



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury”

Mark 12:43

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# Parish Information

## Parish Office 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.

## 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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## Parish Staff

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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“We can pull from the goodness within ourselves and share it with others.”*

When we can't do everything that we want and choose to do, doing what we can still directs the moral and spiritual trajectory of our lives. Do our actions move us closer to God or do our actions move us farther away?

Things are getting back to some sense of normalcy in society and in the parish. As the Director of Religious Education for the parish, this time of year is usually marked for me by the retreats that are provided for our seventh and eighth graders as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This past week, we had the first of these in the Archdiocesan event known as “Holy Fire.” To accommodate the experience in a pandemic, the students gathered in our auditorium and watched a broadcast of the event which was simulcast to parishes and schools across the Archdiocese. It was nothing like the event has been in the past where thousands of Catholic students go down to the UIC Pavillion and experience the church in a vibrant shout of joy. But it was still remarkable.

Having it in the parish while still seeing the vastness of the church in the Archdiocese allowed us to see other things of importance. For one, the smaller Mass that was held in our own church allowed us to digest the word of God in a deeper way. During Mass, I was struck by the words of the First Reading which stated, “I myself am convinced about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness.” Romans 15:14.

It reminded me once again of how good our young people at Saint Andrew are. Not only our students, but our families, our single young adults, our older parishioners, many of whom are widowers and widows. Take a look in the mirror and remember how good you are! I don't think you get told that enough and worse yet, our own judgement gets in the way of hearing that.

I'm directly pushing back at the old “If I can't have everything, I might as well have nothing” mentality. I've seen it so many times in the pandemic... “Well, If I can't go to Mass, then I won't do anything.” “If I can't go and have my mask off, then I don't even want to go.” “If the pandemic isn't over, then I can't \_\_\_\_\_” Fill in the blank for yourself.

This Sunday's Gospel reinforces the importance of doing what you can, even if it isn't everything you want. Jesus tells the story of a widow who had very little, but the little she had, she gave. Jesus says that she has given more than anyone else.

It isn't just about an equivocation of percentages that Jesus extols. All of us want to do good, but we get intimidated by the limitations in front of us. Sometimes those limitations are external, but the biggest limitations are usually internal, our own self assessments driven by fear, shame, and doubt.

We need to be reminded more than once that “You are full of goodness.” We need to be reminded to act like the widow. Even if we can't give \$15,000 to buy a new altar for the parish or \$10,000 for our much needed tuckpointing. We can give something. We can pull from the goodness within ourselves and share it others.



## 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

## Virtual Veterans Day 5K/10K

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Virtual 5k/10k Fun Run/Walk . With the event being virtual, you can choose your own course of either 5k (3.1m) or 10 k (6.2m), walk or run anytime you choose, at your own pace, between the dates of Nov 1st thru Nov 30th. Proceeds will go towards the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Hines VA Hospital Outreach program. Entry fee is \$20.00. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in your name or in 'Memory of' or in 'Honor of' someone in the service. Also, you can choose to receive a Medal and/or a commemorative T-shirt at no extra cost. Even if you choose not to walk/run, you can make a donation on our site. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/2021KnightsV5K10K](http://www.tinyurl.com/2021KnightsV5K10K) . Contact Tom Kaiser at [tjkaiser@sprynet.com](mailto:tjkaiser@sprynet.com) for more info.



## 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).



# 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>





Thank you to all participants at this year's Running of the Bulldogs 5K!



Proceeds raised will help support our sister Parish in Uganda and Saint Andrew's health and wellness programs!



ESPECIALLY TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!!



# Saint Andrew School



## Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions

9am

November 9th      March 8th

December 14th    April 12th

January 11th    May 10th

February 8th



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

## 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

