



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”
Psalm 34:9

Parish Information

Parish Office New Hours:

The parish office has now returned to being open seven days a week. The new hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3pm and Sundays from 9:00am to 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.

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

Mass Schedule & Confessions:

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

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the main church.

Current Safety Measures:

The Archdiocese has instructed parishes to comply with the City of Chicago's indoor mask mandate.

All worshipers, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks while inside the church. Our Safety Team will provide masks for those entering the church who do not have one.

Thank you for helping to keep a safe environment at Saint Andrew so that all can worship.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



“I can’t explain suffering in the world, but I do think that Jesus offers us a path forward in how we respond”

In Haiti, we see a people suffering, struggling to find survivors in the aftermath of natural disasters. In Afghanistan, we see people suffering, both from a long war and the backlash of foreign troops leaving the country. In Oregon, California, and other western states, we see people suffering from one of the most active forest fire seasons on record. And of course, all around the world, we see people suffering, trying to make sense of the physical, emotional, and economic toll of a worldwide pandemic.

Many insightful commentators have attempted to explain suffering in the context of being a Christian, but I’ll readily admit that it is far beyond my understanding. Lately, though, instead of searching for the reason for suffering, trying to understand how such things happen in a world created by a loving God, I’ve found myself on a different track as I try to be more present to my response to the images I see in the news.

In today’s Gospel, when many of many of Jesus’ disciples listened to the bread of life discourse, they thought that *this saying is hard, who can accept it?* They were focused on the question of why - why would we eat this man’s flesh? - and how - how would that even work? Much like my initial reaction to all of the bad news, they tried to explain, when they should have focused on their response.

I can’t explain suffering in the world, but I do think that Jesus offers us a path forward in how we respond to what we see. At the end of today’s Gospel, many disciples were leaving, and Jesus asked Peter if he, too, wants to go, to look for an easier road, to find a way without difficulty. Peter’s response: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

So, too, with us. We don’t run away from the suffering, turn our eyes away from the horrifying images. When confronted with tragedy, pain, and hardship, instead of just praying to understand why, we need to take a more expansive approach. Our prayer must turn toward understanding how to respond.

How do we turn to Jesus’ words of eternal life as a way to inform our reaction?

How do we work for peace, in our homes, our communities, and our world?

How do we bring about justice, real equality, in our governments and systems?

How do we look upon suffering and respond with the hope of the Eucharist, even when the teaching is hard?

The suffering is all around us. How does the Bread of Life encourage us to respond?



Registration for Fall Fling is open!

Registration has opened for the Saint Andrew 19th Annual Fall Fling on **September 18, 2021**. The day will start with a 9-hole golf outing at **Sydney Marovitz Golf Course** in the afternoon followed by a dinner party and live entertainment at **The Piggery** in Roscoe Village.

Register now! Only a limited number of tee times are available. More information is on the web at www.standrew.org/FallFling



Registration for Fall Fling is open!

For families who have children in public or private schools, Saint Andrew offers religious instruction for children in grades K-8. This education also prepares children for the reception of Sacraments including Holy Communion and Confirmation. The program will begin on **Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 10:00am**. Registration is now open as well as the schedule of curriculum expectations for the year ahead. For additional information and to register visit www.standrew.org/re



Mission Appeal for Tanzanian Church

We are blessed to have Fr. Silvanus assigned as an Associate Pastor at Saint Andrew Parish. He comes to us from Tanzania where he grew up and is ordained a priest. This weekend we are taking a special collection for the ongoing missionary work of his home diocese. This collection will be taken as a second collection at Mass.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Rights and Responsibilities

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

We look to scripture to find instruction on how we can take responsibility in order to protect the rights of the vulnerable. This is a great way to incorporate prayer and social justice conversations.

Take out your bible (or click on the links) and see if you can draw the same conclusions from these readings. You might do this on your own or with family and friends as a way of sparking important conversations about our personal and communal responsibilities.

[Leviticus 25:35](#)

When someone is reduced to poverty, we have an obligation to help.

[Proverbs 31:8-9](#)

Open your mouth to speak on behalf of those in need.

[Acts 4: 32-35](#)

There was not a needy person among them.

[2 Corinthians 9:6-15](#)

God's gifts are given to be shared.

[Matthew 25: 31-46](#)

Just as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.

(From the USCCB's Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

AUGUST, 2021

Sunday 22	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jos 24: 1-2a,15-17, 18b Eph 5: 21-32 Jn 6: 60-69 +Virginia Kaufman
Monday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Thes 1:1-5. 8b-10 Mt 23: 13-22 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rv 21: 9b-14 Jn 1: 45-51 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Thes 2: 9-13 Mt 23: 27-32 +Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24z; 42-51 +Our departed Parishioners
Friday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Thes 4: 1-8 Mt 25: 1-13 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 29	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8 Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 +Peggy Cooney and +June and Larry Palm

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 +Virginia Kaufman

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,851,712
Interest on Income	32,764
Total Income	1,884,476
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	1,072,529

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	5,983
Automated Giving	20,653
Loose Cash	1,850
Total Offertory	28,486
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	44,945
Amount Paid	41,455
Balance Due	3,140

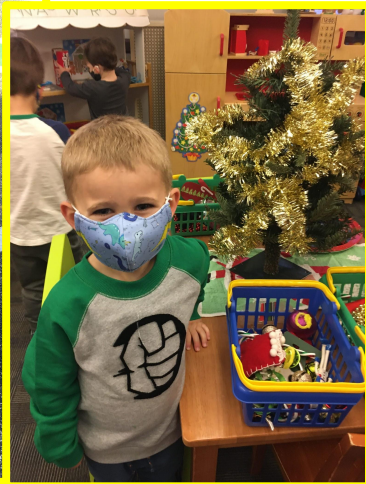


Saint Andrew School



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

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