



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament  
& those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

Daniel 12:3

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# Parish Information

## Parish Office Hours:

The parish office is open seven days a week. 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.

## Family Mass Returns November 21, 2021:

One of the great traditions of Saint Andrew Parish prior to the pandemic was the coffee and donuts shared after Mass when our children would participate in key roles of Sunday Mass.

We will return to this tradition starting **Sunday, November 21, 2021 at the 9:00am Mass**. Please plan to come and enjoy some time in the gymnasium with open gym for the kids, coffee, donuts and fellowship with one another..

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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



*“We rejoice in our fundamental human dignity and prayerfully, peacefully, work to resolve the issues that seem to divide us”*

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the feast day of Pope Saint Leo the Great. In these fractious times, the model of Saint Leo is a great one for all Christians to follow as we try to bring peace to our world.

Leo was born in Italy, but his origins are largely unknown, including his actual date of birth. We do know that by 431 he was a deacon, well-known outside of Rome, frequently consulted by church leaders for advice and sound theological explanations of the faith.

He was travelling, helping to resolve a dispute between military and civilian officials, when Pope Sixtus III died in 440 and he was, by unanimous declaration, elected as the Bishop of Rome. In a world that was rapidly changing (this was the time of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire), Saint Pope Leo was an effective administrator, a great teacher, and a peacemaker.

As a teacher, Pope Leo was renowned for the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people. His preaching was spiritually profound, yet he also had the ability to reach the everyday needs of his people. He believed in the fundamental dignity of each person, saying: “No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.”

Pope Saint Leo the Great had long been known for resolving provincial disputes. During his papacy, his writings about the nature of Jesus were the basis of the Council of Chalcedon’s (451) definition of Christ as one Person possessing two complete natures, human and divine. This resolved a long-standing dispute in the Church, leading to a deeper understanding of Jesus as Divine.

Even as he strongly defended his positions, Leo was a man of peace. He is famously known for saving the city of Rome from the ravages of the barbarian king, Attila the Hun. He led an unarmed delegation that met the king before he reached Rome, and Attila turned away. Historians differ on how Leo was able to accomplish this, but there is agreement that his actions saved lives and saved Rome’s beautiful churches.

What can we learn from Saint Leo? I think there is great significance in combining the belief in the fundamental dignity of each person with the role of a peacemaker, of one willing to confront the issues and work together to reach a solution. Right now, many of our political and social systems are centered on destroying each other. The common good is ignored; winning at all costs is the rule of the day.

But we, as followers of Jesus, don’t have to follow that false dichotomy. Rather, we believe that there is a way forward where all can prosper. Where, instead of seeing each other as enemies, we are all cooperating. Where we rejoice in our fundamental human dignity and prayerfully, peacefully, work to resolve the issues that seem to divide us.

Pope Saint Leo the Great, pray for us. God Bless! -Deacon Mark



## Vespers and Vino at Saint Benedict Parish

Every month, Saint Andrew and Saint Benedict Parishes celebrate together by 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, November 14, at 7:30pm** in the main church at Saint Benedict Parish and will be a special vespers in honor of all our beloved dead.

After the service, there will be a reception with wine and refreshments. Please join us for our common prayer between our two parishes.



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

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

As a nation, we give thanks for all the gifts we have been given on **Thursday, November 25, 2021**. Saint Andrew Parish will mark this national holiday by celebrating Mass at 9:00am. While we commonly refer to our worship as “Mass” at the heart of our worship is the Eucharist which literally means “thanksgiving.” Our communal prayer fits perfectly with the national feast of Thanksgiving. Start this day of gratitude by giving thanks as a community to God.



## Broadcast with Us

Saint Andrew Parish continues to offer live streaming broadcasts of our Masses and special events in the church. That means we are in need of additional volunteer support this ministry. Please volunteer if you have or are willing to learn skills in how to use audio, visual, and live streaming equipment. Training is offered to use the broadcast equipment and it is fun and interesting to learn! If interested, please contact David Heimann at [david@standrew.org](mailto:david@standrew.org).





Since 2015, Saint Andrew Parish and School has partnered with Saint Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury, located in the Uptown neighborhood, with a Christmas service project through a Giving Tree. Saint Andrew has helped students ranging from Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade stay warm over the cold, winter, Chicago months.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. If you are interested, please email Julie Richards at [julie@standrew.org](mailto:julie@standrew.org). We also wanted to announce a few important, upcoming dates.

Starting **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, following **9:00am Family Mass**, join us in the gym so our children can help cut out ornaments for our Giving Trees. The Giving Trees will be located in the back of the Church and in the School and be up and stocked with ornaments right after the Thanksgiving holiday. That is when Saint Andrew families will be able to select these ornaments off the trees and begin their holiday shopping. We will also have volunteers handing out ornaments several days a week at drop off and pick up starting **Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with our “MOBILE GIVING TREE”**.

As a reminder, here’s how it will work:

Each student from Saint Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury is going to receive a gift from a Saint Andrew family (families can take more than one child if they choose) equaling **no more** than \$25.00. This gift will include two (2) **NEW** items from a pair of gloves/mittens, socks, a winter hat or scarf. Please refrain from purchasing toys, coats, candy, etc. How thankful these children will be to have two brand new winter warmth items this Christmas!

We will announce future deadlines on when these winter warmth items will need to be collected so please stay tuned, but for now, we hope you and your families will join us on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** after **9:00am Family Mass** and kick off the holidays in a giving way!

Thank you for all your support!

# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## Jesus, Savior and Brother

Our knowledge of Jesus's earthly life is limited in scope. We learn about his ministry through the Gospels, but the majority of his life remains in shadow. Ask children to tell you about Jesus, and it's likely that they will focus on his birth and death: Christmas and Easter.

If we accept that Jesus truly lived among us, we begin to understand the marvelous relationship we have with him. Jesus experienced frustration (John 2:15-16), temptation (Mark 1:13) weariness (John 4:6), disappointment (Luke 13:34) and ridicule (Mark 15:19). He was a child and a teenager. He grew into a man who was frequently an outsider, who chose to do the right thing, even when it meant suffering.

We also profess Jesus as our Savior. He is the new covenant - the one who conquered death, the sign of our salvation. A "salve" is an ointment that heals and soothes. Jesus's most significant miracle was not to raise Lazarus from the dead or give sight to the blind, though these are the miracles we seem to remember best. Jesus's most significant miracle was in the healing of our woundedness. We participate in this incredible gift of reconciliation through our Baptism, when we go to Confession, in the Anointing of the Sick, and at the celebration of the Eucharist.

Jesus is more than just Christmas and Easter, more than birth and death - he is in the living of our lives. As fully human, he sees and understands the messes we get into because he's been there. And as fully God, he can help us put things back in order... all we have to do is ask.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### NOVEMBER, 2021

Sunday <b>07</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1Kgs 17: 10-16</b> <b>Heb 9: 24-28</b> <b>Mk 12: 38-44</b>  +Ann Baker, +Ed Galvin, +Charles Kraskiewich, +Dennis Coonan, +Julio Ramirez +Thomas Cooney Family and + Dockery Family
Monday <b>08</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Wis 1: 1-7</b> <b>Lk 17: 1-6</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>09</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12</b> <b>1 Cor 3. 9c,11, 16-17</b> <b>Jn 2: 13-22</b>  +Fernando Vinzons
Wednesday <b>10</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Wis 6: 1-11</b> <b>Lk 17: 11-19</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>11</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Wis 7: 22b, - 8: 1</b> <b>Lk 17: 20-25</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Friday <b>12</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Wis 13: 1-9</b> <b>Lk 21: 28</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Sunday <b>14</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dn 12: 1-3</b> <b>Heb 10: 11-14, 18</b> <b>Mk 13: 24-32</b>  <b>+John and Virginia Kaufman and deceased family members,</b>

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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 +Ann Baker, +Ed Galvin, +Charles Krasnewich, +Dennis Coonan, +Julio Ramirez, +Fernando Vinzons, Jr., Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,855,847
Interest on Income	32,764
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,888,980</b>
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
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,947</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,077,033</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,663
Automated Giving	23,163
Loose Cash	1,583
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>34,409</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021</b>	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	49,855
Amount Paid	47,685
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>2,170</b>



# SAINT ANDREW FALL EVENTS

## SUCCESS REPORT!



Thank you to all that supported this event, especially our amazing Sponsors and Fall Fling committee!! Our total net profit reached is **\$35,000!** The proceeds of the event go toward the support of the many important ministries at Saint Andrew Parish. Click below for open Sign up Party spots!

<https://saintandrew.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/SaintAndrewParishFallFling2021/SignUpParties/tabid/1248165/Default.aspx>



The 2021 Saint Andrew Parish Running of the Bulldogs 5K event was a huge success! We had close to 300 participants! Thank you to all that came out to run or walk! Thank you to our event Sponsors and countless volunteers! We couldn't have accomplished our success with you!! Our net profit reached is **\$12,500** (1/2 will go to the School/Gym and 1/2 will go to helping support Fr. Matthias' ministries in Uganda).



# Saint Andrew School



Join us for an  
Open House on  
November 18th at 6pm!  
(773) 248-2500  
[www.GoSaintAndrew.com](http://www.GoSaintAndrew.com)

## Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions

9am

November 9th      March 8th

December 14th    April 12th

January 11th    May 10th

February 8th



## Spirit. Study. Service.

- 2013 & 2020 National Blue Ribbon School
- 3 & 4 year old Full Day Preschool programs
- Full Day Kindergarten program
- A rigorous curriculum tailored to each student
- Art, Music, Spanish, Technology and Phys. Ed.
- Catholic values for life: Spirit. Study. Service.
- Before + After school care
- A vibrant family community

