



Saint Andrew Parish

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“They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” Mark 10:9

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 7:00 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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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



“We don’t have to be psychiatrists to accompany people with mental illness, but we all have a spiritual calling to stand with God’s people.”

As we enter into October, we enter into a new week of awareness. Just as we are currently recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Americans during National Hispanic Heritage Month, so this first week of October offers us an opportunity for understanding the disease of Mental Illness.

An awareness that one out of four families suffer from the diseases of mental illness. An understanding that mental illnesses are medical conditions that disrupt a person’s thinking, feeling, mood, daily functioning and ability to relate to others. Mental illness doesn’t develop because of a person’s character or intelligence. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, a mental illness is a disorder of the brain that can make it difficult to cope with the ordinary demands of life. No one is to blame—not the person and not the family.

These past two years we have understandably witnessed increases in anxiety and depression. Fortunately, the Psychiatry of healing has come a long way since *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*. For today the medical field has moved from administrating - to healing and recovery. In other words, the focus has shifted from the disease to the person living with it.

"In the last 15 years we've gone from a medical model to a recovery model," said Deacon Tom Lambert of the Chicago Archdiocese's Commission on Mental Illness. "When I talk about recovery, I put it in the context of what Christ did. He healed people, but he also restored them to their rightful place in the community ... The recovery process involves therapists, psychiatrists, medications, socialization and attentiveness to spirituality. When you combine all of that, you're dealing with the whole person, and one that invites participation from the church at the national and local level, and puts American Catholicism in a unique position to make an important societal difference."

First, it starts with awareness: educating people about what mental illness is to destigmatize it. We build ramps for the physically handicapped, so we must build ramps that help people to feel safe, and able to talk about mental health, and to know that the Church is a place that understands. This happens through our bulletin articles, preaching and training our hospitality team. All of this helps welcome people into our church, and opens parishioners to effectively listen and understand.

The second step is acceptance: accepting people for who they are. We need to understand that all people have limitations, and still, we welcome them. If people are on medication, for example, sometimes it can affect their energy or their abilities.

The third step is to accompany people. Parishioners don’t have to be psychiatrists, but we all have a spiritual calling to stand with God’s people. We don’t have to be oncologists to accompany people with cancer, and we don’t have to be psychiatrists to accompany people with mental illness.

In conclusion, because mental illness is so stigmatizing, people feel they’re going through this alone. But we of faith can show that we accept them for who they are and what they’re going through, and that we love them, which is the ultimate spiritual gift we can offer.

For further information please click: [Know the Warning Signs of Mental Illness](#) or [Mental Illness Crisis Signs](#)



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Monthly Sung Vespers:

Last month, Saint Andrew and Saint Benedict Parishes began a new monthly program of praying vespers together.

This sung prayer experience will invite you into the sacred prayer of the church with a beautiful candle lighting ritual. All are invited to come to the next vespers service on **Sunday, October 17, 7:30pm** in the main church at Saint Andrew Parish.

After the service, there will be a reception with wine and refreshments.

Future dates for “Vespers and Vino” include: November 14, January 23, February 20, and March 20.

Please join us for our common prayer between our two parishes.



SUNG VESPERS
PRESENTED BY ST. BENEDICT
& ST. ANDREW PARISHES

REBOOT Your Spirituality:

Our popular spirituality program for adults returns this Fall. [REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality](#) will be held on Thursday nights this fall for 6 weeks starting **October 14, 2021**. If you need to start learning, need a booster, or just a refresher on the Catholic Church's trove of spiritual treasure, join us for this 6 weeks faith-enrichment program. To find out more and to register visit www.standrew.org/reboot



“The REBOOT program allowed me to look at myself and my faith with fresh eyes. The discussions were lively, engaging, and valuable; I left each meeting with new knowledge relating to the Catholic faith and reflections of what it means to me to be a Catholic today.” – Morgan Hewitt

“REBOOT was a great way to reflect on myself and my relationship with God. I loved having the various points of view from the group as each of us is at very different stage in life.” – Mara Baer



Run (or Walk) to Support Saint Andrew

Runners and walkers, it is time to prepare! The Annual Saint Andrew 5K Race will be on the morning of **Sunday, October 24, 2021**. The race is designed for the 5K enthusiast as well as family-friendly participation to encourage everyone to get outside and stay fit. Prices vary based on age group.

Register soon to ensure that you receive the complimentary merchandise for the event while supplies last. To find out more and to register, go to

<http://standrew.org/gather/upcoming-events/5k-running-of-the-bulldogs/>



Coach Like a Champion Today

Much of Saint Andrew Parish's history is tied with its support for and enthusiasm around athletic sports. This tradition continues as we move through the pandemic and are able to start up our athletic program for Saint Andrew School.

We are seeking qualified basketball coaches for the upcoming season! Contact AD Matthew Pope with your interest at matthewpope@gosaintandrew.com



Shop to Support Saint Andrew!

The 13th Annual Shop for Schools in Roscoe Village will take place October 6 & 7, 2021. Support Saint Andrew by shopping at the businesses below. Mention Saint Andrew and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Saint Andrew. It's that easy!

Stores include: Reach Pilates, Kenneth Ludwig Chicago, Kickn', A Pie d, The Denim Lounge in Lotion, Ellie Thomson & Co, Moondance, Roscoe Village Bikes, Cubbington's Cabinet, RoscoeBooks and Studio, Cinnamon Boutique, Winne Cooper Boutique, and the Denim Lounge



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

God our Creator

For thousands of years, people have given God different names and attributes. In our Catholic tradition, the triune (three in one) God, exists in a beautiful, mysterious relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We participate in this relationship too! Our connection to God as part of creation not only compels us to rely on God's love for our very existence, but also calls us to participate as stewards of the earth, in caring for the gift of our planet - the earth, the skies, the water, and all living creatures who live among us.

In Genesis 1:28, God instructs humanity to "Have dominion over [...] all the living things that crawl on the earth." Dominion in this sense does not mean domination - we are not to use and abuse the earth purely for our own pleasure and profit. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also made to reflect God's mercy, grace, love, and respect for all living things.

God places humanity in creation as part of a larger plan, both as members of creation and as trusted guardians.

Do At Home

Watch: Swap your TV shows for a documentary on God's creation.

Read: Writings of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit priest and poet. Try "God's Grandeur" or "Pied Beauty."

Do: Put on gloves and take a trash bag out to clean up your neighborhood with your family or a couple of friends.

Pray: There are two beautiful prayers at the conclusion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home*. Scroll to the bottom of [this website](#) to find the prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

OCTOBER, 2021

Sunday 03	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 2: 18-24 Heb 2: 9-11 Mk 10: +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family and +Robert McFadden
Monday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jn 1: 1-2, 11 Jn 13: 34 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 10: 38-42 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jon 4: 1-11 Lk 11: 1-4 +Francisco Acosta
Thursday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Mal 3: 13-20b Lk 11: 5-13 +Sergio Romo, Sr
Friday 08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jl 1: 13-15,; 2: 1-2 Lk 11: 15-26 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 7: 7-11 Heb 4: 12-13 Mk 10: 17-30 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family

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 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, and +Robert McFadden

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,855,847
Interest on Income	32,764
Total Income	1,888,980
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	1,077,033

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

August, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	11,134
Automated Giving	25,275
Loose Cash	1,714
Total Offertory	38,123
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	49,605
Amount Paid	47,120
Balance Due	2,485

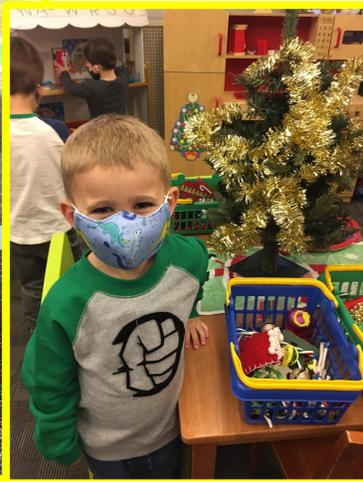


Saint Andrew School



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

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