



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me  
will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

John 6:35

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# 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.**

### COVID MASS Expectations

Our Hospitality Team will be there this week to welcome you to Mass. We are continuing to follow the guidelines set out by the Archdiocese for the safe celebration of Mass during the pandemic.

- We will offer hand sanitizer for individuals as they enter church but will not do so before Communion. Please bring your own hand sanitizer if you wish.
- We continue to space seating so that a minimum distance is kept between attendees.
- **We have returned the hymnals to the pews and once again invite parishioners to sing. Please use your own hand sanitizer before and after using the hymnals.**

As of the publication of this bulletin ([Thursday, July 29, 2021](#)), there were no updated safety measures required by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Safety measures will be updated according to their instruction.

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## Parish Staff

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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



Dear Parish Family,

This weekend is tough for me. I find myself heartbroken and sad. When I first moved to Chicago just over 23 years ago, I was a loner in this big and wonderful city with only a few friends. I eventually found a full-time job working at Saint Ignatius Parish in Rogers Park which not only gave me employment, but it also provided the one thing that I most frequently cite my reason for being Catholic. It gave me a sense of community.

On Saturday, July 31, 2021, Saint Ignatius Parish will hold its final Mass and the parish itself will close permanently. This decision was made by Cardinal Cupich after consultations with numerous individuals at all levels of the Archdiocese in the process we know as Renew My Church. It is his belief that the best use of Archdiocesan resources is to close the parish and direct them to other areas.

I am writing not to say that the Cardinal Archbishop was right or wrong in his decision, but to acknowledge something about the results. I, and hundreds of other people, are experiencing a lot of grief to see something that we loved so dearly come to an end. Knowing that the institution will no longer be in use somehow tarnishes the memories made therein. What will happen to the buildings is unknown, but more importantly, what will happen to the people?

Saint Ignatius Parish was the first place that I heard someone say to me, “I don’t know if I am Catholic, but I go to Saint Ignatius.” I haven’t heard the same words here at Saint Andrew Parish, but I recognize the same idea circulates among us. There are many of us who love the fellowship, love the people, love the things we do as a community at Saint Andrew.

But what would happen if Saint Andrew Parish were to close? We addressed the question hypothetically a few months back when we were going through Renew My Church ourselves. It is a reality that our neighbors to the north of us have dealt with directly as Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has now merged with St. Mary of the Lake Parish. Several dozen parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago will close this year and the trend may not end for some time.

For me, it is like the death of a friend to see Saint Ignatius Parish close and similar to the death of a friend, it tends to put into perspective. As an adult, I cemented my commitment to live as a Christian at Saint Ignatius. That journey continues to this day and it does not die. The real trespass would be to disregard what the people, buildings, and parish of Saint Ignatius taught me. That is not closed, nor will it. To these more important spaces of our hearts, we should attach ourselves.

I would ask that you pray for all the faithful who have seen and continue to see closures to the parish communities that they once loved. Especially pray for that we may all continue to see God’s ever-present grace that moves us past the grief, sorrows, and deaths we face and into the center of ourselves, where God dwells.

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## Save the Date! - Fall Fling 2021

Saint Andrew will host the 19th Annual Fall Fling on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. The full day event will start with a 9-hole golf outing at Sydney Marovitz Golf Course in the afternoon followed by a dinner party and live entertainment. Keep watching for more details throughout the summer. If you are interested in joining the Fall Fling committee, please email Julie Richards at [julie@standrew.org](mailto:julie@standrew.org).

## Children's Religious Education Registration now open!

Saint Andrew has the privilege of working with families to prepare young people for a lifelong relationship with God as disciples of Jesus Christ. Religious Education (RE) is a program for children who attend public and private schools and will begin with a parent/child meeting on **Sunday, September 12, 2021**. This year's program will offer increased in-person opportunities while keeping Archdiocesan safety protocols. The entire schedule as has been published at [www.standrew.org/re](http://www.standrew.org/re).

Tuition is \$260 per family and registration is now. Please sign up early to help us better prepare to accompany your family's religious education.

## Young Adult Gathering - August 19, 2021

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."

Our next conversation will be about building an inclusive church for LGBTQ+ Catholics and will be led by "JR" Zerkowski the national director of Fortunate Families. Join us on in the courtyard of Saint Benedict Parish, 2214 W. Irving Park Rd on **Thursday, August 2021 at 7:00pm** for our next conversation!



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## Be and Give a Blessing

It is common in the Catholic church to seek the blessing of a bishop, priest, or deacon. While many of these blessings are ecclesial or sacramental in nature (such as the baptism of a child), did you know that you can give blessings, too?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that “every baptized person is called to be a ‘blessing’ and to bless” (CCC, no. 1669). Through our baptism, we are called to participate in the universal priesthood. It is particularly appropriate for parents to bless their children, for caregivers to bless the sick for whom they care, for families to bless their homes, and for all of us to bless the food that nourishes our bodies.

Ah, perhaps that last one is familiar to you! Many Catholic families pray this blessing at meals:

*Bless us, O Lord,  
and these thy gifts  
which we are about to receive  
from thy bounty  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

There are many other blessings that are appropriate for a lay person (someone who is not ordained) to recite, both over objects and persons. A limited number of these blessings are available on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website. You can [click here for blessings of objects](#), and [click here for blessings of persons](#).

You can also purchase a copy of the *Catholic Household Book of Blessing and Prayers* to have in your home. Then it would be very easy to be and give a blessing!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### AUGUST, 2021

Sunday <b>01</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15</b> <b>Eph 4: 17, 20-24</b> <b>Jn 6:24-35</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Monday <b>02</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 11:4b-15</b> <b>Mt 14: 13-21</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>03</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 12: 1-13</b> <b>Mt 14: 22-36</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>04</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 13:1-2, 25- 14L 1, 26a-29a, 34-35</b> <b>Mt 15: 21-28</b>  <b>+Our departed Parishioners</b>
<b>05</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 20: 1-13</b> <b>Mt 16:13-23</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Friday Transfiguration <b>06</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dn 7:9-10: 13-14</b> <b>2 Pt 1: 16-19</b> <b>Mk 9: 2-10</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Sunday <b>08</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Kgs 19: 4-8</b> <b>Eph 4: 30 - 5:2</b> <b>Jn 6: 41-51</b>  Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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 +Melina Joy Silvestre Orillaza

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,846,7317
Interest on Income	32,396
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,879,126</b>
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
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,947</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,067,180</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	12,038
Automated Giving	25,725
Loose Cash	2,378
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>40,141</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
<b>ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021</b>	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	44,945
Amount Paid	41,455
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>3,140</b>

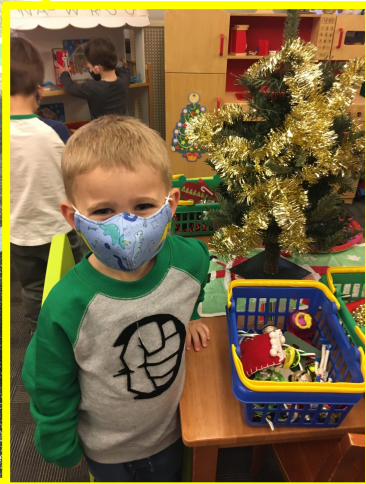


# Saint Andrew School



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## Spirit. Study. Service.