



Saint Andrew Parish

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“While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them and said,
‘Take it; this is my body.’” Mark 14: 22

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.

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 Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“So, with
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others to return.”*

These past several months I have witnessed extraordinary determination and courage from the faithful in coming forth from their Covid-safe sanctuaries to our sacramental celebrations. In particular, I have seen a tremendous urgency by many of our first communicants to receive the Lord’s body, which was delayed due to Covid. Overcoming hesitancy to a presider, who is masked and behind a face shield; the immediate family approaches to witness their first communicant receive the Most Holy Body of Christ. Together, it is a profound reflection of the domestic church, as a family of faith, coming forth as a “visible sign of invisible grace.”

As one family approached Fr Sergio, I could see a young girl, perhaps 3, holding her father’s hand, but hiding behind his legs, perhaps unsure of this mask and face shield. She had on a red dress, so I was able to glimpse her watching her brother receive his first communion. Then the rest of the family received communion, so she too was determined to receive, but her father pulled her back, as they moved back to their seats. She refused to hold his hand, stomping back with arms crossed about her chest, and wiping a tear from her eye. She clearly desired to receive this invisible grace, which perhaps with her eyes of faith she could see.

Jesus said, “Let all the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Mt 19:14) Or as my granddaughter explained, “Jesus loves the children more. Sorry Grandma, you are older!” Yet, are we not all children of God? Are not our hearts always restless until we receive the invisible grace of Christ?

The elders of our church had the courage to proclaim, “HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM.” This is inscribed on the back altar, above the crucified Christ and just below the descending dove, the Holy Spirit. It is Latin and proclaims, “For this is my Body.” Just as we hear in the Mark’s Gospel, “Take it; this is my body.” Just as the presider says at every mass, “Take this, all of you and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.” Notice in all these proclamations they are all in the present tense, “is and not was.” Jesus is with us – “the goodness of the Lord.” And with the eyes of a child, may we see in the visible sign of bread the *visible grace of Christ*.

Yes, it is a tremendous labor of love for us to return, and renew and strengthen our faith, and forge a deeper relationship with God. Yet, it offers us a rebirth, again resurrected in receiving the visible sign of invisible grace. We are renewed as children of God. So, with determination and courage lets us be the visible sign of grace – Christ – in welcoming others to return.

Welcome back to our sacramental celebrations.

Welcome back to the goodness of the Lord. Eric



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.

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/>

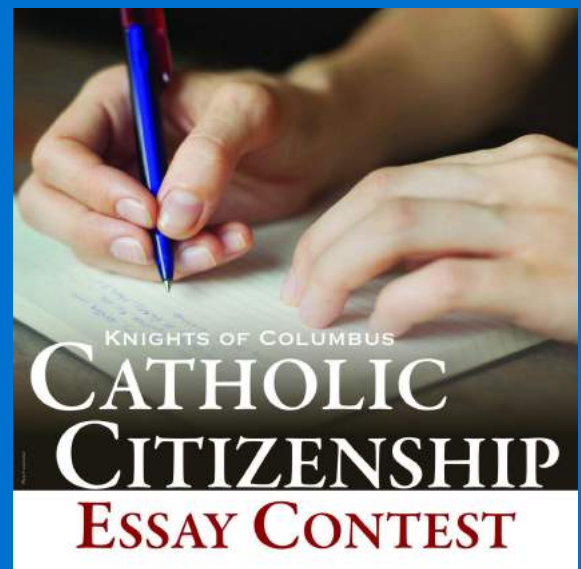
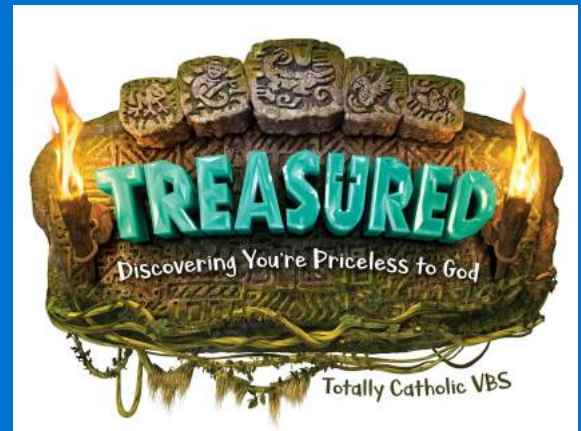
Knights of Columbus Essay Winners

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 Gambatese; Finalists: Ellie Diemer, Patty Meunprasittveg, Caitlin Muldoon

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



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Corpus Christi

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*. In Latin, *Corpus Christi* means *Body of Christ*. The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the Middle Ages!

During the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun named Sister Juliana, had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Through visions, Our Lord told her to establish a Feast dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. Through the influence of Sister Juliana, the importance of spreading devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reached the future Pope Urban IV. Sister Juliana died in 1258 and is now recognized as a Saint.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Plan together a special Sunday meal by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning. Read together today's Gospel, [Mark 14:12-16,22-26](#). Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family. Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JUNE 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Ex 24: 3-8 Heb 9: 11-15 Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26
	Mass Intentions	+Joel David Kwasigrogh
Monday 07	First Reading Gospel	2 Cor 1: 1-7 Mt 5: 1-12
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
June Tuesday 08	First Reading Gospel	2 Cor 1: 18-22 Mt 5: 13-16
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 09	First Reading Gospel	2 Cor 3: 4-11 Mt 5: 17-19
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 10	First Reading Gospel	2 Cor 3: 15-4, 1, 3-6 Mk 5: 20-26
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Hos 11: 3-4, 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-16 Jn 19: 31-37
	Mass Intentions	+Catherine Walsh
Sunday 13	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Ez 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Mk 4: 26-34
	Mass Intentions	+Kevin. E. Pearson

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.

For all who work to provide the food we put on our tables: farmers and migrant workers, bakers and cooks, food packers and grocery clerks.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice.

For the departed, who remain with us in our prayers and our memories, and for the promise of a joyful reunion, and especially for +Joel David Kwasigrogh and +Catherine Walsh

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



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!



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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