



Saint Andrew Parish

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“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Mark 10:25

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 Mark Purdome



“So when we sometimes struggle trying to get our own camels through the eyes of needles, we need to step back and consider Saint Teresa’s way.”

The Gospel reading this weekend is so familiar! Over the years, there have been numerous attempts to explain this very unusual image of a camel and the eye of a needle. Is it a misspelling? Or a gate? Rather than worry about trying to explain the camel and the eye of a needle, I think one of the challenges is to step back from the imagery, and look at the deeper meaning: *For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.*

In the Old Testament, wealth and material goods are often considered an outward sign of God’s blessing. Basically, if you were wealthy, God must like you. Jesus utterly rejects this notion. Wealth and power don’t result in security, and they don’t demonstrate that you are in favor with God. Achievement of salvation is beyond anything that we can do on our own, beyond anything that we can earn, and depends solely on the goodness of God who offers it as a gift.

We can’t do it on our own, and we can’t earn our salvation. But for God, who freely gives gifts, all things are possible.

There’s a notion in Ignatian Spirituality called *Holy Indifference*. It’s the capacity to let go of what doesn’t help us to love God or love others—while staying engaged with what does. Here, indifference isn’t apathy, the “whatever…” attitude that we sometimes see in the world around us. Instead, it is the desire to be careful of our attachments, being willing to either to take up things or experiences or to leave them aside, depending on whether they help us to “to praise, reverence, and serve God”. By this kind of indifference, we’re open to the path that God lays out for us and makes it possible for us to accept the gift of salvation. It is the opposite of the Malcolm Forbes mantra that “He who dies with the most toys wins.”

On Friday, October 15, we’ll celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila. This 16th Century mystic and Doctor of the Church struggled her entire life to keep to the simple path, the road that she discerned God had put before her. She was beset with illness, suffered through family issues, and worked to reform her religious order, the Carmelites. Yet her writings are deeply contemplative and have inspired many throughout the centuries. As she grew older and more experienced, St. Teresa connected this notion of holy indifference to the act of loving others. She wrote, *“The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.”*

So when we sometimes struggle trying to get our own camels through the eyes of needles, we need to step back and consider Teresa’s way. The way to follow God’s path for us by being less attached to things, and more attached to God.

As St. Teresa prayed, “Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever You require of me. Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace. Amen”



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

Run/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/>

Vespers and Vino - Next Sunday!

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



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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 10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 7: 7-11 Heb 4: 12-13 Mk 10:17-30 +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family,+Robert McFadden and +Antonio Serranilla and family
Monday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 1: 1-7 Lk 11: 29-32 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 1: 16-25 Lk 11: 37-41 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 2: 1-11 Lk 11: 42-46 +Marylin Japsen
Thursday 14	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 3: 21-30 Lk 11: 47-54 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 4: 1-8 Lk 12: 1-7 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 53: 10-11 Heb 4: 14-16 Mk 10: 35-45 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, +Edward Hettinger, +Robin Wilkins and +Joseph Nguyen Loc

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, + Edward Hettingerd, +Robin Wilkins and +Joseph Nguyen Loc

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

September, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,663
Automated Giving	23,163
Loose Cash	1,583
Total Offertory	34,409
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	49,605
Amount Paid	47,120
Balance Due	2,485

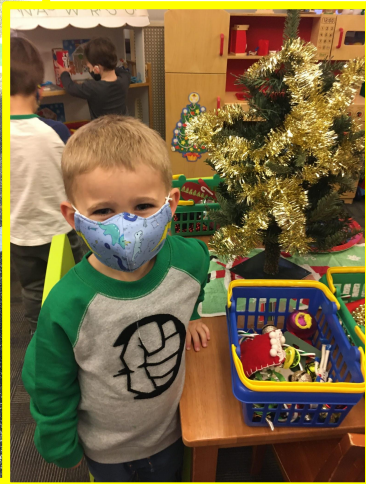


Saint Andrew School



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

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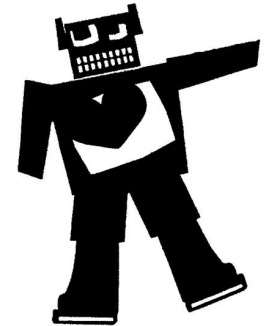
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