



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Luke 1:45

Parish Information

Parish Office Hours:

The parish office will continue its normal business hours during the holidays with the following exceptions. **The office will be closed on December 23, 24, 25, and 26. The office will be closed on December 31 and January 1.** While the office is closed, messages will be checked periodically. Please leave a message on our phone or on the website if you have a need from the parish staff.

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.

Christmas Eve & Day Masses

Christmas Eve Masses require attendees to have a reservation. Currently reservations are being taking for Mass on **December 24, 2021 at 3:15pm** in the chapel and 5:00pm in the church. N

No reservations are required for Mass on Christmas Day at 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

Reservations can be made at www.standrew.org/christmas as well as information about our live stream.



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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“Our community’s prayer is a time vessel that touches hundreds of years into the past and hundreds of years into the future.”

What I love about the Church is how it evolves over time. Take the “Hail Mary” for example. It is a prayer that we learned as children and that we continue to teach to children. It is given a place of privilege in our Catholic culture denoting a sense that the church has always been a clear, concise and packaged institution since the time of the Apostles. Just say 10 “Hail Marys” and 2 “Our Fathers” and you’re all good. Right?

Nothing could be further from the truth! If we could go back in time and meet the Apostles around the year 40 AD, they might look at us a little odd if we prayed a “Hail Mary.” That’s not how they prayed. Not even remotely.

If we fast forwarded 300 to 400 years, the “Hail Mary” would seem somewhat familiar to Christians in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire who were part of movement in the Church known as “heschia” or “stillness” They prayed the “Jesus Prayer” while focussed on breathing and holding various body positions, much like the modern day practice of Yoga. Their discipline of prayer was a way to find inner peace with God. The words of the “Jesus Prayer” are “*Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*” The last half of the “Hail Mary” borrows the “Jesus Prayer’s” tone when we say, “*Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*” When that was added to the prayer in the 13th century, it was an homage to the “Jesus Prayer” tradition.

But the bulk of the “Hail Mary” prayer comes from the Gospel of Luke. The first part is the worlds of the Archangel Gabriel spoken to Mary (*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you*). This was seen in liturgies of the Church starting in the late 500s AD. The second part was added in the late 1000s and also comes from the Gospel of Luke. It is also part of our Gospel reading this Sunday. They are the words spoken by Saint Elizabeth to Mary (*Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb*).

The final composition of the prayer as we know it didn’t come together until the 13th Century and only became more widely popular starting in the 15th century. That is when we start seeing composers write music for the prayer.

So the prayer itself is like a walk through the centuries of history of the Church. That walk isn’t finished yet. It may take another hundred years for our contribution to even be recognized, but our thoughts, reflections, and impact on the spiritual life of the Church is real. It will shape the way our children’s children and still another 20 generations later will pray.

Our community’s prayer is a time vessel that touches hundreds of years into the past and hundreds of years into the future. Another reason to pray! You’re participating in a time machine that reaches to the past and present.



Important Mass Schedule Update

With the rotation of Holy Days in any calendar year, some years present some unique changes and 2021 is one of them.

Because of the celebration of the Solemnity of Christmas, **there will not be a Saturday Evening Vigil Mass anticipating the Feast of the Holy Family on Saturday, December 25, 2021.**

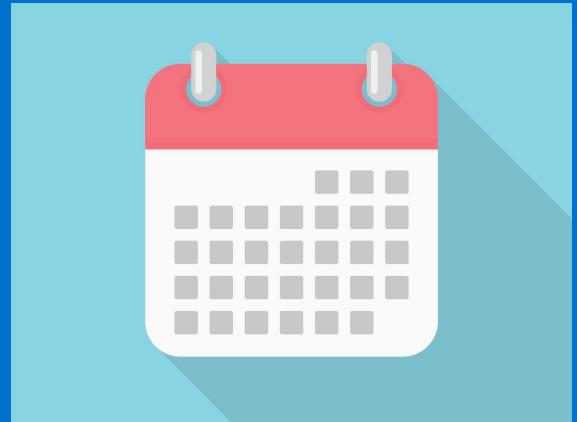
Also on the Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2022, we will only hold Mass in recognition of this feast on Saturday morning at 9:00am. The evening Mass on Saturday, January 1 at 4:00pm will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Come to the Manger

The final evening of Saint Andrew Parish's outdoor Christmas devotion "Come to the Manger" will be Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30pm. This brief outdoor prayer service on the steps of the church began last year during the pandemic as a way to show our gratitude for the birth of Jesus while staying socially distanced. Featuring a light show on the church and a chance to sing with the church bells, this devotion has become a Christmas tradition at Saint Andrew. This year features hot chocolate and candy canes! Thanks to everyone who came out this past week. It was great to see everyone before the holiday travel season started.

Help Feed the Hungry - Volunteer for GCFD

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on Saturday, January 22, 2022 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.





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Biddy Basketball (K-3) is Back for 2022!

Sunday afternoons January 9 through February 20, 2022

Starts at 12:30pm - no games 01/30/22

Open to all girls and boys Kindergarten through 3rd Grade—
beginners or experienced!

Biddy basketball includes instruction, games, and a ton of fun for
all. T-shirts and awards are included.

Register today at <http://standrew.org/gather/upcoming-events/biddy-basketball/>
(Fee is \$50 for one child, \$75 for two, or \$100 for three or more)

For more information: standrewbiddy@gmail.com

Fully-vaccinated volunteers wanted

Masks required for all – Spectators limited to parents only





Season's Greetings!!

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You Saint Andrew!

Another Giving Tree project is in the books! The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas break is not long and it feels like it gets shorter and shorter each year. But Saint Andrew families came through once again and made 400 kids Christmas's a little brighter and warmer!

The Giving Tree elves delivered all the hats, scarves, mittens and socks to both Saint Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury schools on Tuesday morning!

It's always a heartwarming experience to see the joy our community brings to theirs with the simplest of gifts.

We are already looking forward to next year. God Bless and thank you for all your support!



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Celebrating Advent Together

Ask a typical first grader about the liturgical year, and you will likely hear about Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary (or “oh, ya know.. just the *regular*”) time. There is usually some confusion about the difference between Advent and Lent. What is very clear to these young people is that both are a period of intense waiting... particularly when it comes to Christmas. So how can we celebrate advent in a special way at home?

For some, taking turns lighting each candle of an advent wreath indicates that the weeks are ticking by. Advent calendars are all over grocery stores, containing scripture passages or small treats, giving us a foretaste of the sweetness of Christmas. If you attend mass at Saint Andrew or have watched a live stream recently, you may have noticed the large advent wreath in front of the Mary altar. We can think of this as our parish family’s wreath!

Others may have a nativity in their home, and traditions vary from family to family about who appears in the nativity at a certain time. Many hide baby Jesus in a special place until Christmas Eve or Christmas Day (don’t forget where he is!). It can also be fun for your three kings to go on an adventure through your home as they follow the star to Bethlehem, arriving on Epiphany to celebrate Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Advent is a season of anticipation and a season of Hope. The coming of Jesus in Advent is bound up with the reason for his birth - to be Savior of the World. His coming is threefold: We celebrate Jesus’s first coming in the Nativity, live in expectation of his second coming at the end of time, as well as rejoice in his presence in our midst today as risen Lord.

However you celebrate Advent, allow yourself to live in the reason for THIS season.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

DECEMBER, 2021

Sunday 19	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Mi 5: 1-4a Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45 +John & Virginia Kaufman and Family, +Mary Lou Jones, +Renato Taujeron Hallera, +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family
Monday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 7: 10-14 Lk 1: 26-38 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sg 2: 8-14 Lk 1: 39-45 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 1: 24-28 Lk 1: 46-56 +Marte Vinzons
Thursday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Lk 1: 57-66 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Sm 7: 1-5,8b-12,14a, 16 Lk 1: 67-79 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21 Lk 2: 41-52 +Deceased Members of the Vinzons Family, +Vera Krall, and +Marion Brown

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 +John & Virginia Kaufman and family, +Mary Lou Jones, +Renato Tajjeron Hallera, +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family

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

October 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	10,876
Automated Giving	24,369
Loose Cash	2,854
Total Offertory	38,099
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	50,955
Amount Paid	49,050
Balance Due	1,905



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

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