



Saint Andrew Parish

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“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:4

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.

Join us for Sung Vespers

Sunday, January 23, 2022 is the fourth of our monthly sung vespers with Saint Benedict Parish. 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 at 7:30pm in the main church at Saint Andrew.

After the service, there will be a reception with wine and refreshments.



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

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.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



“What areas do we need to cultivate, to recognize, so that everyone’s gifts are put to use for the benefit of all?”

It seems like our annual festival of gift-giving and receiving has concluded. We’ve exchanged gifts with family, friends and loved ones. We may have been to office parties, participated in white elephant exchanges, or played “secret Santa.” We’ve even celebrated the gifts of the Magi, the wise men who presented the infant Jesus with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. It seems like we should put away the wrapping paper and ribbons for a while.

But the church wants to remind us of another set of gifts that we’ve received. We hear about them in the second reading today, from 1 Corinthians, when Paul writes:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

These gifts are a bit different from the ones we may have given or received at Christmas, and there are a couple of special considerations:

They are given by God to be used

These are gifts that God expects us to use. They’re not an inheritance, something to be displayed on a shelf - we’re expected to put them into action.

They are to be used in the service of others

The church of Corinth, to whom Paul was writing, was a bit of a mess. It struggled with pride - people competing based on how gifted they were. They focused their gifts inward, on themselves, instead of using them to give life to the community

They are given to everyone

Too often, we place some gifts above others. It is a natural reaction in a world where we revere athletes who have been given amazing physical talents and envy entertainers who make us smile through song, dance, comedy, or drama. But spiritual gifts from God are given to everyone to support the community, and one is not better than another - all are needed to have a healthy Christian community.

So, as a community and as individuals, it is good to take a moment and think about our gifts. What gifts do we have as a community? What areas do we need to cultivate, to recognize, so that everyone’s gifts are put to use for the benefit of all? And as you discern your spiritual gifts, as you identify the patterns in your life where God may be calling you, how will you put those to use?

When we recognize and use the spiritual gifts we all have been given, we become a healthier, more God-centered people.



Donate to the Women's Center

The Church always advocates the sacredness of all life. Many women facing crisis pregnancies need support if they are to bring their unborn child to full term. Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of church this weekend and return it filled with change, dollars, and checks by **Sunday, January 23, 2022** in our annual drive to support the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Thank you for taking this proactive and life-affirming measure to support the sanctity of life!



Support for Parenting

Saint Andrew School Advisory Board has created a new series of three parenting sessions on the topics you told us were most important to your family. **Our first session on Thursday, January 20 from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm (via Google Meet) will focus on fostering your child's self-esteem, led by Chicago child and family counselors Kelsey Hoeper, LPC, and Melissa Bunda, LCSW.** We have designed this session to benefit parents of children from preschool through 8th grade, so you can expect a range of age-specific tips and perspectives to be provided. Pre-registration is necessary; please visit <https://forms.gle/rrMGX8sU3Di46gGo7> to secure your spot by Tuesday, January 18. A link to the virtual session will be sent one day prior to the event.



Save the Date - Wearin' the Green

The date for Saint Andrew's annual fundraiser, "Wearin' the Green" has been announced Please mark you calendars for the evening of **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. Saint Andrew will celebrate with fun, dining, and our live and silent auction. Don't miss this chance to be a part of and support Saint Andrew!



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Church: Community in the Spirit

The Church is a community - a community of people who profess the same belief in one God, led by the same Spirit, with a common mission: to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ's redeeming sacrifice. "We are all one..." but are we all the same?

We are all members of the Body of Christ. Just as the Body of Christ is one body, it is made up of different parts. In the same way, we serve different functions in the church, whether we are part of the laity, consecrated religious, or serving as clergy. Within these three groups we also serve in different ways. Some consecrated religious are devoted to prayer and contemplation, while others serve in missions around the world. Clergy might serve locally as pastors of a parish or at a high office in the Vatican. Lay people serve the church in their secular work (have you heard of "water-cooler evangelization?"), as well as when they become involved in parish life, from teaching Religious Education to serving on the Social Concerns Commission.

The same Spirit works uniquely in each of us for the benefit of all, sometimes even when bestowing the same gift! For example, someone may be a great public speaker and choose to become a priest, while another person with the same gift might become a lawyer defending social justice issues.

Ideally, a vocation is chosen when an individual shares their gifts while following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. As Frederick Buechner puts it, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

No matter where the Spirit leads us, we are called to offer the best of ourselves to make the world a better place for everyone else.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday 16	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 1-11 jn 2: 1-11 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family , +Frank Scardina, +Fernando Vinzons and +Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Monday 17	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm: 15: 16-23 Mk 1: 14-20 +Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Tuesday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 16: 1-13 Mk 2: 23-28 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 1: 29-39 +Victoria Meer Castillo
Thursday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 18: 6-9- 19:1-7 Mk 3: 7-12 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 24: 3-21 Mk 3: 13-19 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 23	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Lk 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21 +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family

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, + Frank Scardina, +Fernando Vinzons, and +Patrick Walsh, Jr.

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

December. 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	7,264
Automated Giving	30,942
Loose Cash	2,311
Total Offertory	41,517
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
CHRISTMAS 2021	
Envelopes	11,449
Loose Cash	3,270
Automated Giving	13,090
Total Christmas Giving	27,809



Saint Andrew School



Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions

9am

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

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

