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"Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Luke 6:30

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.

Ash Wednesday Services on March 2

- 7:30 am Prayer Service
- 1:30 pm Prayer Service
- 6:30 pm Mass

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 Fr. Sergio Romo



"Nothing can stop
our mission,
not even a
worldwide
pandemic,
when we come
together as a
community of
faith."

It's coming down! Sometime very soon, the annex building will be coming down. Many parishioners, school parents and neighbors in our community have eagerly anticipated this project. This is one of several planned steps of the capital campaign.

Before we could move forward with the demolition of the annex, we first had to find a temporary space for the students and programs that the annex used to house. Last summer, we successfully did that with the transformation of the Parish's Social Hall into an early childhood education center. Thankfully, the space was finished in time for the start of this academic year.

The Facilities and Construction Committee is currently overseeing all of the preparations needed before the demolition can start. This would include asbestos and lead abatement, acquiring necessary city permits, and the disconnection of all the utilities. If we are able to get the city permits in time, the plan is to have most of the demolishing taking place over the school's spring break, the week of March 21st. If we're unable to get the permits in time, the plan is to begin demolishing the week after school lets out in June.

Once the annex is down, the contractor will fill in the ground with gravel. The Facilities and Construction Committee is looking into various options of what to do once that work is completed. More than likely there will be an inexpensive temporary fence to provide the separation between the school and the street that will be lost with the demolition of the annex. Plans for a more permanent ornamental fence are part of the last step once the school addition is completed. One of the other options currently being studied is how the space can be utilized in the interim, whether with the laying down of turf or sod. Whatever we do will have to be temporary as it will all have to be removed to make space for a staging area for construction equipment once the construction of the school addition begins.

There are also outstanding questions on the status and next steps of the capital campaign. These are currently being researched and vetted, and we expect to soon have some exciting information to share.

Although much of the world has seemingly come to a standstill over the past two years, Saint Andrew has continued its mission, albeit in altered ways. I am extremely grateful to the parish and school staffs, Mr. Allen Ackermann and teachers for their dedication and perseverance. I also wish to extend my gratitude to parishioners who continue to assist Mr. Ackermann and myself with their wise counsel on the School Advisory Board, Finance Council, Facilities and Construction Committee and the various Commissions. They've been a tremendous asset to our community in this time of so much uncertainty. Most of all though, I want to thank everyone for all the generosity, prayers and support which have made all of these projects possible. Nothing can stop our mission, not even a worldwide pandemic, when we come together as a community of faith.

Come March or June, I plan to stand on the corner of Paulina and Addison to witness this momentous step. I'm sure I will see others there as well. Together, we will celebrate this accomplishment and give thanks to God.

Support the Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.

Commitment weekends will be February 20th and 27th



Wearin' the Green, Saint Andrew's largest annual fundraiser and community celebration, will be held in the Saint Andrew Gymnasium on **Saturday, April 30, 2022.** We are excited to announce that ticket sales will open next **Tuesday 2/22/22.** Simply click <u>HERE</u> to purchase tickets. We are even more excited to announce a special 1 week only early bird special of \$175 per ticket that will run from Tuesday, February 22 until Tuesday, March 1.

We hope you will join us April 30th to enjoy delicious food provided by Michelin starred Chef Giuseppe Tentori of Boka Catering Group, the Saint Andrew Irish dancers, the live music of **Hello Weekend**, live and silent auctions, raffles, games and much, more more!

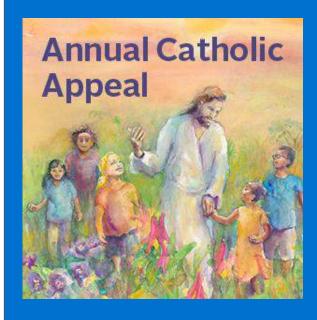
Lent

Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022 Ashes will be distributed at the following:

- 7:30 am Prayer Service
- 1:30 pm Prayer Service
- 6:30 pm Mass

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent, March 4th through April 8th at 6:30pm

Parish Mission - March 27 & 28 (this date changed)









Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Sacraments

In *Living the Sacraments*, author Joe Paprocki describes the sacraments as "thin moments," significant opportunities when "we find ourselves encountering and keenly aware of the divine presence." Kathleen Hughes, RSJ, sees the sacraments as opportunities to "[hallow and celebrate] everyday experience, inviting us to deeper participation of the mystery of God with us."

When we celebrate a sacrament, we celebrate in a very tangible way the intangible God - we have a visible reminder of God's love for us. These are not the only moments when we encounter God, but they are moments when we can see and hear God acting directly through the sacramental rites to touch us, individually.

Take some time this week to contemplate how you live the sacraments daily.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

- Do I put pressure on myself to be perfect or complete in God's eyes? Can I allow myself the grace to be "on the journey" of conversion?

Sacraments of Healing

(Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick)

 Am I holding back forgiveness and healing from those who I have hurt or who have hurt me? Do I practice the corporal works of mercy?

Sacraments of Service

(Matrimony, Holy Orders)

 Do I spend a great deal of time turning in toward myself and my own concerns? How am I serving others? Do I expect something in return? Do I graciously allow others to help me?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below

February, 2022

Sunday 20	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9,12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15: 45-49 Lk 6: 27-28 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family , ++Miriam Piedra, +and +Jean Dougherty
Monday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jas 3: 13-18 Mk 9: 14-29 Our departed Parishioners.
Tuesday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Pt 5: 1-4 Mt 16: 13-19 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jas 4: 13-17 Mk 9: 38-40 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jas 5: 1-6 Mk 9: 41-50 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jas 5: 9-12 Mk 10: 1-12 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 27	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 27: 1-7 1 Cor 15: 54-58 Lk 6: 39-45 +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family, +Miriam Piedra, +Jean Dougherty and +Nina Marie Whitsel
	For daily readings, p	lease 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, + Miriam Piedra, and +Jean Dougherty

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Enrich – Expand	- Grow
Income	1,876,293
Interest on Income	34,985
Total Income	1,911,279
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)	25,905
Total Expense	820,821
Balance	1,090,457

January, 2022 Offering		
Envelopes Collection	8,539	
Automated Giving	24,699	
Loose Cash	2,907	
Total Offertory	36,145	
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500	
CHRISTMAS 2021		
Envelopes	11,449	
Loose Cash	3,270	
Automated Giving	13,090	
Total Christmas Giving	27,809	



Wearin' the Green 2022 Auction Committee Meeting

Next Wednesday, Feb. 23rd 7pm-8pm

Saint Andrew Teachers' Lounge Enter through the administration building door off the Hermitage playlot

Come learn how to support the most financially impactful parts of Wearin' the Green - the live and silent auctions.

Everyone is welcome! Every single person can add value to our auction committee by securing just one auction item! Help us secure auction items including:

Concert tickets
Tickets to sporting events
Lake house vacations
Dining experiences
Trips
Golf experiences
Luxury items
Kids experiences
Much, much more

Please email Maria Kennedy at mariaw@anmtg.com or Kathy Stenander at kathystenander@yahoo.com with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

Saint Andrew School



Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions 9am March 8th April 12th May 10th

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



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