



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.”  
James 1:22

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# 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 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3pm and Sundays from 9:00 am 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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## Parish Staff

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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“Our greatness is rooted in our potential”*

In the course of human history, it is rare to find a country without hubris. Every nation has a fair amount of pride in what they do and what they accomplish. Even in the first reading today, we hear the tribes of Israel proclaiming *“What great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God is to us?”* DT 4:7

The holy and integrated version of this nation-affirming sentiment is the ongoing pursuit of “the more,” the “magis” as Saint Ignatius put it. This is the aspirational value that if we band together and do our best, we can reach any goal.

The unholy and disintegrated version of this leads to imperialistic and tyrannical structures which resemble nothing more than a bully on a playground.

In the case of our own country, I am ever vigilant to be concerned about the latter, and ever hopeful that we might be like the former. I am not the first person to assert that our nation is in trouble right now. It is easy to start up a conversation with anyone with the words, “Can you believe how divided we are?”

Rather than take a stand on the divide, I’d like to offer some spiritual insight to how we view the divide itself. It seems to me that part of our divisiveness comes from how we look at history. I am a big believer that the past is prelude and we need to know history and learn from it. I also believe it is important to be rooted in the wisdom of our elders. At the same time, I find it ill advised to define our greatness based on what has come before us.

Did our greatness come from systematically legislating slavery and racism? Did it come from denying women the right to get an education, own property, or vote? Did it come from military might? If so then how do we split the difference between when the United States has truly served as liberators of captive people and when we have indiscriminately caused the death of innocent civilians?

No, I do not see our nation's greatness rooted in the past but I see our greatness rooted in our potential. It is the ongoing pursuit to do better that transforms us from the lifeless vestiges of the past into a people who follow a living God.

What is more, this disposition is collaborative and progressive. Ongoing aspiration is not threatened by other countries also doing well. Our neighbors in the global village are synchronistic witnesses to the ongoing bounty of God’s creative powers. Our greatness does not come from their misfortune.

The kind of greatness we should seek is inspired by the hope that we can reverse the unborn at the same time that we end the oppression of women. It is a greatness that seeks an end to racism and discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals. It is a greatness that can develop medicines and vaccines to eradicate cancer and terminal disease. It is a greatness that can end poverty, homelessness, and hunger.

In short, our greatness comes from firm embedding into the mystery of the living God who calls us into something more. Anything less is idol worship and we ourselves are the idol.



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# Staffing Announcements

## Megan Daigle Takes Permanent Leave

I am so grateful to have this opportunity to share news of my decision to resign from parish ministry at Saint Andrew. I will spend the next year providing care for our new baby girl and finishing my Masters in Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago.

In the last three years I've gone from being the "new kid on the block" to becoming good friends and colleagues with some of the hardest working, most dedicated ministers in the City of Chicago. I am *not exaggerating* when I say we have one of the best pastoral staffs on the north side. I am incredibly grateful as well to the educators who have welcomed me into their classrooms, the teenagers who inspire me with hope in the young Catholic church, the volunteers who give so much of themselves, and all the people of Saint Andrew Parish. You are God's hands and feet!

I look forward to sharing a longer reflection in my pastoral letter the weekend of September 12, which will also be my last day serving you. Until then, please feel free to reach out to me via email at [megan@standrew.org](mailto:megan@standrew.org)



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## Father Falasiko Matovu Returns to Chicago

During the past two years, we were blessed to have Mr. Falasiko Matovu serve at Saint Andrew Parish during the time that we was ordained as a Transitional Deacon (then Deacon Falasiko) and now he has been ordained a priest for his home diocese in Uganda (now Father Falasiko).

To serve the church further, he has been accepted for advanced studies at Mundelein Seminary and will continue his academic pursuits in Chicago. This allows him to return on occasion to serve as one of the supporting priests at Saint Andrew Parish.

He will return next Sunday, September 4, 2021 to preside at the 9:00 am Mass. A small reception for him will take place on the church sidewalk after the Mass. Stop by, enjoy some donuts, and take some time to congratulate a new priest serving the church!





## 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](http://www.standrew.org/FallFling)



## Religious Education Starts September 12!

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](http://www.standrew.org/re)



## Vespers and Vino - For Young Adults

Young Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us on September 19, 2021 at 7:30pm for the solemn celebration of Vespers, followed by a light reception and beverages. This event is sponsored by the Young Adult Ministries of St. Benedict and St. Andrew Parish. All ages invited! Music provided by Schola Cantorum Benedicti.

Vespers is part of The Liturgy of the hours, which is also known as The Divine Office. The Liturgy of the Hours is a prayer that takes place over the course of a day.



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## Heavenly Hymns

“Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.” (Matthew 26:30)

Have you ever wondered where our tradition of music comes from? As with many of our traditions, Christian music has its roots in Jewish psalms and antiphons. It was likely one of these arrangements the apostles sang together the evening before Jesus was crucified. St. Paul also encourages the early church to “[address] one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts” (Ephesians 5:19).

The music we choose to worship with is as varied in style and tone as our own personalities. Some people may find Gregorian chant, [such as these recordings](#) by the Benedictine Nuns of St. Cecelia’s Abbey, to be uplifting. Taizé Prayer, a meditative form of evening worship that originated in Taizé, France, utilizes mantra songs in communal worship. You can join them live on Saturday evenings by [clicking here](#).

Mass settings vary from one parish to another, and some parishes even change their mass setting seasonally. At Saint Andrew, we use musical arrangements according to the Mass of Light. [Click here](#) to listen to the the familiar notes of the Gloria - and know that you can now sing along at in-person masses. Hallelujah!

Music is a wonderful gift that brings healing to our hearts and minds. Whether you prefer to sit and enjoy a recording or choose to make your own joyful noise, you are joined by the choirs of angels in heaven who praise without ceasing: “Hosanna in the highest!”

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

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2021

Sunday <b>29</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dt 4: 1-2,6-8</b> <b>Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27</b> <b>Mk 7: 1-8,14-15, 21-23</b>  +Peggy Cooney & June and Larry Palm
Monday <b>30</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Thes 4: 13-18</b> <b>Lk 4: 16-30</b>  +Rosita Pagalunal
Tuesday <b>31</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11</b> <b>Lk 4: 31-37</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday September <b>01</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Col 1: 1-8</b> <b>Lk 4: 38-44</b>  +Our departed Parishioners
Thursday <b>02</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Col 1: 9-14</b> <b>Lk 5: 1-11</b>  +Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>03</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Col 1: 15-20</b> <b>Lk 5: 33-39</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Sunday <b>05</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Is 35: 4-7a</b> <b>Jas 2: 1-5</b> <b>Mk 7: 31-37</b>  +Mary Lou Jones

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 +Virginia Kaufman

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	5,983
Automated Giving	20,653
Loose Cash	1,850
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>28,486</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>



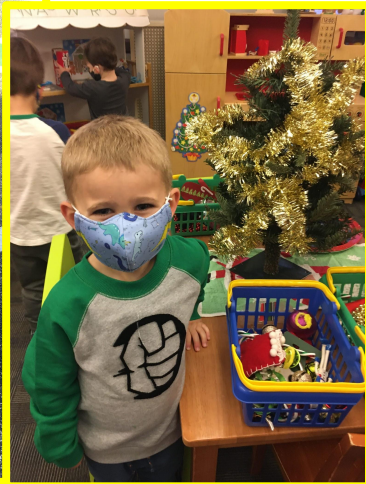


# Saint Andrew School



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

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for more information!



## Spirit. Study. Service.