



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Elijah lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree.”
1 Book of Kings: 19:5

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.

Masks are strongly recommended

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MASKS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ON THESE PREMISES



The Departments of Public Health strongly recommend all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors.

Beginning now, it is **strongly recommended that all persons entering Archdiocesan facilities be masked regardless of their vaccination status**. This applies to parish offices, schools, churches and other public spaces. Observance of this policy aligns us with public health officials layered mitigation strategies.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will reevaluate our policy if conditions and public health guidance warrants it. It is our hope and our prayer that measures taken now and scrupulously applied will enable us to adopt a mask-optional policy for vaccinated persons in the future. Certainly we are disappointed and saddened that infection and serious illness rates have again surged. We must do our part to bring the pandemic under control and the suffering to an end. This is both our civic and Christian duty. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to keep each other safe and well.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“There is no
stigma in
God’s eyes.”*

Naomi Osaka quits the tennis French Open this year in part due to the relentless media. She courageously admitted that the pressure was too great, which has led to bouts of depression since 2018. Simone Biles withdrew, citing mental health concerns, in order to protect “her body and mind.” Other Olympians are using headsets from Halo Sport to condition their minds. It appears to relieve their anxieties, focusing their attention and stimulating their mind on their sport. These bouts of depression and anxieties have increased during this Covid pandemic. One out of two people do experience some degree of a mental health challenge, but less than 50% will seek help. Why?

Perhaps, we continue to perceive any mental health problems as evil. After all we hear in scripture that the disciples, sent two by two, returned after driving out many demons. Also, our mental health treatment over the centuries did have a negative attitude towards their patients. Yet, Phycologist and Exorcist for the Archdiocese of Detroit stated in all his years of service, that today it was really rare for a patient to be possessed, but instead was suffering from a mental disorder. Thankfully doctors have diagnosed these disorders of the mind to be: Depression (lasting beyond 2 weeks); Anxiety (to threats in the environment); Post-Traumatic Stress (experienced after a traumatic event); Bipolar (illness of extreme mood, energy and activity swings); Eating Disorder (illness of distorted thought and emotions of how their body works); Substance Use (pattern of using alcohol or another substance that impairs daily life); Psychotic (loss of some contact with reality -Schizophrenia). Yet, the stigma remains.

Perhaps, we perceive ourselves to be superhuman, able to rise above any stress and overcome the mental challenges in our lives. Yet the reality, we are all very human, just like God created us. There is no stigma in God’s eyes. He loves us all regardless of our physical or mental or moral challenges in our lives. And our Father sent his Son to heal us and not to condemn us – to care for the ‘whole’ person through love.

In the field of Psychology, they have found 6 steps to caring for our minds: Pay Attention to what you experience; Sleep for 7 to 9 hours; Exercise - even just a daily walk; focus on Life-Long Learning; Joy Conditioning - think of joyful experiences when faced with sorrowful; Meditation. Yet, we know that Joy is a fruit from the Holy Spirit, that brings healing. We know that going to our room and praying in silence (meditation) brings us into the presence of Jesus, who brings us healing, comfort and love. And we know that the disciples drove out demons and cured the sick through the *power of loving another*. Perhaps we are superhuman, when we rise above our negative attitudes toward others, and bring Christ’s care and love to all his children’s needs – physically, mentally and morally.



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 or call 773-525-3016 to express interest. Thank you!



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 - look for the Fall Fling link!



Conversations in the Courtyard

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us with the young adults from Saint Benedict Parish for our summer series, "**Conversations in the Courtyard.**" The next session will be **Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 7:00pm.** Food and beverages are provided for free! The conversation will be hosted by JR Zerkowski who is the executive director of Fortunate Families. We will be discussing how the church can better support and care for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Please join us!



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 08	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30 - 5:2 Jn 6:41-51 Roberta Duna - Health and Blessings
Monday 09	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 10: 12-22 Mt 17: 22-27 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Cor 9: 6-10 Jn 12: 24-26 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 34: 1-12 Mt 18: 15-20 +Our departed Parishioners
12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18: 21 - 19:1 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jos 24: 1-13 Mt 19: 3-12 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 15	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rev 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15: 20-27 Lk 1: 39-56 +Norbert Wesolowski

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 health and blessing of Roberta Duna.
- For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including our departed Parishioners.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,846,7317
Interest on Income	32,396
Total Income	1,879,126
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	1,067,180

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
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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