

The 125th Anniversary



Saint Andrew Parish

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A SPECIAL PLACE

For 125 years Saint Andrew has been a spiritual home for thousands of people. What started as a group of 35 immigrant families from Ireland back in 1894, blossomed into the heartbeat of a vibrant neighborhood in Lakeview, Chicago.

Over 125 years, there have been good times and bad, both in our city and in the parish. At times the parish was the hub of attention within the Archdiocese and even the Catholic Church in the United States. At other times it seemed a forgotten corner where mortar and bricks sagged and the buildings longed for repair.

Throughout all those times, what remains constant are the people, the relationships, and family memories, all of them centered

around a relationship with God.

Within the walls of this church, the prayers of hope for family to come back from war have been whispered. Tears of sorrow have been shed as loved ones passed on and tears of joy have sprung at the baptism of a new daughter or marriage of a treasured son.

To walk into Saint Andrew is to enter a special place that has been the backdrop for the journey of our lives.

Take this year to walk through the life of Saint Andrew, our past, present, and future. Help us to celebrate 125 years of this community gathered in God's name.



Welcome to the 125th Anniversary Celebration

A word from Fr. Sergio Romo, the eighth pastor of Saint Andrew

Dear friends,

It is my absolute joy to welcome you to the celebration of Saint Andrew in the parish's 125th anniversary!

Whether you join us every week or you are visiting us for the anniversary celebration, I want to let you know how important you are to the life of Saint Andrew community.

It is certainly impressive that the parish has maintained its integrity through all of these years and that we have had a constant visible presence on the corner of Addison and Paulina. Most impressive is the community that has sustained and made up Saint Andrew.

When I came here nearly 11 years ago, it was my first chance to serve as pastor in the Archdiocese of Chicago. While I had been a priest and I had faith in God, I could not have imagined how serving as pastor would change me and lead me to a deeper growth in my relationship with God. It is my encounter with you that has fostered that growth. Through you, I now know Christ better.

My deep desire is that the same is true for you. Whether

you were born here or moved here for work or for school, I sincerely pray that you have had the blessing of an amazing journey that has strengthened your faith through an encounter of Christ in one other. In the language of the Church we call this presence the "Mystical Body of Christ." You are the presence of Christ to each other and that presence is fully realized when we come together for Mass.

I pray that you will discover that presence as you join us throughout this year, whether for a short visit or for your weekly worship. Know that you are always welcome and we are always glad to see you.

God Bless,
Fr. Sergio Romo



Tell the Story of Saint Andrew through Saint Andrew Story Corps

What is your favorite memory of Saint Andrew? As part of the 125th Anniversary, Saint Andrew is actively collecting the stories that define our lived experience.

We are collecting them through audio recordings to be stored in our archives similar to how NPR records peoples' stories in Story Corps. We are asking for parishioners of all ages to take a moment to recall and record your memories of Saint Andrew.

There are three ways to participate

- 1) Call our office phone, 773-525-3016 and ask to be transferred to our story corps line (extension 337). At the sound of the tone, feel free to leave your memory.
- 2) Make an appointment with our office staff or a volunteer who will sit with you and record your story and instantly add it to our archive.
- 3) Record your story on a phone or other recording device and email the file to stories@standrew.org



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Join us for the 125th Anniversary Celebration Mass and Dinner March 21, 2019

One of the highlights of our 125th Anniversary Celebration will be our Celebration Mass and Dinner.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Mass 4:00pm
Dinner 5:00pm

The Mass of Celebration will be presided by Archbishop Blase Cardinal Cupich.

The dinner will be served family style in our gymnasium and will feature dignitaries and past ministers who have served at Saint Andrew.

Because this is the largest celebration during the 125th anniversary year, it will be a ticketed event.



Tickets will go on sale in December of 2019 through our website at www.standrew.org/125.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under the age of 18 or a family of four or more for \$75. Children under the age of 5 are free.

Attendees, regardless of age need to RSVP for the event through our ticketing portal.

We are interested in collecting all sorts of stories: first Christmases, simple joys, tales of healing, fun in the gym, First Communions, first dates, falling in love, losing a loved one. Stories from 1 month ago are just as important as ones from 30 years ago.

Your stories are invaluable to us! Help us keep and cherish the history of Saint Andrew through the stories we tell.

Join us for Hospitality Weekends.

The cornerstone of our celebration of our 125th anniversary will be our monthly Hospitality Weekends. Each Hospitality Weekend has a theme and will feature a gathering after Mass for fellowship and hospitality (food, coffee, donuts, etc).

Make plans to join us for Mass on these weekends and plan to spend some time with us as we celebrate 125 years of Saint Andrew!

Hospitality Weekends 2019-20

Masses held on Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8 & 10am and 5:30pm

- October 19-20, 2019**
- Opening Weekend
- November 16-17, 2019**
- Recalling CYO & Athletics
- December 14-15, 2019**
- Recalling Women Religious
- January 25-26, 2020**
- Celebrating Saint Andrew School
- February 22-23, 2020**
- "First Called" Live performance on the life of Saint Andrew
- March 21-22, 2020**
- Celebration Dinner with the Cardinal
- April 25-26, 2020**
- School Alumni Reunions
- May 16-17, 2020**
- Married Couples Renewal of Vows
- June, 2020 TBA**
- Cubs Baseball Game!
- Skate Night Returns!



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Come and show appreciation for the women religious who supported Saint Andrew through their dedicated service!



Join Saint Andrew School alumni from across several decades during our reunion weekend for all classes!



Married at Saint Andrew or another Catholic Church?

Renew your vows during our Married Couples Weekend. During all Masses, a renewal of vows will take place for married couples.



Join us for a trip to Wrigley Field for a celebration event with our neighborhood baseball team!

This event is dependent upon schedule and availability. Check back in February for more information at www.standrew.org/125



Attend a live theatrical performance of the life of Saint Andrew, the first disciple called by Jesus to follow him.



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