



Saint Andrew Parish

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“I give you a new commandment, love one another.”
John 13:34

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 3pm 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 (except April 16) , Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the main church.

Easter Continues! Happy Easter!

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.
— St. Hippolytus of Rome



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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*God is Father and
does not disown
any of his
Children.*

This past week, a letter from Pope Francis was made available that answered some prompts he was given about LGBT people. A question was asked, “What he thought was the most important thing LGBT people should know about God?” The pope replied, **“God is Father and does not disown any of his children.”**

This comment did not surprise me as I believe the unconditional love of God to be the foundation of the Church’s understanding of God. The pope’s next comment did surprise me. He was asked “What would you like LGBT people to know about the Church?” The pope replied, “I would like them to read the book of the Acts of the Apostles.”

Admittedly, it struck me as odd because I’ve been struggling these past few weeks. Every Sunday during the season of Easter, our First Reading has come from the Acts of the Apostles. It is certainly appropriate as the season of Easter is a time for us to examine the Resurrection of Jesus in light of the first hand witnesses who proclaimed Christ’s victory over Sin. Within these readings however, there are wordings that sound more than a little odd and seemed to stick out sorely without any explanation.

Specifically, the readings have highlighted the animosity between the early Christians and their contemporary Jewish authorities. In the writing of these texts, the shorthand that the author (Saint Luke) wrote was to put them in a singular group he called “the Jews.” He was referring however to a small sect of religious leaders who felt their religious practices justified the oppression of the early Christians. Saint Paul responded, as would any victim, in a disintegrated and callous voice which has wrongly and tragically been used to justify full throated antisemitism in the modern world.

I can contextualize Saint Paul’s response because I’ve studied Sacred Scripture in depth, but to the casual observer, the reading of these sacred text without their proper context sounds like the early Christians, and vis a vis us today, are comfortable with the condemnation of an entire religious group. How can this be when Jesus, Mary his mother, and all the Apostles were themselves Jewish and often argued passionately to preserve the practice of Jewish religious customs?

It is vital that we state with absolute certainty the context. In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Paul vehemently condemns religious authorities who condone violence in the name of their religion. These authorities happened to be Jewish but the condemnation, however poorly worded, must not be confused with a condemnation of the entire religious people. What is condemned by Saint Paul extends to all religious leaders who condone violence in the name of God, whether Catholic, Orthodox, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, and so on.

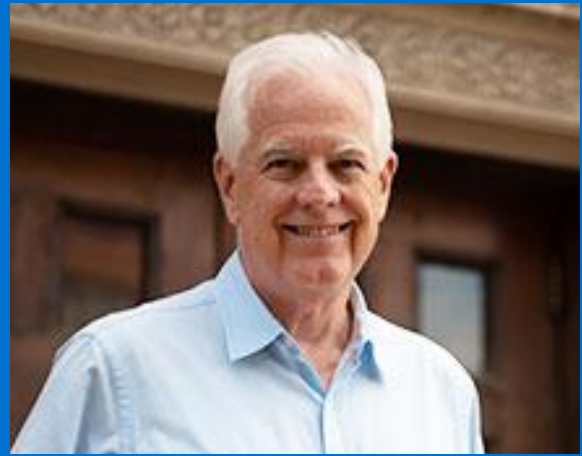
It also brings me back to the pope’s original comment which was noted at the beginning of this pastoral letter. God does not disown any of his children. Period. Full stop.

If the children are Jewish, Catholic, Russian, Chinese, Democrat, Republican, Communist, Libertarian, Lesbian, Gay, Felon, Muslim, Buddhist, Believer, Non-Believer... or name whatever other title you wish to give to a human being, the message is the same. The human person is sacred to God and as believers, our response to each person should be an echo God’s love to them; the love whose origin is God himself.



Celebrating Mr. Allen Ackermann

For nineteen years in total and for thirteen years as principal, Mr. Allen Ackermann has served Saint Andrew School. He has lent his administrative expertise and leadership to enable the school grow significantly during that time. This year he is retiring and the Saint Andrew community will honor his service at Mass on **Sunday, June 5, 2022** at 9:00am with a reception in the gymnasium to follow. Please join us!



Vacation Bible School - July 18-22

This Summer, Saint Benedict and Saint Andrew will host a 5-day Vacation Bible School from July 18-22, 2022. Vacation Bible School is for rising kindergarteners thru rising 4th graders. the Program will take place in-person on the campus of Saint Benedict Parish Monday through Friday and participants will sing, learn about scripture stories, talk about the saints and grow in faith. Participants will be in small groups, led by our parish youth ministry volunteers. This 3.5 hour day will run from 9:00am-12:30pm. The fee is \$80. per child and \$150. for a family. [Click here](#) to register.



Broadcast with Us

Saint Andrew Parish continues to offer live streaming broadcasts of our Masses and special events in the church. That means we are in need of additional volunteer support this ministry. Please volunteer if you have or are willing to learn skills in how to use audio, visual, and live streaming equipment. We can teach you! If interested, please contact David Heimann at david@standrew.org.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Easter Season

Pop quiz! Which season is longer: Lent or Easter? Most of us are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, and might think that Easter only lasts one day. But the Easter season officially lasts 50 days!

When we are gathered for mass, we see and hear these changes in the liturgy: the deep purple vestments give way to bright white, the Gloria is sung again, and the bareness of the altar would be covered in beautiful flowers. These signs tell us Jesus is risen!

The Easter season does not end with Jesus' return to heaven, on the Ascension of our Lord. He promised his disciples that he would send an "advocate," which is sometimes translated to "helper." This promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which instructs and guides us individually and as a church to grow in love and knowledge of God. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, which officially concludes the season. (That's this weekend!)

But if the Holy Spirit is still with us, does Easter really end? Maybe not. Saint Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

At Home with Emmaus ([Luke 24:13-35](#))

The gospel story of the Road to Emmaus provides us with ways to celebrate the Easter season. We can...

... read the Old Testament, and discover the scripture Jesus "opened" to the disciples. Try [Dt 18:15](#), [Psalm 22:1-18](#), and [Isaiah 53](#)

... go for a walk. Invite Jesus to meet you on the road, especially if your heart feels heavy.

... bake bread; Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of it. [Here are 50 quick breads](#). Hey! That's one for every day of Easter!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

May 2022

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| Sunday 15 | First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 14: 21-27 Rev 21: 1-5a Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35 +Julia Tuohy-Dolphin |
| Monday 16 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26 Our departed Parishioners |
| Tuesday 17 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a Our departed Parishioners |
| Wednesday 18 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8 Our departed Parishioners |
| Thursday 19 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11 Our departed Parishioners |
| Friday 20 | First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions | Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17 +Gertrude <a;pmeu |
| Sunday 22 | First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29 +Elda Collela |

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



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 2:15pm – 3:45pm

Thursday, May 12 from 11:45 – 1:00pm

Friday, May 13 from 2:45 – 7:00pm

*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 **+Julia Tuohy-Dolphin**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

| Enrich – Expand - Grow | |
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| Income | 1,881,117 |
| Interest on Income | 35,663 |
| Total Income | 1,916,780 |
| 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) | 148,560 |
| Total Expense | 943,477 |
| Balance | 973,303 |

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| April 2022 Offering 3 Weeks | |
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| Envelopes Collection | 8,140 |
| Automated Giving | 16,408 |
| Loose Cash | 2,227 |
| Total Offertory | 26,775 |
| Monthly Budgeted Expenses | 38,500 |
| EASTER, 2022 April 17, 2022 | |
| Envelopes | 9,535 |
| Loose Cash | 3,129 |
| Automated Giving | 7,832 |
| Total Easter Giving | 20,496 |

