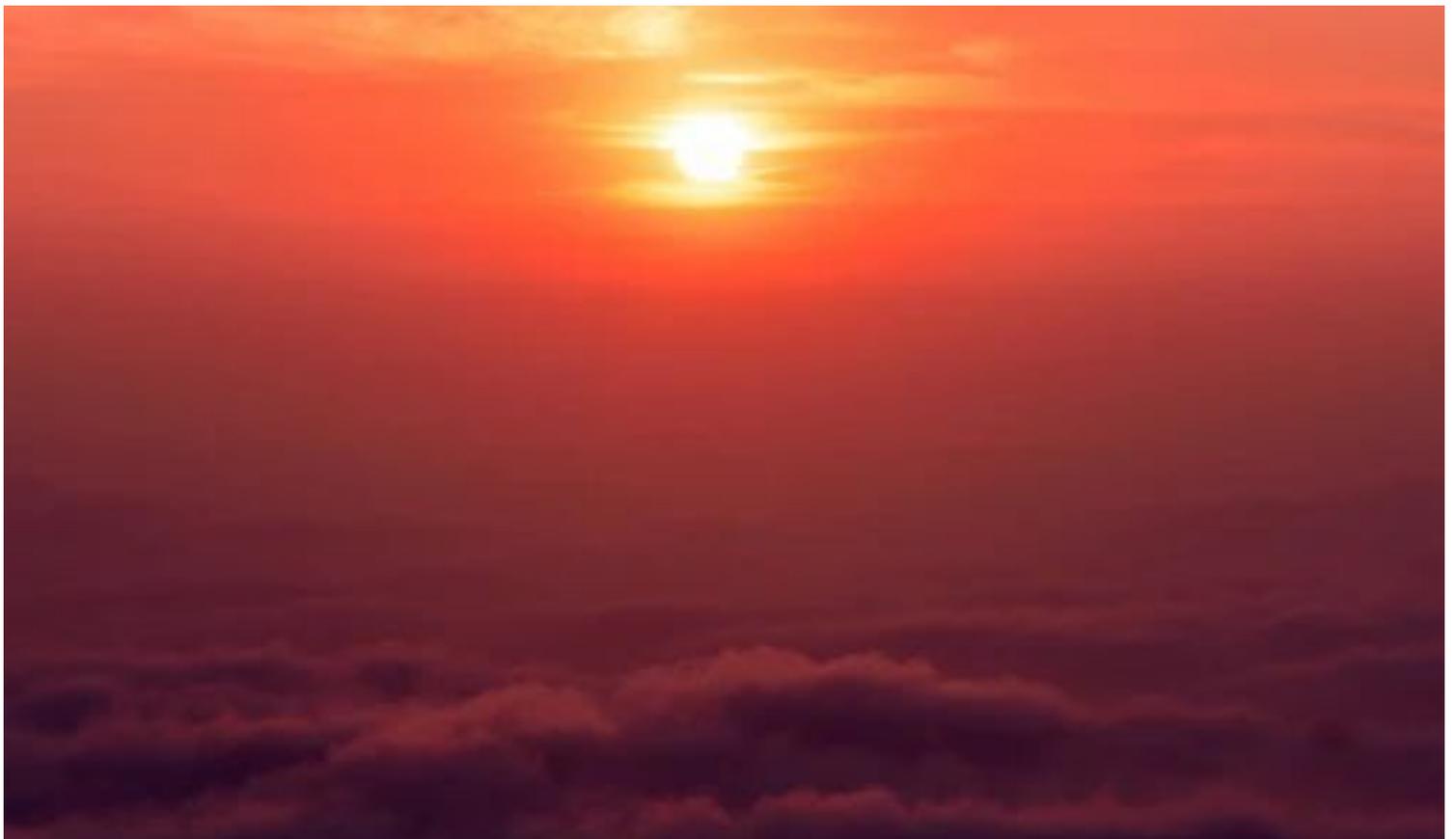




Saint Andrew Parish

GATHER • LEARN • LOVE



“The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy of insincerity?” James 3:17

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.

Sung Vespers - Sunday, September 19, 2021:

This Sunday is the first of our monthly sung vespers with Saint Benedict Parish. 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 at 7:30pm in the main church at Saint Benedict Parish, 2215 W. Irving Park.

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

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.



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

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“Yes, our conduct
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Christian
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Whom we love.”*

Rita and I often look over at each other and share a smile, whenever a reading from *the Letter of Saint James* appears in the Liturgy of the Hours. We don't smile because we think Saint James' letter is funny - or a joke - but because we know that we are in for an ear-full! He always seems to point out our weaknesses, and urges us to be responsible for our ethical conduct. "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice."

Saint James was the leader of the early Jewish Christian community in Jerusalem. Acknowledging the challenges of living a Christian life, he exhorts his community to be Christian by what they say and *do*. For from our passions comes forth conflicts, coveting, envy, and even taking others' lives. "You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

We too have passions that cloud our Christian actions. We ask a lot from God, But are we aware of what we are offered? And of whom we are asking it?

This reminds me of the story of a man who is advised to leave his house, due to an oncoming hurricane. He replies, "No, God will look after me. He will help me." As the waters flood into his home a boat arrives to evacuate him, but he replies, "No, God will look after me. He will help me." As the waters reach the top of his roof, a helicopter comes to save him. Still, he replies, "No, God will look after me. He will help me." Eventually he drowns and appears before Saint Michael, who asks, "What do you have to say for yourself?" The man replies, "God was supposed to look after me, but he didn't help me." Sadly, Saint Michael replies, "But God did look after you. He lovingly sent the service of his disciples three times to save you and each time you turned them down." In his passion he refused to receive.

Perhaps this brings a Saint James-smile to our faces? Perhaps it helps to bring insight into how we behave? Today, we are called to be Christians in our world, upholding standards of right over wrong. Or as Saint James exhorts us, we ought to uphold voters' rights; fulfill our Covid obligations to society; support equality for all people; offer the presence of God's love to those in need.

When we do ask God properly Saint James says, we receive "wisdom from above." Our passions are humbled and we bear "the fruit of righteousness, which is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." Yes, our conduct reflects being a Christian in what we say, and what we do --- and Whom we love.

May God Bless you within his presence. Deacon Eric



REBOOT Your Spirituality!

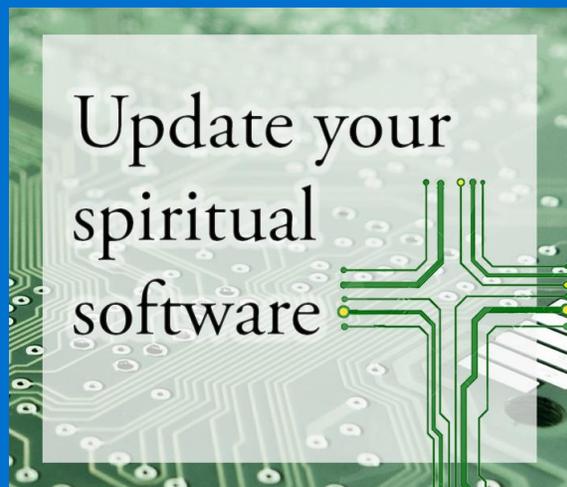
Our popular spirituality program for adults returns this Fall. [REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality](#) will be held on Thursday nights this fall for 6 weeks starting **October 14, 2021**. If you need to start learning, need a booster, or just a refresher on the Catholic Church's trove of spiritual treasure,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

5k Race - Registration Now Open

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. Find out more and register at <http://standrew.org/gather/upcoming-events/5k-running-of-the-bulldogs/>

Help End Hunger

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 8:30am to 11:15am at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to sort food items that will be distributed to food pantries serving the hungry throughout Chicagoland. Your volunteer time and help feed hundreds of people! Contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to express interest. Volunteers must be 11 years of age and up. 11 - 15 year-olds must be accompanied by and parent.



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 19	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 2: 12, 17-20 Jas 3: 16 - 4:3 Mk 9: 30-37 +Peggy Cooney, +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family ,+John P. Miller and +Jasmine Hart
Monday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ezr: 1: 1-6 Mt 5: 16 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Mt 9_ 9-13 + Amanda Fildes
Wednesday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ezr 9: 5-9 Lk 9: 1-6 John Fildes-Birthday Blessings
Thursday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Hg 1: 1-8 Lk 9: 7-9 +Our departed Parishioners
Friday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Hg 2: 1-9 Lk 9: 18-22 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Nm: 11: 25-29 Jas 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 38-43. 45, 47-48 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, +Peggy Cooney and +Amanda Fildes

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, +John P. Miller and +Jasmine Hart

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

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	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!



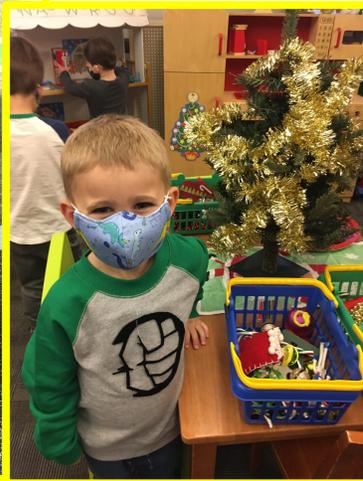
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