



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Thus says the LORD GOD.  
Oh my people, I will open your graves.  
And have you rise from them.” *Ezekiel 37:12*

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# Parish Information - COVID-19

## Parish-wide Closures:

*If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.*

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**. During COVID-19 “stay in place” order, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has instructed all parishes that there will not be public Masses during Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, or Easter Sunday. Saint Andrew parish staff will be discussing opportunities for our families to find meaningful ways of celebrating during the coming week.

## Join Us for the Virtual Fish Fry!

The Saint Andrew Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2020 is one of the cherished community events at Saint Andrew. It seemed a shame to have to cancel it outright, so the organizers have planned to hold a Virtual Fish Fry from the privacy of your own home!

Make sure to get some fish to fry at home (or plan to get delivery from a local restaurant) and join us for an online Zoom event on **Friday, April 3, 2020** between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. We'll have music and dancing as well as all your friends posting the success (or difficulty) of having their own fish fry at home.

Visit [www.standrew.org/fishfry](http://www.standrew.org/fishfry) for details. Join the fun! (The virtual event will still be BYOB!)



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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*"In Chicago, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is comforting to know that there is a path forward for us as a faith community."*

The past few weeks have been tumultuous, and the weeks ahead appear to be even more so. Every week, someone from the pastoral staff does their best to use this "Pastoral Letter" to provide a few words of comfort and insight. To use this space well, it often means that we have to search inside ourselves to discover where the indwelling of God comforts us personally. It is a necessary step before we can provide a sense of hope for others.

During this past week, the indwelling of God for me has been the memory of a class I took several years ago. It was a class at Loyola University on the history of American Catholicism. My classmates and I read Jay P. Dolan's book *The American Catholic Experience*. He referenced the work of another scholar Dr. Ann Taves who received her doctorate from the University of Chicago. She did extensive research on the "domestic church" of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This is where a very poignant connection to the COVID-19 pandemic comes into play.

About the time that my personal ancestors were fleeing the economic hardships of Europe and settling in lands across the Midwest (early to mid 1800s), the Catholic Church looked very different. Catholic communities would form but there were few priests to celebrate the sacraments with them on a regular basis. Priests riding on horseback would come into town about once every two months.

And yet, the Catholic identity of these settlers, including my ancestors, remained strong. The tenacity of their faith is accredited to a range of practices known as "devotionalism," defined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as "*expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*" They are practiced personally or in the "the domestic church" (our personal households) and include a variety of things: praying the rosary, novena prayers, prayer cards, icons, crucifixes, etc. These activities helped our ancestors keep the faith even when they couldn't gather with one another at a parish.

Devotional practice grew to be so popular that they sometimes superseded the formal practice of the Catholic faith. Devotions spoke to the heart. They were relatable and understandable. A prayer on the back of a holy card that you could read in your own language and on a daily basis was comforting whereas a priest who you saw once every two months and prayed in Latin may have seemed distant. Dr. Taves would argue that the phenomenon of devotionalism, which dominated the American Catholic experience for decades, (*continued on page 4*)



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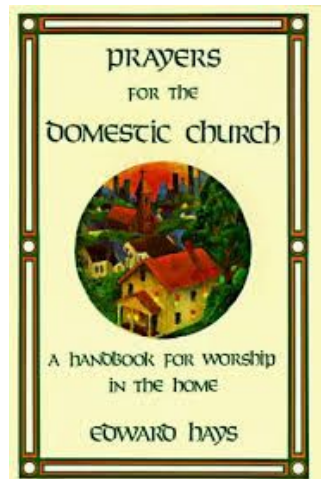
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was so pronounced that it didn't go away even when priests became widely available. Catholics stuck with the comfort that devotions brought. Dr. Taves would argue, this had a lot to do with the Mass being in Latin and not entirely relatable whereas devotions were intelligible in a familiar way that brought comfort and ease.

The last 75 years in America have provided worshipers with the luxury of clerics who have been able to meet the demands of Catholic communities. With the freedom to meet regularly on Sunday, the path of devotionism has more or less subsided in the American Catholic experience, but it has not been forgotten. It is still with us and it is, after all, the principle way that Catholicism in America survived during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This gives me hope for what we are experiencing now.

In Chicago, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is comforting to know that there is a path forward for us as a faith community. It isn't in gathering in the same way as are accustomed. It is by gathering in our own homes and fostering the practices which we should always be cultivating, the capacity to welcome God's presence in our life.

I've put a collection of devotional practices that you might try at [www.standrew.org/devotions](http://www.standrew.org/devotions) I also recommend the book "[\*Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Prayers in the Home\*](#)" by Edward Hays which is widely available online and can be shipped to you.



In an interesting concurrence of events, the devotions of the 19<sup>th</sup> century were introduced by travelling preachers would come to towns across America and have a "parish mission" once a year to provide an introduction on how to uniformly and properly practice a specific devotion. We were scheduled to have our own parish mission this coming weekend with Saint Benedict parish. Because of the state-wide "stay at home" order, we cannot proceed with our plan to hold the parish mission, but we can commit ourselves to the purpose for which we were going to gather in the first place. We invite you to find the daily practice that helps you and your household nurture your faith, and together, we'll get through this, just like our ancestors did before us.

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## Join a REBOOT Group:

Want to use the time during the "stay at home" order to Update your Spirituality? Our six-week course is adapted to be done by tele or video conference during this time. Groups of 6-8 people will form in an ongoing basis as individuals sign up. Find out more and register on our website at [www.standrew.org/reboot](http://www.standrew.org/reboot)



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## 40 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 let's 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, God gives the world back anew. Moses receives laws to guide a lost people. The Jewish people are brought to their promised land. David beats Goliath. Jesus begins his ministry.

Whenever we hear the number 40, we might be tempted to focus on the time of suffering, but God is using this time to prepare us for some "glorious unfolding." We spend a good deal of time explaining to children the importance of waiting for Christmas - perhaps this is an excellent opportunity to engage in an activity which prepares your family for Easter! Take time during Lent to prepare yourself for what God has in store for you.

### Things to Do at Home

**Read:** The Magnificat. Right now, the online version is free. Check it out: <https://us.magnificat.net/>

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

**Do:** Design a special calendar, or light a candle at dinner with a special prayer to acknowledge this time of Lent.

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

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### MARCH/APRIL

Saturday Vigil <b>28</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions 4:00pm	<b>Ez 37:12-14</b> <b>Rom 8:8-11</b> <b>Jn 11:1-45</b>
Sunday <b>29</b>	8:00 am  10:00 am  5:30 pm	+Elaine Levetta and +Maureen Stailey  +Maureen Stailey  Our departed Parishioners  Our departed Parishioners
Monday <b>30</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62</b> <b>Jn 8:1-11</b> Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday <b>31</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 21:4-9</b> <b>Jn 8:21-3</b>  Lorraine Hanson- 100th Birthday
Wednesday <b>April 1</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95</b> <b>Jn 8:31-42</b>  +Marte Vinzons
Thursday <b>2</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass intentions	<b>Gn 17:3-9</b> <b>Jn 8:51-59</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>3</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Jn 8:51-59</b> <b>Jn 10:31-42</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil <b>4</b>	Gospel with Palms Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions 4:00pm	<b>Jn 10:31-42</b> <b>Phil 2:6-11</b> <b>Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54</b>
Sunday <b>5</b>	8:00 am  10:00 am  5:30 pm	+Jack Stanton, +Nellas Chirchirillo and +Maureen Stailey  +Maureen Stailey  +Robert Ledvina and +Julio Ramirez  Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



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# Scripture Reflection

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



When my husband and I were married last summer, we found an apartment a couple miles north of Saint Andrew, close to Rosehill Cemetery in Andersonville. On Wednesday we were blessed with beautiful weather, and I decided to take a walk in the cemetery while I reflected on - okay, put off writing - this scripture reflection.

In Rosehill there is a small, oblong pond in the center of Section 102. On the northeast side, flanked by private mausoleums, is a unique resting place. Six small pine trees line a narrow walkway that opens up to a wide patio. A low marble bench and a railing curve off to the left and the right. A memorial stone testifies to the life of a man well loved by his family and friends. It is beautiful - the sound of wind in the tall grass and the light reflecting off the water stirred something in me. I sat down on one of the benches and cried. Mind you, I don't know this family or this man. But I cried. And I know Jesus cried with me.

Last week I wrote about how we take part in God's healing work. This week, I think it's good to remember that Jesus also takes part in our suffering. He is not immune to our pain, nor does he whisk it away with a wave of his hand. He does not hear of Lazarus's death and immediately go to the tomb to raise his friend from the dead. Jesus comes to Lazarus's sisters and shares in their loss; he goes into a place of mourning. It's a mourning that touches him deeply and produces more than just tears.

Of course, Jesus is incredibly sad; "And Jesus wept" is one of the most preached upon verses of this passage. But what I found myself dwelling on was the word, "perturbed." I decided to look at the Greek text. The word the author uses is *embrimaomai*, which is defined as a "snort of indignation or anger." Jesus is indignant. At what? At death. At separation. At suffering. Jesus wrestles with this anger as he commits to performing his last miracle in the gospel of John, just before he enters Jerusalem. He raises Lazarus that we might believe in God's power over death, and in the new life offered in Christ through the resurrection.

To be honest, I didn't want to write this scripture reflection because I didn't want to think about death. I didn't know what I would say to you about it, when so many are suffering. But *Jesus* is not afraid to be in this place with us. He is standing in our kitchens, sitting on our couches. He is weeping, he is indignant, and he is here to give us hope. He is, indeed, God with us.

(If you would like to visit Rosehill Cemetery, [find it here on Google Maps.](#))

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of: Melvin Soult, Harry (recovering from surgery on 3/21), the mother of Margaret Jones, and for all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

In gratitude for the celebration of 100 years of life of Lorraine Hanson!

For the repose of the souls of all the departed, especially Maureen Stailey, Marte Vinzons, Jack Stanton, Nellas Chirchirillo, Robert Ledvina and Julio Ramirez.

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to [www.standrew.org/prayers](http://www.standrew.org/prayers) You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Enrich – Expand - Grow**

Income	1,651,376
Interest on Income	23,160
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,674,536</b>
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
	17,030
School Addition (Actual)	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,347</b>
Balance	863,189

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**February, 2020 Offering**

<b>Envelopes Collection</b>	9,213
<b>Automated Giving</b>	17,045
<b>Loose Cash</b>	3,927
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>30,185</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>Christmas 2019</b>	
Envelopes	24,138
Electronic	2,395
Loose	5,606
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.139</b>



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