



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.” Luke 4:1

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# 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.

## Opportunities in Lent to Enter into Prayer

In addition to Sunday Mass, please join us for the following opportunities for prayer during the season of Lent.

**Sung Vespers** - Sunday, March 20, 2022 in the main church.

**Parish Mission** - Sunday, March 27 at Saint Benedict Parish and Monday, March 28, 2022 at Saint Andrew.

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm in the main church

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# Pray for Peace in Ukraine



## Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

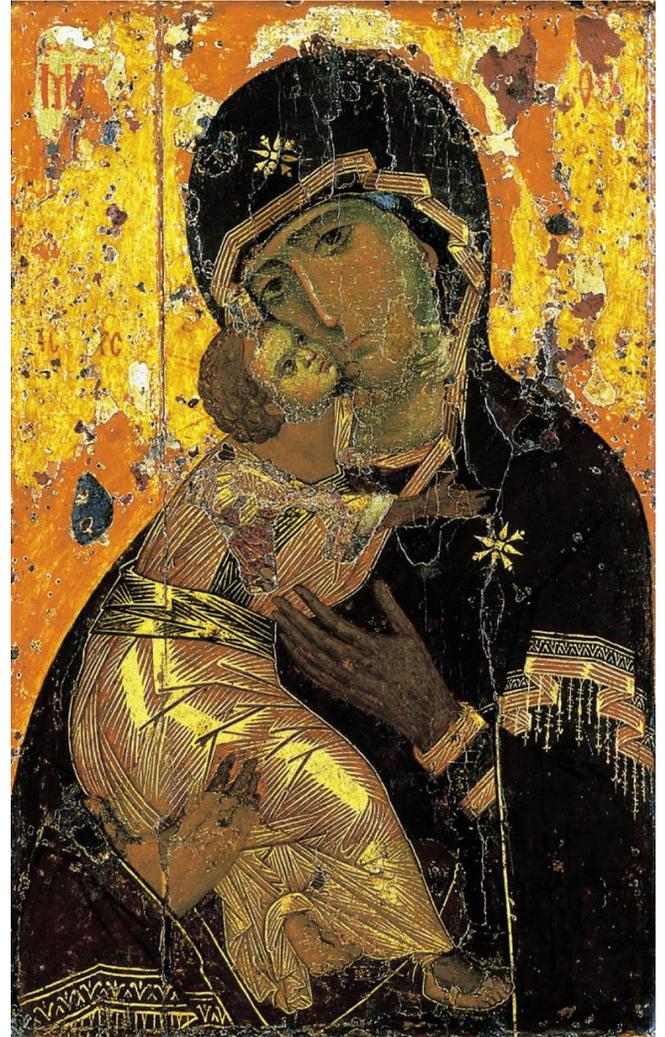
Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!  
We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried...  
But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost".  
Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.



## Our Lady of Kyiv

### Pray for us

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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



*“Have you ever met  
an Eeyore  
Christian?”*

As a child, I was taught that Lent was a time of penitence, contrition, and introspection. And, of course, Lent is all of those things: it is an opportunity to, yet again, take stock of our interior lives, to do a little spring cleaning in our spiritual house and shake out some of the less-than-desirable habits we may have acquired.

But one thing that wasn't emphasized in my Catholic upbringing: **Lent as a time of joy.** The Catechism tells us that Lent is a time of uniting ourselves to the mystery of Jesus in the desert (CCC 540), and Jesus went into the desert as a time of preparation. There were certainly hard times – wild beasts and temptations by Satan – but the mystery in the desert shows Jesus triumphant, triumphant over sin, triumphant over Satan, not triumphant over his humanity, but triumphant IN his humanity, as the perfect model of what humanity can be.

Have you ever met an Eeyore Christian? You know, one who is glum and gloomy? They may say, “I'm a Christian. I've got the love of Jesus in my heart” but they sound like Eeyore when they're saying it? Who would want to follow Jesus if it led to sad miserable people? I think being glum when we talk about connecting ourselves to Jesus is actually pushing Jesus away, keeping God's love at a safe distance.

We should evaluate Lent, and really, not just Lent, but our whole lives, in terms of joy. If we're getting in touch with the mystery of “Christ-in-the-Desert”, if we're getting closer to God through self-examination and self-denial, if the entire reason for giving something up is to get closer to God, then isn't Lent, at its core, supposed to be a joyful experience?

So yes, from my point of view, Lent isn't a season where God is absent or distant, where our spiritual lives are parched and dry, where we are abandoned to find our own way. No, this is a season when we look inside ourselves, when we unite ourselves to this mystery, and we find happiness at the same time. Repentance and self-examination takes us to a quiet place, an interior place. Mother Teresa said, “A joyful heart is like a sunshine of God's love.” And if we're getting in touch with God's love in those interior places, it makes sense that we'd be joyful.

Pope Francis says this: **“There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.”**

While you might consider it a little bit unusual, I wish you a Lenten season filled with joy. Joy of knowing that you are infinitely loved. Joy in finding that when you do that spiritual spring cleaning you are closer to God. Joy of finding that sunshine of God's love at work in your life.

Have a Joyful Lent!

-Deacon Mark



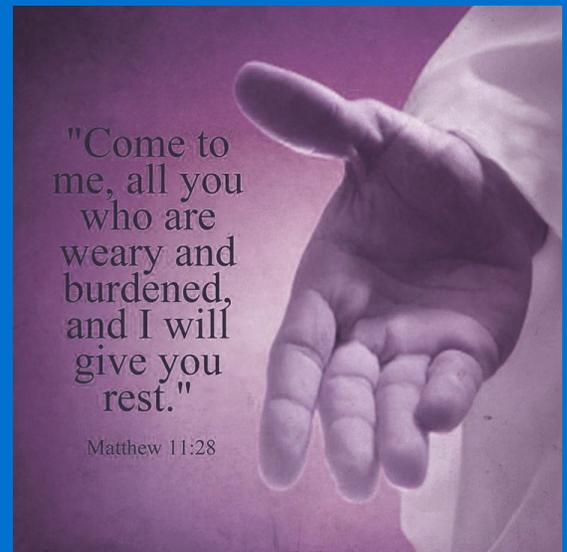
## Come to the Fish Fry!

We're excited to announce the return of one of Saint Andrew's most cherished events, our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Come and join us on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm as we gather in the gymnasium to mark Lent with Fish baskets, Mac & Cheese, and a lot of fun. The event is BYOB and ordering information will be available soon. Don't miss out!



## Parish Mission - REST IN ME

The annual joint Parish Mission for Saint Andrew and Saint Benedict Parishes will take place on **Sunday, March 27 at 4:00pm** and **Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm** featuring Fr. Mike Shanahan LPC. If you find that stress, anxiety, and tension are driving your life, come and see how spiritual practice can calm and center your heart. Fr. Mike is both a priest and mental health professional who will offer insight and guidance on how our Catholic Faith can guide us through these difficult times.



## Give Alms in Lent - Give Food

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on **Saturday, March 19, 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](mailto: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.





**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 8**  
**5:00 - 8:00 PM**

Saint Andrew Gym at  
Addison & Paulina

**FISH BASKET**  
**MAC & CHEESE**  
**BASKET**  
**BYOB!**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ONLINE ORDERS**  
**COMING SOON**

**SAINT**  
**ANDREW**



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## The Forty Days of Lent

The Bible is filled with significant numbers, like 3, 7, 12, and 40. Have you ever wondered why Lent is connected to the number 40?

In the bible, the number 40 is mentioned quite a bit. During the flood, it rains for 40 days and 40 nights on Noah's ark. Moses spends 40 nights on Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people wandered for 40 years in the desert. Goliath taunts the Israelites for 40 days. Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert. So, consider: What do these events have in common?

They are times of waiting, testing, suffering... and they are all followed by a time of rejoicing. After the flood, the world has been given fresh to humanity. God gives Moses laws of love. The Jewish people are brought to their promised land. David beats Goliath. And Jesus begins his ministry.

Whenever we hear the number "40," we might want to focus on the time of suffering, but God is using this time to prepare us for some "glorious unfolding." We have certainly had our fair share of waiting in the last year, and wonder what God may have in store for us at the end of this pandemic. What might God be asking you to consider, change, or examine as we prepare for that glorious unfolding? And what marvelous calling may the Holy Spirit move us toward when we arrive in that place?

### Things to Do at Home:

**Pray:** Take the 40 second challenge: Start with 40 seconds of daily prayer, and increase the same amount every day.

**Do:** Establish a new tradition to countdown to Easter with your family. Design a special calendar for kids to mark off, or light a candle each night at dinner to mark the days.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### February 2022

Sunday <b>27</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Sir 27: 4-7</b> <b>1 Cor 15: 54-58</b> <b>Lk 6: 39-45</b> <b>+Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family , +Nina Marie Whitsel and +Jean Dougherty</b>
Monday <b>28</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Pt 1: 3-9</b> <b>Mk 10: 17-27</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners.</b>
Tuesday <b>01</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Pt 1: 10-16</b> <b>Mk 10: 28-31</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>02</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Jl 2: 12-18</b> <b>2 Cor 5: 20- 6:2</b> <b>Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>03</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dt 30: 15-20</b> <b>Lk 9: 22-25</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Friday <b>04</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Is 58: 1-9a</b> <b>Mt 9: 14-15</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Sunday <b>06</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dt 26: 4-10</b> <b>Rom 10: 8-13</b> <b>Lk 4: 1-13</b>  <b>+Thomas Cooney Family +The Dockery Family, and +Ella and Chic Groh</b>

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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, +Nina Marie Whitsel, and +Jean Dougherty

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,876,293
Interest on Income	34,985
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,911,279</b>
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
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>820,821</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,090,457</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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



St. Andrews and St Benedict Parishes  
invite All to our Combined Lenten Mission

# *Rest in Me*

Are anxiety, stress and tension  
driving your life?

Fr. Mike, a mental health professional  
will help us use prayer to calm  
and center our hearts and help us find

## *Rest in God.*

Fr Mike will share at St Benedict Parish on  
**Sunday, March 27th at 4pm**  
and at St. Andrew Parish on  
**Monday, March 28th at 7pm**

All are invited to both sessions.



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MISSION PRESENTER: FR. MIKE SHANNAHAN LPC

# 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](http://www.GoSaintAndrew.com)



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