



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them  
so that they need no longer fear and tremble.”

Jeremiah 23:4

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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** - Throughout the pandemic, various protocols were instituted for safe participation at Mass. Many of these guidelines have been lifted. Please take note of the following changes and guidelines.

- There is no longer a need to make a reservation and our seating capacity is no longer limited.
- Hand sanitizer will be offered as you enter the church building if you wish. Our safety team will no longer be offering hand sanitizer at communion. Please bring your own sanitizer if you wish to sanitize before receiving communion.
- Seating is still spaced by a row between each pew allowing for social distancing.
- Masks are required unless you are vaccinated.
- Singing by the congregation is permitted, but we have not yet returned hymnals to the pews.

Thank you for your patience as we take steps back to our normal procedures for celebrating Mass.

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor: Rev. Sergio Romo**

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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



*“We have the opportunity to see Mary Magdalene as she was: an independent woman who was healed by Jesus and is held up by the church as a model disciple.”*

This week, on Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of Mary Magdalene.

Mary is a pretty special disciple of Jesus. We celebrate her with a liturgical feast (similar to the liturgical feasts for the apostles) on July 22, and the Vatican recently wrote a new preface to the Eucharistic Prayer to honor her role. I think it is worth taking a look at this preface to renew our understanding of this “apostle to the Apostles”, as Saint Thomas Aquinas called her.

*He appeared in the garden  
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,  
who had loved him in life,  
witnessed him dying on the Cross,  
sought him as he lay in the tomb,  
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.  
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,  
so that the good news of new life  
might reach the ends of the earth.*

That’s a pretty impressive spiritual resume, one that perhaps threatened the early church. After all, the Bible contains a very carefully constructed narrative about the life of Jesus, and in a world where men dominated society, Mary of Magdala was honored as being the first to see Jesus resurrected. She evangelized the disciples.

Except for Mary, the mother of Jesus, no other woman is as honored in Scripture as Mary Magdalene. Beginning with Luke 8:2, where it is mentioned that Mary had been cured of 7 demons, we repeatedly encounter this fascinating woman as she accompanied Jesus. Commentary in the New American Bible (the translation we use at Mass) notes how unusual this is for the time: *“The association of women with the ministry of Jesus is most unusual in the light of the attitude of first-century Palestinian Judaism toward women. The more common attitude is expressed in Jn 4:27, and early rabbinic documents caution against speaking with women in public.”*

So there’s something very special going on here, something that might cause us to want to pause for a moment and reflect. For centuries, the church identified Mary Magdalene as a woman of ill repute, a stance reversed officially in 1969. As we move beyond the old myths, we have the opportunity to see Mary Magdalene as she was: an independent woman who was healed by Jesus and is held up by the church as a model disciple. A woman who became an evangelist, and a key voice in spreading the Gospel message. Someone who was discounted by the church for centuries, but now is viewed as essential in the mission of Christ and the Church. Perhaps the feast of Mary Magdalene will help us, and the church, to come to a fuller understanding of those that we’ve discounted. Perhaps we will be drawn to fully recognize the gifts of everyone in building the Kingdom of God.





## Lectors Needed - Proclaim the Word of God!

As Saint Andrew Parish begins to normalize its liturgical celebrations, we are in need of parishioners to assist in our Sunday worship.

**Specifically, we do not have enough Lectors to serve at Mass during the month of August.**

If you are interested in reading and proclaiming the Word of God during Sunday Mass, please contact us at [info@standrew.org](mailto:info@standrew.org) or call 773-525-3016 to express interest. Thank you!

## 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 have a daily broadcast viewable at home by all children in the parish.

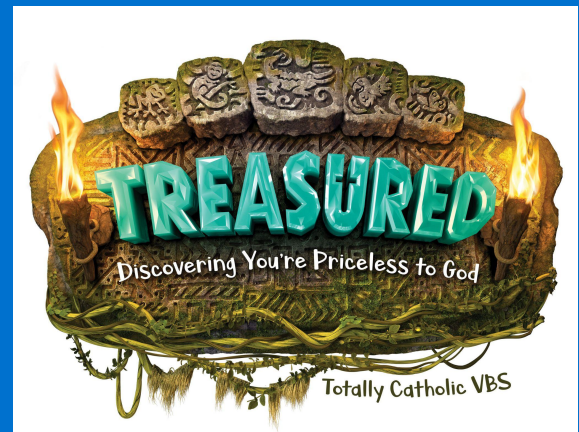
This exciting program is developed in partnership with Saint Benedict, Saint Athanasius, Saint Mary, Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Nicholas, and Our Lady of Ransom Parishes.

To view the daily VBS broadcast, visit our webpage at <http://standrew.org/vacation-bible-school-2021/>

## 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."

Our next conversation will be about the role and influence of women in the church led by Diane Mercadante. 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!



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

### JULY 2021

Sunday <b>18</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Jer 23: 1-6</b> <b>Eph 2:13-18</b> <b>Mk; 6: 30-34</b>  +Gary Lauden and +Robert Scorzo
Monday <b>19</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Ex 14: 5-18</b> <b>Mt 12: 38-42</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>20</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	<b>Ex 14: 21 - 15:1</b> <b>Mt 12: 46-50</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>21</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15</b> <b>Mt 13: 1-9</b>  <b>+Our departed Parishioners</b>
<b>22</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Sgs 3: 1-4b</b> <b>Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>23</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Ex 20: 1-17</b> <b>Mt 13: 18-23</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Sunday <b>25</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>2 Kgs 4: 42-44</b> <b>Eph 4: 1-6</b> <b>Jn 6: 1-15</b>  <b>+Melina Joy Silvestre Orillaza</b>

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 +James Olivares and +Aurora Vinzons

### 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>





## 2021 Financial Report for Wearin' the Green

Revenue	\$241,832
Expenses	\$ 21,822

<b>Net Revenue – with Cubs Charities Matching Gift</b>	<b>\$220,010</b>
<b>Net Revenue – w/o Cubs Charities Matching Gift</b>	<b>\$195,010</b>

Thank you Saint Andrew for all your support! It was a very challenging year but this Parish and School came together to not only make it financially successful but memorable all at the same time!

A very special THANK YOU to the entire WTG committee for their tireless effort and enthusiasm! We couldn't have don't it without your tremendous teamwork!

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### Thank you Kascha Sanor!

During the last few months, you may have noticed a new face gracing the church as you entered Saint Andrew Parish for Sunday Mass.

Kascha Sanor has been serving as our Pastoral Ministry Assistant during the parental leave of Megan Daigle who returns this week to assume her normal duties.

During Kascha's time on staff, we had weekly changes to the protocols that allowed parishioners to gather and worship. She always channeled the Holy Spirit in her adaptability and calming presence. Not only did she assist our Safety Team in keeping the church safe, but she also helped to cultivate the talents of the team to maintain a welcoming presence for all in our community. We are grateful for her generous contribution.

Kascha has begun a new assignment working full time with the Congregation of Saint Joseph as their Director of Social and Environmental Justice as well as completing her Masters of Divinity at Loyola University. We wish her well and many blessings as she moves onward in her journey. Send her a note of thanks at [Kascha@standrew.org](mailto:Kascha@standrew.org)



Her last day will be Wednesday, July 28, 2021.



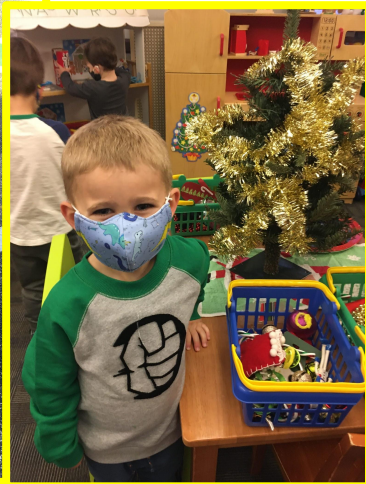


# Saint Andrew School



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

Contact Anne Japsen in  
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for more information!



## Spirit. Study. Service.