



Saint Andrew Parish

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“For God fashioned all things that they might have being and the creatures of the world are wholesome.” Wisdom 1:14

Parish Information

Parish Office Now Open:

The parish office is now open on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 noon**. 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.

Mass Schedule and Current Guidelines:

All are welcome to join us for Mass at the following times:

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

Archdiocesan Guidance - The Archdiocese of Chicago recognizes that the pandemic is not over. Many of our yonder parishioners are only now becoming eligible for COVID vaccines. Therefore, the Archdiocese asks local communities to make the best decision for their community based on local needs. 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 attending Mass:

- **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 Deacon Eric Sorensen



“Indeed, by touching the hem of the divine we too make present Jesus’ saving powers, raising all people to a renewed life.”

Jairus pleads; but an afflicted woman interrupts. This is what we hear in Mark’s Gospel, as these two stories unfold. Jairus’ “daughter is at the point of death,” and Jesus follows him. Then a second story begins recounting a woman’s efforts to be healed. Only at the conclusion of this woman’s story do we return to the conclusion of Jairus’ story. A story within a story is used frequently by Mark and is referred by scripture scholars as a “Markan sandwich.” This writing style breaks up a story by inserting a second, seemingly unrelated into the middle of it. But is this inserted story unrelated?

When I hear sandwich, I think of my favorite sandwich, a turkey sandwich, especially after Thanksgiving. Yes, I love turkey; but what I really love is that special taste of cold turkey between a couple slices of bread! You too have your favorite sandwich, and you describe it by what is within and not by the bread you use. As the focus is on the middle of the sandwich, so should our focus be with Markan sandwiches.

In each of these stories we witness the healing power of Jesus. The inserted story tells of the determined efforts this woman takes to be healed, even though she is considered “unclean,” a social outcast, because of her hemorrhages. Still, she believes, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” Jairus also believes that Jesus will heal his daughter, but Jairus is too late, the child has died. Jesus tells them, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” Yet he is met by ridicule and unbelief. Jesus undeterred enters the child’s room with Peter, James, and John, and they witness a theophany, a manifestation of the divine, the raising of the dead child back to life.

In today’s gospel Jesus is at the center of these miraculous healings, but not just to heal, but to help us believe he is the Son of God. In this Markan sandwich we hear that his power was sapped from him, not given! Jesus is astonished by the faith of this woman that has “moved mountains.” A faith that effected the miracle of her healing, not Jesus. Jesus doesn’t reprimand, but encouraged says, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

We too have been given a faith that saves, but do we act on it? Jesus is asking us, ‘If we have faith in him?’ Jesus is requesting us to trust him, ‘Do not be afraid; just have faith in me.’ A faith that is wrapped in his arms, and with a soul reaching out to love. A faith that creates the divine sandwich, with the middle bringing forth the miraculous healings of Jesus to our world. Indeed, by touching the hem of the divine we too make present Jesus’ saving powers, raising all people to a renewed life. So, let us go and move mountains! Eric



Young Adult Gatherings 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 event was this past Thursday and went extremely well. Join us on in the courtyard of Saint Benedict Parish, 2214 W. Irving Park Rd on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00pm for our next conversation!



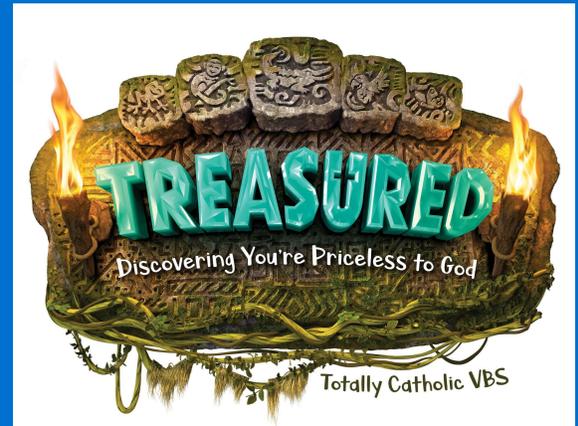
Vacation Bible School - July 19-23

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/>



Come Broadcast with Us!

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. Comprehensive training will be provided and the schedule to volunteer is flexible.

If interested, please contact David Heimann at david@standrew.org.



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/JULY 2021

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
Monday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 18z; 16-33 Mt 8: 18-22 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday Sts. Peter and Paul 29	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 12: 1-11 2 Tim 4: 6-8 Mt 16: 13-19 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 30	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 21: 5, 8-20a Mt 8: 21-34 +Our departed Parishioners
01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 22: 1b-19 Mt 9: 1-8 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 02	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 23: 1-4, 19, 24: 1-8, 62-67 Mt 9: 9-13 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 04	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ez 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12: 7-10 Mk 6: 1-6 +Marjori Drury 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 +Maureen Staily and deceased members of her family

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

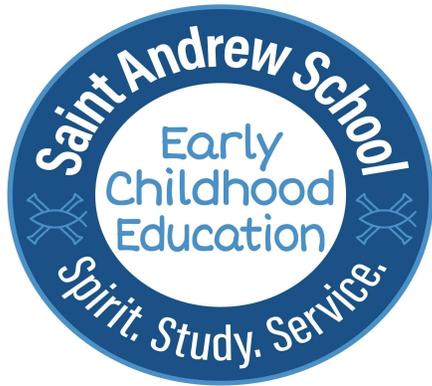
Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,753,397
Interest on Income	32,0696
Total Income	1,785,466
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,947
Balance	973,519

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	12,038
Automated Giving	25,725
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

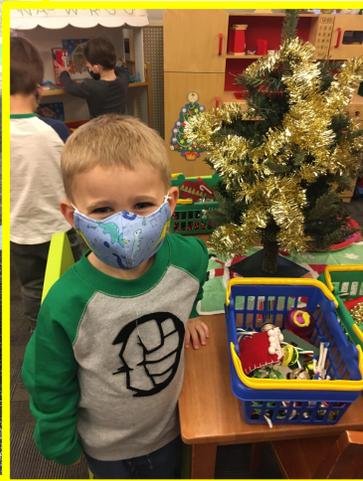


Saint Andrew School



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

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