is more to learn. Going forward, every year on this date, this is my challenge to you – strive to use this holiday as a reason to extend your knowledge about the history of slavery and racism. As you learn, act upon what you discover. Here is why.

I thought I knew a fair amount about slavery and racism. This past week, I took a theology course from Catholic Theological Union given by Dr. Vanessa White entitled “Caste, Race, and the Catholic Church.” Considering myself basically anti-racist to begin with, I thought I would just take a small drink from the fountain of information that would calmly and coolly enable me to be a better anti-racist.

I was wrong. The drink from a fountain became a fierce gush from a hydrant. There is so much more to learn and part of the problem is we don’t know what we don’t know.

Speaking for myself, this lapse occurs largely because I am White and I live in this, our white-dominant culture. Through fair and accurate criticism, I began to look constructively at the phenomenon of “white culture?” When I did so, it became clear that part of being “White” is to be unquestioned, unnoticed, and to be considered “normal.” We Whites have developed a complex milieu of interpersonal signals that resist being challenged or being made to feel uncomfortable. These cultural traits set up the perfect scenario to render our dominance immutable and impervious to change. Hence, prolonged and insidious racism has been permitted to fester in our country through protective mannerisms within our own cultural construct.

In the past, not only did these cultural traits authorize the horrors of slavery but they still are the basis from which fear and hatred of Latinos and Native Americans emanate. In this past year, (...continued on page 4)



... we even saw it bubble into false accusations about Asian Americans. By falsely mislabeling COVID 19 an “Asian disease,” anti-Asian prejudice and violence spread swiftly across the United States in 2020 with anti-Asian hate crimes up 150% according to reports on NBC news. Not once did I hear a complaint from, but neither did I hear concern for the safety of the Filipino members of our community at Saint Andrew. Silence and avoidance of disquieting realities are trademarks of “white culture” and within it lies the trap. We cannot cure racism if the structures enabling it are never recognized by the dominant culture. One thinks of the famous mythology articulated in the movie “The Usual Suspects” – The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was to convince the world he doesn’t exist. When he succeeds at this, then he can do anything he wants.

So, I reiterate the importance of my challenge to you. Every year, use Juneteenth as an opportunity to explore a little more about the experience of our brothers and sisters who are people of color. Listen to their story a little deeper. Do you know the date when the first black slaves were brought to America? Do you know why that is even important? Do you know when the last state-approved lynching took place (hint... its more recent than you think). How would you describe the economic effects of redlining or how the denial of African Americans to membership of labor unions effected the generational wealth of African-Americans in comparison to other hard working white Americans? How has this effected your own family’s wealth and your own place in society today?

My fellow white parishioners, let me acknowledge something important. We did not choose this. We did not cause this. I strongly believe that most of us do not want or desire inequality to persist in our country. It is also important to affirm that you have worked hard for the things you have, and you earned the money and possessions that are in your keep. None of that is in question. But when we rally behind a country that offers “liberty and justice for all,” how can we have communal integrity behind our sacrosanct belief if it is not equally offered to our fellow citizens?

In part of my learning this past week, I found it helpful to discover that there is a continuum that goes from being anti-racist to being racist. I do not think that there is anyone that I have met at Saint Andrew Parish that I could put in a binary category of being either “anti-racist” or “racist,” but all of us, including myself, are on the continuum of those two extremes with the hope that we are taking steps day by day toward being more anti-racist.

As a reminder, the Church has repeatedly told us that “racism is a sin.” In 1999, Pope John Paul II visited the United States and, in his advocacy to be pro-life, reminded us “to put an end to every form of racism.” In 2020, Pope Francis wrote, “Racism is a virus which quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting.” By taking steps to learn more about the reality of racism, we move ourselves away from its festering and hidden lurches and towards the ant-racist vision of creation that God has for all of us.

This is something we all can do. As we learn more, we can begin to unravel the insidious and tangled mess in which we are all enmeshed. Covering it up will not work. Ignoring it will not work. Not talking about it will not work. Addressing it directly will make us all recover from the social poison that has made us ill. Albeit not as physically detrimental nor traumatically painful as the terror attacks inspired by racism, the burden of continuing to cover up the virus of racism is an unwelcome wound that I have found within myself. I can attest that the sense of embarrassment and shame that I felt when initially discovering my country’s hidden past is not pleasant, but I feel a great sense of relief, an unknown burden released, when I could talk openly about the truth and take personal steps to live with greater integrity. I hope you will too.

With God’s help, working to get better,

David Heimann, M.Div
Pastoral Associate



Altar Servers - Welcome Back!

Saint Andrew is starting the process for adults who wish to join the Catholic church. If you know someone who is curious about Catholicism, would like to join the church from another Christian denomination, or would like to inquire about Baptism as an adult, let them know about the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please direct them to our webpage <http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/> to find out more.

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.

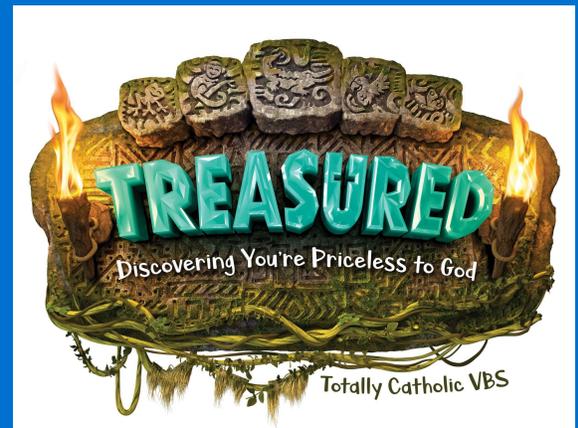
More details and registration information can be found at <http://standrew.org/vacation-bible-school-2021/>

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 20	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jb 38, 1, 8-11 2 Cor 5: 14-17 Mk; 4: 35-41 +Frank Battendorff, +Paul A. Huetteman, +Jennifer Stephen, +Cecilla Vinzons and +Patrick Walsh
Monday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 12: 1-9 Mt 7: 1-5 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 13: 2, 5-18 Mt 7: 6, 12-14 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18 Mt 7: 15-20 +Our departed Parishioners
Nativity of St. John the Baptist 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 49: 1-6 Acts 13: 22-26 Lk 1: 57-66, 80 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22 Mt 8: 1-4 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 27	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 1: 13-15.; 2: 23-24 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5: 21-43 +Maureen Stailey and Deceased family members.

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 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	40,141
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
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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Spirit. Study. Service.