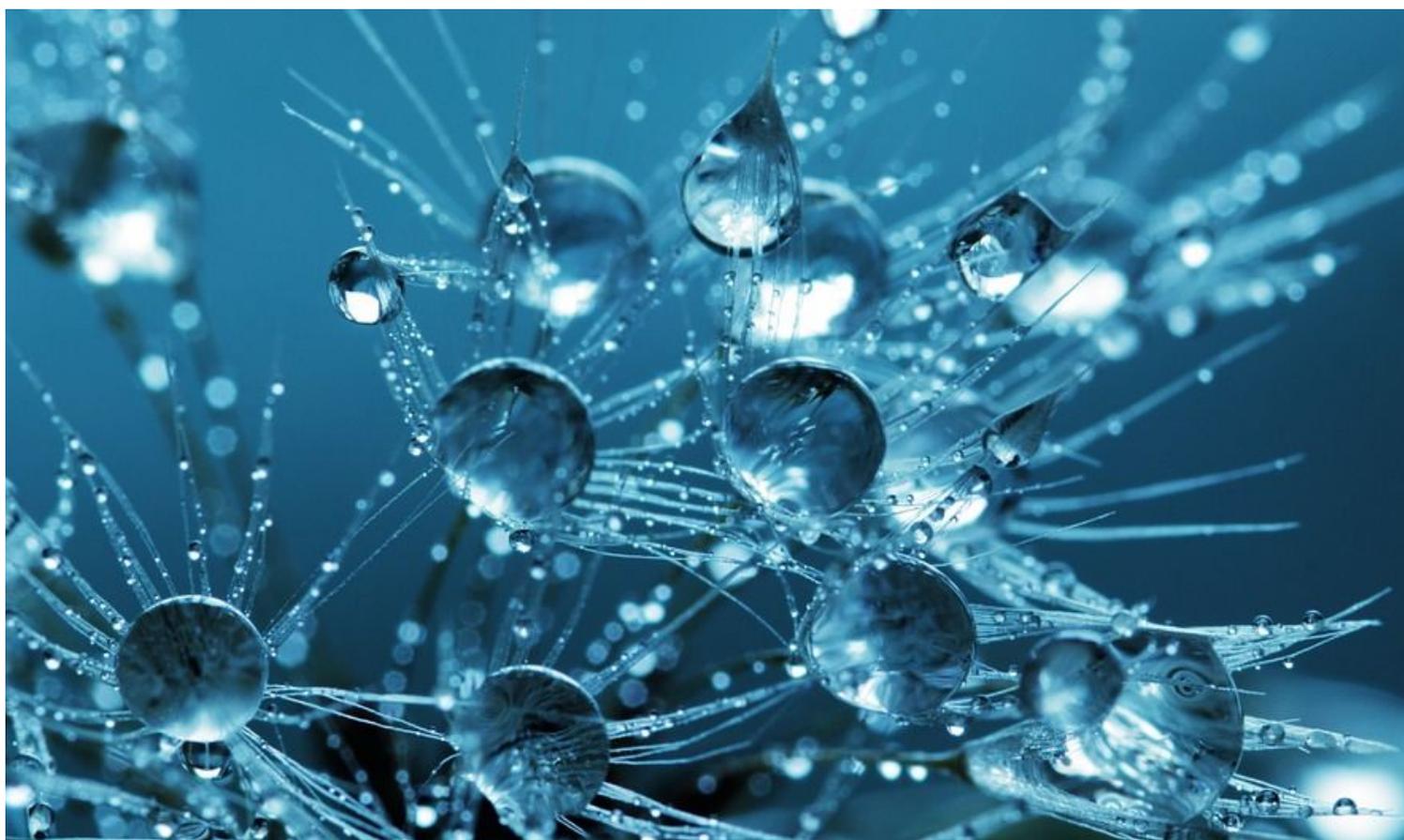




Saint Andrew Parish

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“I am baptizing you with water.” Luke 3:16

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 David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“You are God’s child and God is well pleased with you. Now rise out of the chaos that surrounds you and come to life once again.”

Before there were calendars and smart watches, before Google and Siri sent us notifications reminding us where we needed to be and when, there were the natural events of the Earth which told our ancestors where to be, what to do, and who they were.

I am not throwing away my smart phone nor my daily notifications any time soon, but I crave the deeply-felt mile markers of life which artificial metrics only vainly sketch. I want what our ancestors had, ritual meaning inspired by the natural world around them that transcended ordinary life or at least makes the ordinary important. I long for something “real” to tell me who I am and where I am going, not my iPhone. I don’t think I’m the only one. Baptism’s rebirthing in water - the very source of life - was one such event to our ancestors and it can be for us.

Our modern religious experience as Catholics has become something like playing Bingo or having a dance card at the YOLO-Gala of life. We try to check off all the boxes said to provide sanctifying grace with the hope of getting into Heaven. We do so anticipating that Heaven will inspect our personal records like a 2021 COVID vaccination card. It should be different somehow. It can be.

Before Baptism was an expectation, it was an experience, one which occurred during the seasons of the year when the river flowed mightily. Baptism reminded the participant of the power of water, wild and chaotic in the world, and how God gives us life out from the uncertain turmoil of the aquifer into a life of order and purpose. Baptism marked someone as having a mission.

These musings are prelude to discussing this Sunday’s memorial, the Baptism of the Lord. I don’t want to shock anyone by suggesting that we are not 100% certain of the actual date of Jesus’ birth, but we must admit the evidence of history. The culture of Jesus didn’t keep track of birthdays, in part because they did not have an exact calendar as we do now. (*Don’t worry, Christmas was still worth it and there is no reason to return all the gifts you received or gave.*) In the full history of Christianity, this Sunday’s feast was the primary celebration of the season, not Christmas. Jesus’ Baptism was his coming of age, a step into his own ministry and the way he was fully made known to the world.

Just like Christmas, we don’t know the actual date of Jesus’ Baptism, but we know the tradition of celebrating Jesus’ Baptism annually started with early Christians in Egypt who Christianized a previously known pagan Nile river ritual. That was a time in the annual calendar that could be recalled year over year.

Jesus’ Baptism was a marker, clearly understood by all, that Jesus’s work had begun, namely, to proclaim the Reign of God. Our own baptism is a ritual participation that echoes Jesus’ Baptism. It is a transformative and transforming sign that announces, “We too are called to proclaim the Reign of God, to make the world a more loving and kind place.”

If ever you forget this identity. It’s good to set a reminder. Maybe Alexa can wake you up one morning and tell you... “You are God’s child and God is well pleased with you. Now rise out of the chaos that surrounds you, and come to life once again.” Let me know if such electronic notifications work. It could be life-changing!



Support 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!



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 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 Epiphany of the Lord 09	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family, +John & Virginia Kaufman, +Daniel Dooley, +Flor Castillo Umali +Harold Bartol and + John P. Miller
Monday 10	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm: 1: 1-8 Mk 1: 14-20 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 1: 9-20 Mk 1: 21-28 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20 Mk 1: 29-39 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 19 - 5:4 Lk 4: 14-22 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 14	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 4: 1-11 Mk 1: 40-45 Our departed Parishioners
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 and +The Dockery Family, +Frank Scardina and +Patrick Walsh, Jr.

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, + John & Virginia Kaufman, +Daniel Dooley, +Flor Castillo Umali, Harold Bartol 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

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

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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