



Saint Andrew Parish

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“What good is it if someone has faith but does not have works?”
James 2:14

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 Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



*“God doesn’t
always call us
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Dear Parish Family,

I can’t believe it, but here I am writing my last letter to you as a member of the pastoral staff. If you missed the announcement in recent bulletins, I shared news of my decision to resign from parish ministry. I will spend the next year providing care for our new baby girl and finishing my Masters in Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago as I discern what lies ahead.

It’s hard to explain the feelings I have resisting this change. I am torn between my desire to stay home and my desire to see more women in ministry. I value the opportunities I had to reflect on the gospel in these bulletins, to accompany our young people in faith, to problem solve alongside dedicated volunteers, and wonder at the kind of church we are and could become.

There was so much I wanted to do before I left! I had so many ideas, so many plans. And in the middle of all of these plans I kept feeling that I was headed in the wrong direction. It was silly - how could I be going in the wrong direction when it seemed like I was on such a roll?

But God is persistent. The Holy Spirit doesn’t let up. Jesus knows just how to make his invitation to consider something new. Here’s the thing: God doesn’t always call us where we want to go, but it is always where we are needed.

So I would like to leave you with a section from my favorite blessing, from Sister Ruth Fox, OSB. (You can read the whole text [here](#).) I hope it challenges you in the best possible way this week and in the years to come.

“May God bless you with discontent with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.”

In all foolishness and faithfulness,
Megan



A Word of Thanks

I wish to offer my thanks to Megan Daigle who has served on our staff at Saint Andrew Parish over the last three years.

Megan has been a parishioner at Saint Andrew for many years and we are privileged to have seen her gifts mature and develop as she worked on two Master's degrees, got married to her spouse Luke, and gave birth to her first child. As her gifts and talents continue to blossom, she has been so generous to share those with the parish first as a volunteer and then as a professional.

Megan's attentiveness to detail and her thorough work ethic, were core to the parish traversing the pandemic these last 20+ months. Together with our Safety Team / Hospitality Team, she helped to implement the numerous and often changing protocols that allowed us to open the church for worship.

Although I am saddened to see her depart our professional staff, I am grateful for the time she has been with us and look forward to the ways that she will continue to manifest the love God in the witness of her life. Thank you Megan!

Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



Join us for Fall Fling Next Saturday!

Saint Andrew loves a party! The Fall Fling is on **Saturday, September 18** this year. The day starts with a shotgun start at 3pm sharp for 72 golfers at the Marovitz Golf Course on beautiful Lake Michigan. 5 spots left to fill, so sign up now if you'd like to play! We'll make sure you have fun and we'll have several games around the course to keep it interesting. Serious golfers will compete for the trophy and other outstanding prizes. A shuttle will take you to the dinner party, and will take your clubs to the school's gym for you to retrieve on Sunday morning. Whether you can join us for golf or not, join us for dinner at The Piggery from 7pm to midnight! We booked the entire restaurant, including all of its outdoor spaces, for the event. The evening will include a live band, premium open bar from 7pm to 10pm, a fantastic dinner, opportunity to sign up for great sign-up parties, and fun with your friends! The Piggery tells us that their capacity for an event like ours is roughly 600 people, so we will be well below their capacity with our expected headcount of 175 or fewer. A link to sign up for golf & dinner, or just for dinner, is here: https://gosaintandrew.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=343055&type=d



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



KofC's Intellectual Disabilities Fund

Next weekend Sept 18 and 19, after all the masses, the Knights of Columbus will be outside of church collecting for their Annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive. All of the funds collected, except for the cost of the candy, go directly to organized groups that service the needs of the intellectually disabled and learning disabled in local parishes. Online donations can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/KnightsTR2021>. If you would like to donate 2 hours of your time to a worthy cause please contact GK Tom Kaiser at 630-699-2079 or TJKaiser@sprynet.com for info.



Elections for School Board

Saint Andrew is conducting elections this weekend for the School Advisory Board. Elections will run from Friday, September 10th through Monday, September 13th at noon. There are four positions available each year on the Board. In this year's election, eight candidates are seeking one of the four positions which last for a 3-year term. Please take the time to review the candidates backgrounds/experience and help select your representatives. Electronic ballots are available here: [SAS School Advisory Board Vote](#). We appreciate your support and involvement in this election process. Help grow Saint Andrew!



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.

SEPTEMBER, 2021

Sunday 12	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 50: 5-9a Jas 2: 14-18 Mk 8: 27-35 +Peggy Cooney, +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family and +John and Virginia Kaufman
Monday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Tim 2:1-8 Lk 7: 1-10 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday Exaltation of the Cross 14	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Nm 21: 4b-9 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Tim 3: 14-16 Jn 19: 25-27 +Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 16	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Tim 4: 12-16 Lk 7: 36-50 +Our departed Parishioners
Friday 17	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Tim 6: 2c-12 Lk 8: 1-3 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 19	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 2: 12, 17-20 Jas 3: 16 - 4:3 Mk 9: 30-37 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family and +John P. Miller

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 +John and 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	47,485
Amount Paid	44,450
Balance Due	3,035



ESCAPE THE Great Indoors



Climb aboard for adventure! When you become a Cub Scout, you join a group where going with the flow has never been more fun.

**JOIN A PACK TODAY AT
BEASCOUT.ORG**



Join us for pushcart races, learn more about Scouting, and to sign up for your next adventure !

**September 12th at 3:00pm
Hamilton School Parking Lot
1650 W Cornelia Ave, Chicago, IL 60657**

Pack 3971 Sign Up Event

Please contact us at info@pack3971.org for more information or any questions.

WHAT IS CUB SCOUTS?

Cub Scouts is a fun-filled program for boys and girls ages 5-10.

From the thrill of transforming a block of wood into a race car or launching a rocket, to the satisfaction of improving the community or making a new friend, Cub Scouts is full of meaningful adventures you and your Scout can enjoy together.

Scouts will go fishing, hiking, and earn badges all before the end of the year!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The registration and activity fee to join Pack 3971 is \$120. There are also one-time uniform costs and nominal event fees that may be charged.

These costs may be offset by fundraising and financial support for those who qualify.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Your family will become part of a local group called a pack that meets once a month for adventures, activities, and recognition of achievements.

Pack 3971 is chartered out of Saint Andrew with scouts from many local schools being members of the pack. We have scouts from Saint Andrew, Hamilton, Audubon, Pilgrim, Coonley, and Hawthorne just to name a few.

Your Cub Scout will also be part of a smaller group within the pack, based on grade and gender, that meets twice each month for age-specific activities.

HOW DO WE JOIN?

Pack 3971 is hosting a sign up event and pushcart race at Hamilton Elementary School.

September 12, 2021 @3pm

Hamilton School Parking Lot

1650 W Comelia Ave, Chicago, IL 60657

You can also join anytime by contacting Pack 3971 at info@pack3971.org. Transferring and returning scouts are always welcome as well!



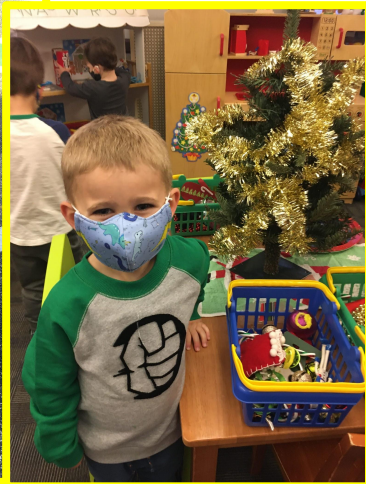
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Saint Andrew School



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

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