



Saint Andrew Parish

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“For freedom, Christ has set us free.”
Galatians 5:1

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 David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“If we had been granted the freedom to worship God in accordance with our own beliefs... it would have been enough.”

One of my favorite prayers from the Jewish tradition is the “Dayenu.” It was written in the ninth century and is traditionally prayed/sung during the Seder meal at Passover. “Dayenu” roughly translates to “It would have been enough” and is invoked by the participants of a seder when they recount the miracles God bestowed upon the Israelites during the passing from slavery in Egypt to freedom written in the book of Exodus.

The prayer basically reads as follows. If God had brought us out of Egypt... it would have been enough. If God had split the sea for us... it would have been enough. If God had led us through on dry land... it would have been enough. And so on. “Dayenu” means “it would have been enough.”

As a structured prayer, it is a beautiful way to “count your blessings” by not only to name that which we as a community are thankful but also to recognize that God’s abundance exceeds what is necessary.

I think this prayer is an extraordinary way to enter into the celebration of July 4th. In 2021, Americans tend to spend time reflecting on “how great we are” and bolstering the pomp and bluster of our nation. Sometimes we muster more sublime actions by rendering gratitude for “Freedom” itself, but gratitude doesn’t sell fireworks and cupcakes as easily. I would encourage us to pray on this 4th of July in the same manner of the Dayenu that our Jewish brothers and sisters use.

If we had been granted the freedom to worship God in accordance with our own beliefs... it would have been enough. If we had been granted men and women who would die to preserve us from tyrannical monarchy... It would have been enough. If we had been given the right to elect our own leaders... it would have been enough. If we were guaranteed the opportunity to speak our beliefs without persecution... it would have been enough.

And even with these blessings enshrined within our country, we have so much more. With such abundance, why then do we still experience such fractures in our country’s fabric? Why is there such discord in our national dialogue?

For me, I think it stems from a misplaced perspective on “what is enough” and the Dayenu prayer is a sort of remedy for our unquenchable desires. When we think that we deserve more, need more, and have the right to more, it distorts our appreciation for what we already have. Without well placed gratitude and patient appreciation, we as a country can be tempted into arrogance, narcissism, and overconfidence. With a well placed prayer of thanksgiving we are drawn toward mutual understanding, appreciation, and generativity.

In Galatians, Chapter 5 verse 1, Saint Paul writes “For Freedom, Christ set us free.” When we look back and see the tremendous impact of Christ’s freely given gift to us, what more can we say about the abundance and generosity of God than... it would have been enough.



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!



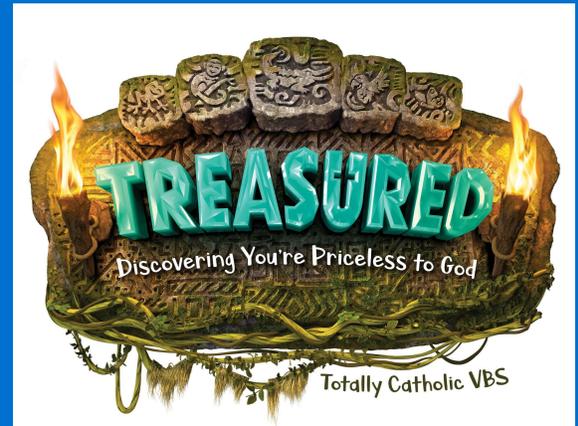
Vacation Bible School - July 19-23

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/>



Save the Date - Fall Fling

Saint Andrew will host the 19th Annual Fall Fling this 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.



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.

JULY 2021

Sunday 04	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk; 6: 1-6 +Marjori Drury and deceased members of her family
Monday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 28: 10-22 Mt 9: 18-26 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 32: 23-33 Mt 9: 22-38 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 41: 55-57, 42: 5-7a, 17-24a Mt 10: 1-7 +Our departed Parishioners
08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29, 45: 1-5 Mt 10: 7-15 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 09	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30 Mt 10: 16-23 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 Mk 6: 7-13 +James Olivares

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 +Marjori Drury and deceased members of her family

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

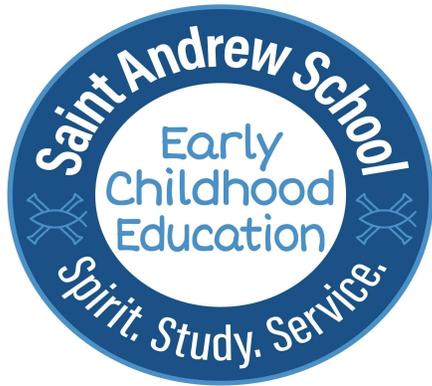
Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,753,397
Interest on Income	32,0696
Total Income	1,785,466
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total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

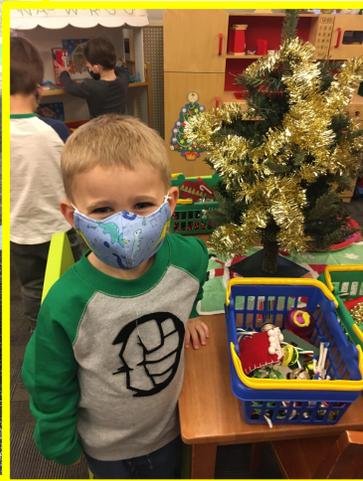


Saint Andrew School



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

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