



Saint Andrew Parish

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“They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

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 2pm 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 Eric Sorensen



*“Lord, when did
we see you a
stranger and
welcome you? ...*

*Whatever you did
for one of these
least brothers of
mine, you did for
me.”*

The beginning of December I was on a diaconate retreat up at Mundelein Seminary. As I sat one evening along the lake and the sun began to set, a flock or skein of geese flew in, honking as they approached to land. Soon another flock flew in, but each time the honking noise ceased once they had landed. This was repeated many times as the sun descended, yet with bigger flocks and with more desperate honking. They flew in from the north and northwest, clearly migrating south, guided by their innate instincts for food, shelter and a safe place to rest...their need to survive. After each flock had landed, there was silence on the lake. As the darkness approached, there must have been at least 500 geese, but not a sound was heard, as they rested secure for the night from their long day's flight.

The Magi too relied on guidance, a star. They traveled from foreign lands, perhaps due to their innate understanding that a newborn king was to be born. They too were overjoyed to see the place where the star stopped, and saw the child with Mary, his mother. But the Magi did not receive a sincere welcome from Herod, the King of Judea. The Magi did pay homage to Jesus, but as strangers were not secure, and departed back to their country for their own protection. So too it was with Jesus, Joseph and Mary, as they had to immigrate to Egypt for their own safety...for Jesus' own life.

Even today there are many who immigrate with this innate instinct for survival. Fleeing from threats of violence, famine, and loss of life, they are guided by hope for a better life. A life that will be safe for their families; where they may work free of threats of bribery; where they may be accepted as people and not as strangers. Joseph was warned to flee, but was his family welcomed in Egypt or were they treated as strangers?

We are blessed to be guided by our faith. It offers us insight to our innate consciousness, to what is right and to what is wrong. Yes, we have our basic rights, but we also have responsibilities to one another. We too must survive, but not alone, but with each other. This requires us to work for justice and peace; to serve those in need; and to defend the life, dignity and rights of all our sisters and brothers, both within and outside our borders. This is the guidance of our faith, and the call and challenge set forth as disciples of Christ.

Jesus knew full well what it was like to be born unwelcomed; the threats to his life; and the need to flee for food, shelter and security. But Jesus was not born just to survive, but to guide us in the ways of justice, mercy, and the common good of all. He leads us to still waters, so that we may arise refreshed and to fly forth bringing peace, justice, and the good news, especially this year. So that all our sisters and brothers may be guided to the Light of Christ, and be overjoyed by finding his presence in their lives.

“Lord, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you? ...Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25: 38,40)



Annual Stewardship Appeal

Shortly after Thanksgiving, registered parishioners were sent their annual Stewardship Commitment Forms through the mail. This annual appeal is an invitation for parishioners to consider the stewardship of their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE and how they can best use these gifts to serve their own well being, their family's, and Saint Andrew Parish. If you have not had a chance to complete your form, do it today online! It is a great way to reflect upon the year that has passed, the year ahead, and how you can make a grateful response to God for the gifts you have been given. Complete the appeal online at www.standrew.org/stewardship



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.



Save the Date - Parish Mission

Stress and anxiety are enormous challenges in our world today. Thankfully, God has given us spiritual resources to assist in the management of stress and anxiety.

We'll explore these spiritual resources under the guidance of licensed therapist Mike McCauley (*pictured to the right*) at our joint Parish Mission with Saint Benedict Parish in the evenings on **Sunday, March 20, Monday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22** in the main church at Saint Andrew. Please make plans to join us in person or via live stream.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Imagine this: A close friend or family member has been waiting nine months for the birth of their first child, and in the weeks leading up to the birth, songs about the child are played on the radio, images of the newborn baby and their parents are put up in homes, people greet strangers with a merry word regarding the coming day, and on December 25th, the whole town erupts in joy!... but then everything is forgotten in 24 hours.

Decorations come down. Trees are thrown out. The music stops. What happened? The child has been born! That's what we have been waiting for! This year, challenge yourself to realize an epiphany ("a new understanding") of the Christmas season.

Perhaps you have been following our wise men on Instagram and Facebook, who are visiting special places around Chicago. If you have three wise men of your own (or perhaps you can make some!), set them off on a journey around your house and place them in a special location each day leading up to Epiphany (January 6).

The wise men can visit our kitchens where we make nourishing food. Perhaps they will take up a position in the entryway where we come safely home each night. And yes - you may even discover them in the bathroom where we have access to clean water for bathing. We can give thanks for these blessings that many people around the world go without on a daily basis.

Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child by marking in a special way those simple gifts we take for granted. These gifts are not wrapped in colorful paper and placed under the tree, but their presence in our lives are beautiful reminders of God's love for us.

Merry Christmas!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JANUARY, 2022

Sunday Epiphany of the Lord 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family, +Marion Freeman, , +Mary Lou Jones and +John P Miller
Monday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 3: 22 - 4: 6 Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52 +Daniel Dooley
Thursday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 19 - 5:4 Lk 4: 14-22 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 5: 5-13 Lk 5: 12-16 +Flor C. Vmali and +Patrick Walsh
Sunday 09	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 42: 1-4 Acts 10: 34-38 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22: +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family, +John & Virginia Kaufman, +Daniel Dooley, +Flor Castillo Vmali

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, +Dockery Family, + Marion Freeman, +John P. Miller, Mary Lou Jones and +John P. Miller

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

November, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	6,886
Automated Giving	22,989
Loose Cash	2,759
Total Offertory	32,634
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

January 11th March 8th
February 8th April 12th

May 10th

Join us for an
Open House on
November 18th at 6pm!
(773) 248-2500
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