



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Five loaves and two fish are all we have.”

Luke 9:13

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, Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.

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

Juneteenth - Parish Offices Closed:

The parish office will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Juneteenth (*officially June 19*) commemorates the 1965 announcement in Texas regarding the abolition of slavery in the United States. It is an important date in the long history of the restoration of the inalienable rights given by God to those who were forced into captive servitude because of their race. The arc of history continues to bend toward justice as the work of restoration is incomplete. We must all seek to end the evil of racism and put into practice the grace to see one another as God sees us, with inherent dignity and worth.

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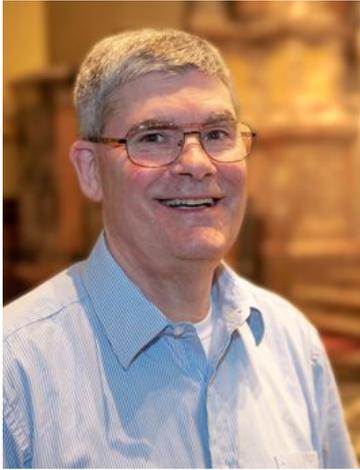
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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*In the Eucharist,
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to meet us, dwell
with us, and fulfill
God's promise to be
with us always.
But are we open to
meet him...always?*

This year our eldest granddaughter, Claire, received her 1st Communion. Many of her family members were in attendance, so much so we overflowed her assigned pew. Thus, Rita and I sat in the side pew, which offered us a great view of Claire, sitting in the front row.

She was sitting with a serious, attentive expression on her face. When she finally went forth to receive the Lord, you could see the anticipation, yet fixed concentration about her. But after receiving the Body of Christ, there was this burst of joy and excitement and a lightness to her step, as she returned to her seat, which was still showing in her class photo, her pictures with the family, and in her reception celebration afterwards.

We too approach the altar to receive the Lord. But do we feel the overwhelming humility of his *humble* gift of Himself? How can we not proclaim like Elizabeth to Mary, 'Who am I that my Lord should come to me?' And do we feel the joy bubbling up within us, of Christ's longing to be so close with us, and in us? As Mary proclaimed, 'My spirit *rejoices* in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly *servant*.' Does his presence put a smile upon our face by the love he shares so *intimately*? And do we continue to rejoice, as we go forth to serve those who need his presence in their lives? In the Eucharist, the Lord continues to meet us, dwell with us, and fulfill God's promise to be with us always. But are we open to meet him...*always*?

Since her 1st Communion, Claire now freely receives the Body of Christ each Sunday, no longer serious, but with her face beaming with joy. So great a gift is our Lord and Savior, that John the Baptist leaped with joy in Elizabeth's womb at his presence...merely at his presence. Yet, Christ is so *intimately present within us*. But do we joyfully approach and receive him?



Thank You Fr. Falasiko!

This weekend serves as the final weekend for Fr. Falasiko to serve at Saint Andrew as a visiting priest. He began his journey with us as a seminarian and then as an ordained deacon in 2020. Following his ordination as a priest last year in Uganda, he returned to Chicago for a year of advanced studies at Mundelein Seminary which he just completed. He now returns to Uganda for assignment within his home diocese of Kiyinda-Mityana. We are grateful for his years of service at Saint Andrew and ask God's blessings on his future ministry. Send Fr. Falasiko a message by emailing him at fmatovu@usml.edu

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.

Kairos Retreat for High School Students

Saint Andrew Parish is pleased to support our younger parishioners by partnering with the North Side Kairos which will take place from **Friday, August 19, 2022 at 9:00am to Sunday, August 21, 2022** in the afternoon. We are now accepting registrations for participants and leaders. Participants must be entering their Junior or Senior year of high school or exiting their Senior year. For more information, [read more....](#)



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Church: Community in the Spirit

The Church is a community - a community of people who profess the same belief in one God, led by the same Spirit, with a common mission: to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ's redeeming sacrifice. "We are all one..." but are we all the same?

We are all members of the Body of Christ. Just as the Body of Christ is one body, it is made up of different parts. In the same way, we serve different functions in the church, whether we are part of the laity, consecrated religious, or serving as clergy. Within these three groups we also serve in different ways. Some consecrated religious are devoted to prayer and contemplation, while others serve in missions around the world. Clergy might serve locally as pastors of a parish or at a high office in the Vatican. Lay people serve the church in their secular work (have you heard of "water-cooler evangelization?"), as well as when they become involved in parish life, from teaching Religious Education to serving on the Social Concerns Commission.

The same Spirit works uniquely in each of us for the benefit of all, sometimes even when bestowing the same gift! For example, someone may be a great public speaker and choose to become a priest, while another person with the same gift might become a lawyer defending social justice issues.

Ideally, a vocation is chosen when an individual shares their gifts while following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. As Frederick Buechner puts it, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

No matter where the Spirit leads us, we are called to offer the best of ourselves to make the world a better place for everyone else.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

June 2022

Sunday The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 19	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 14; 18-20 1 COR 11: 23-26 LK 9: 11B-17 +Dagmar Alvarez+ Donald Burtzen , +Doog Bathal +Ryan Stoll and +Cecilia Vinzons
Monday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Kgs 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7; 1-5 +Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Kgs 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7;6, 12-14 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Kgs 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3 Mt 7: 15=20 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 49-1-6 Acts 13; 22-26 Our departed Parishioners
Friday Sacred Heart of Jesus 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	EX 34; 11-16 LK 15: 3-7 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21 Gal 5: 1, 13-18 Lk 9: 51-62 +Dagmar Alvarez and +Maureen Stailey

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
- 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 **+Dagmar Alvarez+ Donald Burtzen , +Doog Bathal +Ryan Stoll and +Cecilia Vinzons**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,885,211
Interest on Income	36,345
Total Income	1,921,556
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)	184310
Total Expense	979,226
Balance	942,330

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 2022 Offering 3 Weeks	
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

