



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The eyes of the blind will be opened,
the ears of the deaf will be cleared.” Isaiah 35:5

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 Father Sergio, Pastor



“The smiles may be masked, but I know they are there”

For most people the Labor Day weekend symbolizes the unofficial end of summer. That never made any sense to me since we can still get quite a bit of warm weather past Labor Day. To me, it was just another excuse to fire up the grill for some burgers and brats. It really wasn't until I was assigned to Saint Andrew Parish, that the meaning of Labor Day changed for me.

Since I arrived in the middle of summer 2009, the change didn't happen right away. It wasn't until the start of summer 2010 that I noticed something here that I had never seen in any of my previous parish assignments. I noticed that once the unofficial start of summer arrived with the observance of Memorial Day, the parish became like a ghost town as families traveled. School would end shortly after Memorial Day, and the joyful ruckus of our school children leaving class every day became a deafening silence. Sunday Mass attendance would drop dramatically. And friendly faces I had grown accustomed to seeing week after week would be gone. All of that would change though once Labor Day arrived and the school children and all the friendly faces returned once again.

Labor Day then came to symbolize a welcoming back of the many people and various activities that make up Saint Andrew Parish. I still fired up the grill every year, but I now did it with something real to celebrate. But then the pandemic hit, and even though Labor Day 2020 arrived things did not resume like usual. Our school children returned, but the joyful ruckus was muffled by face masks, and church capacity was limited to 50 people. In many ways the feeling of a ghost town lingered well beyond the usual three months.

With the ongoing concern of new and more virulent strains we know that the pandemic is not over. But vaccines are available to anyone 12 years old and older. And some of the safety measures have since been relaxed. The most exciting thing for me is the prospect of seeing more and more of the friendly faces that have not been around for awhile. In the interest of health and safety they were staying home, and rightly so. With the availability of vaccines though, I have been seeing many people who I haven't seen for over a year.

It's a different kind of joy now that Labor Day 2021 is upon us. Every week I have been, and will continue to marvel at what familiar faces I will see. The smiles may be masked, but I know they are there. This Labor Day will be more special than all the others as more and more parishioners return to Saint Andrew. If that isn't a good excuse to fire up the grill for some burgers and brats, then I don't know what is. Happy Labor Day Everyone! Welcome back!



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

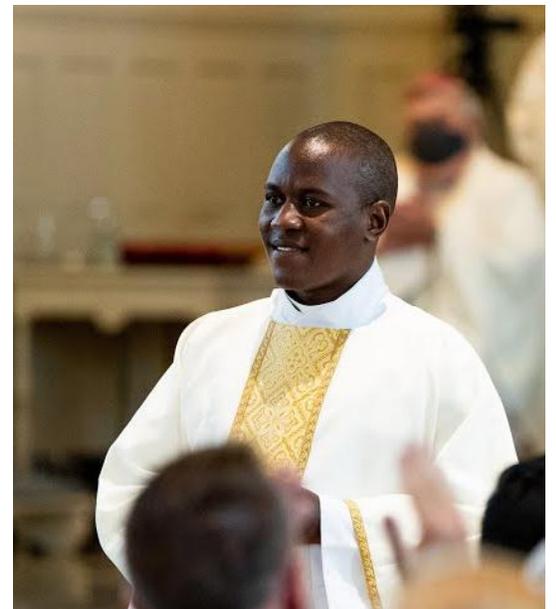


Father Falasiko Matovu Returns to Chicago

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 returns to Saint Andrew to preside at Mass on Sunday, September 4, 2021. 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



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



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 at Saint Benedict Parish 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

The Dignity of Work

Every September we celebrate Labor Day. This holiday emerged at the end of the 19th century during the Second Industrial Revolution, when large factories employed thousands of workers who operated in unsafe conditions and without fair pay. Labor Day provided an opportunity to celebrate the *dignity* of workers, their right to just compensation and protections in the workplace. Dignity of Work is so important, it is also a core value of Catholic Social Teaching!

These days, we talk less about “labor” and more about “the state of the economy.” News agencies report incessantly on the stock market and trade wars. Work has eclipsed the workers. What happens when we do this? We stop seeing people and start seeing statistics, margins, profits.

The word “economic” comes from the Greek word *oikonomia*, meaning “household management.” So what if we consider modern economics less of a numbers game and more as the functioning of a well organized family unit? In a supportive family, each member helps as best they can with the gifts they have. All contributions are appreciated and valued.

Just as it is easy to feel underappreciated by family members, imagine how it might feel to be undervalued by an entire community? For workers who are paid less than minimum wage, who work multiple jobs without benefits, who face discrimination because of creed, color, or gender, this is a daily reality. Upholding the dignity of work means seeing everyone around us as important and valued.

Take a few minutes to watch this video from Catholic Relief Services on [the Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers](#).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

SEPTEMBER, 2021

Sunday 05	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 35: 4-7a Jas 2: 1-5 Mk 7: 31-37 +Mary Lou Jones and +John P. Miller
Monday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Col 1: 24 - 2:3 Lk 6: 6-11 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Col 2: 6-15 Lk 6: 12-19 +Bianca Allocco
Wednesday 08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Mi 5L 1-4a Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23 +Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 09	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Col 3: 12-17 Lk 6: 27-38 +Our departed Parishioners
Friday 10	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Tim 1: 1-2, 12-14 Lk 6: 39-42 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 12	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 50: 5-9a Jas 2: 14-18 Mk 8: 27-35 +Peggy Cooney, +John and Virginia Kaufman

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 +Mary Lou Jones and + John P. Miller

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	44,945
Amount Paid	41,455
Balance Due	3,140

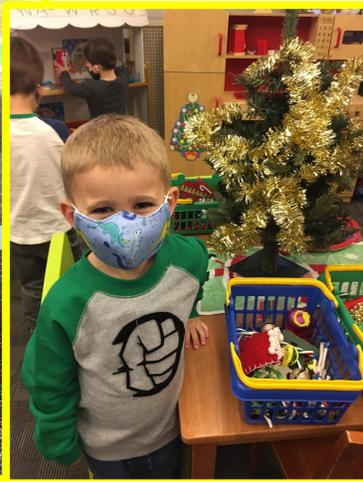


Saint Andrew School



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

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