



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts!
All the earth is filled with his glory!” Isaiah 6:3

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 Pastoral Associate, David Heimann



“When we are no longer able to change the situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.”

The winter is usually a time of deep renewal for me. I am not shy about discussing that after Christmas and before Lent begins, many pastoral workers try to take some sort of vacation. One of the many things I enjoy during vacation is the chance to read books. I’ve started early this year by picking up Viktor E. Frankl’s *Man’s Search for Meaning*.

For those who don’t know the work, it is anything but light reading. It is a detailed account of life in the Holocaust Concentration Camps through the lens of a survivor who also happened to be a neurologist and psychiatrist. It allowed him to organize medical terminology to the otherwise ineffable travesty that the Nazis imposed upon the Jewish population of Europe.

More than once, Viktor Frankl’s words pierced the core of my conscience. He wrote, “We were forced to endure things that were previously thought impossible to endure.” He was able to analyze the collective trauma of a large population and how some found the capacity for great evil and others the capacity for great good.

He wrote, “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way” and “When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.”

Typically, Viktor Frankl’s work is on the reading lists of peace studies or perhaps courses on the history of genocide. But there was something cathartic to me about reading this in the midst of a pandemic. I do not mean to imply that a pandemic and a genocide are equivalent tragedies. The causes differ, the role of malice differs, the atrocities, and much more. But what is the same is the affect of wide scale trauma on a large population. The same things that happened to the victims of the Holocaust are things I see happening all around us now.

On a superficial level, some people are able to do what they thought was previously impossible or unnecessary, such as wear a mask all day. On a more societal level, some people are becoming more willing to turn on their own kin. Some people are nulled into despair and apathy. Some have become bitter and hateful, and some, hopefully more than less, have found a deep grounding of love through which they can reach out to others in compassion and care.

For me the message is a reminder that our greatest trials, the gift of persistent adversity, is an incubator for our truest self to emerge and hopefully to cultivate kindness.

We hear of this in our First Reading this weekend in which a fiery vision is set before the Prophet Isaiah. In awe and majesty, the Seraphim come out in smoke and quaking ground to cast fiery embers upon the tongue of Isaiah. In their majesty, the refrain is struck (that inspires the anthem we sing every week at Mass) “Holy holy Holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!”

And from this apocalyptic scene comes a prophet. Someone who speaks with hope, grace, and love. Our trials are but a test. Let us be patient and understanding with one another through the collective trauma we have endured during this pandemic. And from it may we learn more fully how to love one another to the glory of God.



Catholic Schools Week Ends


This past week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week at Saint Andrew School. With other Catholic schools from across the nation, we highlighted the many strengths to a Catholic education. You may be or you may know someone asking the question as to whether a Catholic school is the right fit. Now is the the time to inquire! Planning for next year has begun. Find out more at www.gosaintandrew.com

Volunteer to End Hunger

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on **Saturday, February 12, 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 - 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!



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

**Catholic Schools
Week 2022**
January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW22



SAVE THE DATE

WEARIN' THE GREEN
APRIL 30, 2022

Saint Andrew's largest annual fundraiser

INFORMATION ABOUT A KICK OFF
MEETING COMING SOON!



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 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 6: 12a, 3-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 5: 1-11 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family , +Marietta Castillo Cavanez
Monday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13 Mk 6: 53-56 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30 Mk 7: 1-13 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 09	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 10: 1-10 Mk 7: 14-23 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 10	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 11: 4-13 Mk 7: 24-30 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 11: 29-32, 12: 19 Mk 7: 31-37 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 13	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26 +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family, Marietta Castillo Cavanez and +June Palm

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, and+Marietta Castillo Canvanez

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
www.GoSaintAndrew.com



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

