



Saint Andrew Parish

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“For I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.” Isaiah 43:20

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 773-525-3016 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 9 at 4 pm and Sunday, April 10 at 9 & 11am

Holy Thursday - April 14 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm
Adoration from 8pm to Midnight

Good Friday - April 15 - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - April 16 Blessing of Easter Baskets - 11:00am
Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 17 at 9 & 11am

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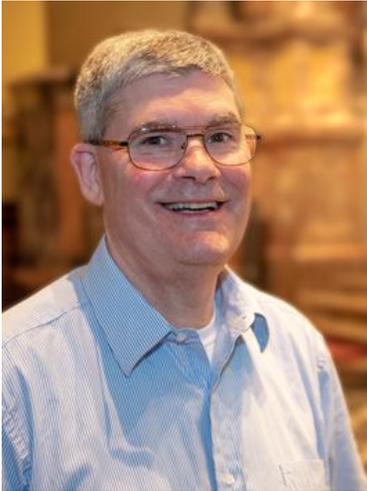
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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“Obviously, we all
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This past spring break, Rita and I had the blessing of taking care of our two granddaughters, as their parents were working. In our conversations the war in Ukraine came up. Yes, they had been talking about it in their classes, and their teachers were explaining it in terms of the Ten Commandments. The teachers were teaching them the meaning of coveting one’s neighbor’s goods, by showing what was happening in this war. “You Shalt Not Covet Your Neighbor’s Goods,” forbids the desire to take, to keep, or damage the property of others. Our granddaughters explained that the Russian invasion and Putin’s actions were wrong, as they were breaking this commandment.

Rita expanded upon this 10th commandment. She asked them, what if someone came and asked our granddaughters and their parents to move out of their house, because someone wanted it? They considered it, and then began to laugh. The idea that they would be asked to leave, simply because someone wanted to take their place without their permission and without paying for it. They thought this was too silly. Ah, the innocence of children. But there is nothing innocent about sin.

In the *Gospel of John*, Jesus is presented with a woman who had sinned. It appeared to be an open and shut case. The scribes and Pharisees expected Jesus to condemn this woman, because she was caught breaking the 6th commandment. (“You Shall Not Commit Adultery,” forbids obscene speech; impure actions alone or with others.) Unfortunately, sin is pervasive. So, Jesus focused on sin’s relational harm; our judgements of others. “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

St Teresa of Avila in her teachings to the Carmelite sisters’ states, “overcoming sin is a ‘non-negotiable’ aspect of growing in union with God, which is how we progress in holiness.” Obviously, we all yearn for full union with God in heaven, but in heaven *uniting our sins with God is impossible*. So, here and now is our time to ‘overcome’ our sins by progressing in holiness. We are never alone in this task, for Jesus is merciful. Jesus does not condemn this woman, but forgives and warns her not to sin any more. So it is in Confession, when we “firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.” Yes, by the Lord’s grace we are not alone, but strengthened to resist sin and change our ways; and to follow our Lord in the ways of holiness. For Jesus’ presence *now* is not to condemn us, but to offer his forgiveness to those who desire to be set free of their sin.

Perhaps our granddaughters were too innocence in their thinking. But again, perhaps it is that simple: to admit our sins, to ask for our Father’s mercy, to be set free, and to sin no more. For “in this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” (1 John 4, 10) Jesus is with us *now* and always, so that we may have life *now* and receive the fullness of life with God in heaven. Overcoming sin is ‘non-negotiable,’ but through the sacrament of Reconciliation we are set free, and then... we too can laugh with joy.

Blessings!



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. Order your dinner baskets [HERE!](#) The event is BYOB! Don't miss out!

We are looking for volunteers to help with frying, food prep, ticket sales, set up and clean up. If you are able to help please click [HERE](#) and sign up!



REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality

Our popular spirituality program for adults returns this Spring. REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality will be held on Thursday nights for 6 weeks starting **Thursday, April 21, 2022**. If you need to start learning, need a booster, or just a refresher on the Catholic Church's trove of spiritual treasure, join us for this 6 weeks faith-enrichment program. To find out more and to register visit www.standrew.org/reboot



Holy Thursday Collection - Ukraine

During our Lenten Journey, the customary practice is to gather the surplus from our fasting and offer it as alms at the conclusion of Lent. To this end, the Holy Thursday collection will be given to Catholic Relief Service and their humanitarian relief efforts to support refugees from the crisis in Ukraine. There is no need to wait until Holy Thursday to donate. You can contribute to the [Holy Thursday fund](#) before and after. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

April 2022

Sunday 03	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 8-14 Jn 8: 1-11 +Phillip Meer Castillo, +Amanda Fildes+Lorraine Hansen +Marte Vinzons and +Rosy Cavajal
Monday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dn 13: 41c-62 Jn 8: 12-20 Our departed Parishioners.
Tuesday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Nm 21: 4-9 Jn 8: 21-30 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8: 31-42 +Matt King
Thursday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59 +Thomas Cooney Family and Dockery Family
Friday 08	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 10	Procession First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Lk 19: 28-40 Is 50: 4-7 Phi; 2: 6-11 Lk 22: 14 - 23:56 +Sarah (Sally) Cunningham, +Brian Conneely and +Julio C. Ramirez

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org





FRIDAY
APRIL 8
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Saint Andrew Gym at
Addison & Paulina

FISH BASKET
MAC & CHEESE
BASKET

BYOB!



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Order your dinners
today at
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CHILDREN'S GARAGE SALE

Mark Your Calendars for the
Saint Andrew Children's Garage Sale
Saint Andrew Gymnasium
1658 West Addison, Chicago, IL 60613
Saturday, May 14, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m

DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!

Donation Drop Off Dates and Times

(Drop off location at 1658 West Addison
Saint Andrew Gymnasium)

Sunday, May 8 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Monday, May 9 from 2:45pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday, May 10 from 2:45pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, May 11 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Thursday, May 12 from 11:45 – 1:00pm

Friday, May 13 from 2:45 – 4:00pm

*Please note: First donation date is the week of
the sale!

Donations can include:

- Gently used clothing (except underwear), shoes, coats for infants to pre-teens
- Maternity wear
- Baby gear (except car seats)
- Toys, games, puzzles and books
- Nursery and children's furniture (except drop-side cribs)
- Halloween costumes and holiday outfits
- No car seats of any kind
- No drop-side cribs

We are looking for volunteers for donation collection, set-up and the sale. Times are flexible and children are welcome. Please contact Julie Richards at julie@standrew.org.

Admission to the sale is \$1 donation and sales are cash or credit card.
All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew Parish. Unsold items will be donated to charity.

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
- 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 +Phillip Meer Castillo, +Amanda Fildes+Lorraine Hansen +Marte Vinzons and +Rosy Cavajal

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,879,010
Interest on Income	35,309
Total Income	1,914,319
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)	128,380
Total Expense	923,297
Balance	991,023

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February 2022 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	7,613
Automated Giving	21,133
Loose Cash	2,180
Total Offertory	33,926
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

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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