



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” *Matthew 13:45-46*

Parish Information

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

Contacting Parish Staff:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**.

Meanwhile, 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.

Join us for Mass! - Sunday Mornings

The church has reopened for Sunday Mass at 9:00 am for the next several weeks.

All attendees must have a reservation and to participate and must adhere to the policies found at www.standrew.org/reopening

Reservations can be made by visiting our website at www.standrew.org/reopening or calling 773-525-3016 and leaving a message. Reservations are not complete until a confirmation call or email has been sent to you. Thank you for your help in keeping our worship safe!

Join the Reopening Team

The parish needs several more volunteers in church reopening efforts. Volunteers will be divided into the following teams: **Set-up team**, **Greeting team**, **Clean-up team**. To express interest in volunteering, please contact the parish staff at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.



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Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



“Renew My Church is a process of the Archdiocese to ensure that the resources and structure of the Archdiocese are aligned to best meet our needs and fulfill our mission.”

Dear Parish Family,

I am writing to pass along to you a recent communication that I have received from Bishop Mark Bartosic who administers the archdiocesan vicariate in which our parish resides. I have included his letter to me in this bulletin with his permission.

The letter is an unexpected announcement that the timetable for Saint Andrew parish to participate in Renew My Church will begin this Fall. Even though the other pastors and I were alerted that our activation could happen this year and based on the prevailing sentiment and the existing plan for the process to start next year, I admit that I did not expect this decision.

For those who are not aware, Renew My Church is a process of the Archdiocese to ensure that the resources and structure of the Archdiocese are aligned to best meet our needs and fulfill our mission. You can find out more about it at <https://www.renewmychurch.org/>.

At the heart of Renew My Church is a process of prayerful discernment. Every parish must participate in this process with a “grouping” - a set of parishes in a local area. As Bishop Bartosic has made us aware in his letter, the circumstances of our world have quickly changed and he feels our local area of parishes should enter that discernment sooner rather than later. Along with our grouping, several other groupings in the Archdiocese have been activated in this accelerated timetable and nothing has been communicated to me that would suggest this decision was based on some deficiency of our parish or school.

During this time, I know that many of our parishioners are concerned about many things. Fears of catching COVID-19, grief over friends and family who have died as a result of the disease, fears of losing jobs or having lost a job and figuring out how to pay bills, making decisions about attending school as cases of COVID rise, and so much more. We certainly face a lot of fears which require our thoughtful prayer. I know that the activation for Renew My Church is unexpected and that can seem like an added stress, but I would encourage us not to fear. Instead, I believe all of us should do what Bishop Bartosic has called us to do. We should pray and discern together. Important advice all the time but especially in times of crisis.

Currently, I do not have specific details about the process of Renew My Church as it relates to Saint Andrew Parish. I will share as much information with you as I can and as soon as I can. In the meantime, I invite you to pray and ask for God’s insight to come upon all of us as we journey together as a family of disciples. We will need God’s guidance to best know how we can continue to fulfill our mission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to my attention and I will do my best to keep you informed about the process.

God bless,
Fr. Sergio Romo



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Dear Pastors,

First, please know of my prayers for you and your parishioners during this difficult time.

I write to you to share a change in the timeline for the Renew My Church discernment process, which directly impacts your parish and the neighboring parishes in your grouping. Given the challenges posed by the pandemic, including the temporary closure of churches across the Archdiocese, the RMC launch timeline is being re-evaluated for each grouping in the Archdiocese.

Your grouping will begin to engage the RMC discernment process regarding the future parish structures this Fall 2020. A specific schedule for local conversations will be set in the coming weeks. For parishes that had not been planning to actively engage in the RMC process this year, I know this is a significant shift. Your planning for the 2020-21 has already been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the significant work required to re-open our churches. The Renew My Church staff, the Vicariate II Team, and I are committed to supporting you throughout the upcoming process.

While the first part of the RMC process will focus on the possible structural and business changes necessary for our community, it is important to keep in mind these changes are necessary to prepare us up to focus on spiritual and ministerial renewal moving forward. Renew My Church is about making disciples, building communities, and inspiring witness of our faith. To most effectively work on those three imperatives, we need a sustainable organizational and facility structure.

What's next?

You will receive more information to share with your parishioners in the coming weeks about what to expect of the Renew My Church grouping discernment process. The Renew My Church staff will work with you on an appropriate schedule for how best to engage the discernment process in your grouping.

We do not know what the outcomes of the discernment process will be, but we do know that things cannot remain as they are. We also know the Lord remains with us, and we will be strengthened by keeping each other in prayer. You remain in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Bartosic".

Most Rev. Mark A. Bartosic
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
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Weekly Reflection

by Deacon Mark Purdome



"I hope you have at least one friend with whom you disagree."

A thread on Twitter popped up recently from Tom, a college student in Ohio. Tom always sat in the same seat in one of his classes, and a foreigner, who seemed to be struggling with English, always sat in the next seat. Much to Tom's annoyance, the man next to him (who always arrived early to class) consistently had his things piled on Tom's desk.

In Tom's words, "Every time I walk into class this guy says 'Ah, Tom. You here. Okay' and starts frantically clearing my desk of his belongings. He then makes it a habit to say 'Ready for class, yeah?' and gives me a high five. Every day this guy gives me a high five."

This, apparently, wasn't how Tom wanted to deal with the world at 8:00 AM. He's annoyed that every single day the guy has to get his stuff off of Tom's desk.

Until one day when Tom was a little late to class. Here's his narrative: "I'm standing outside because I had to send a quick text. I could see my usual space through the door out of the corner of my eye. Of course, my desk was filled with his belongings. The usual. As I'm standing there, another guy who was also late walks into the class before me and tried to take my seat. The guy sitting next to me stops this dude from sitting down and says 'I'm sorry. My good friend Thomas sits here.' "

"It was then that I realized this guy wasn't putting stuff on my seat to annoy me. He was saving me the seat each morning. And this whole time he saw me as a friend but I was too busy thinking about myself to take him into consideration."

Our first reading today is the story of the wisdom of Solomon from the first book of Kings. Solomon didn't ask God for long life or wealth. Instead, he asked for an understanding heart. God was pleased with this request, and gave Solomon a heart that was wise and understanding.

It's never too late for us to pray for a wise heart, to seek to look at the people around us with understanding. To recognize that, regardless of someone's national origins, or language, or customs, we're one people and all part of God's family.

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And to be willing to ascribe good motives to people, believing that they are interested in our common good, rather than judging them based on prejudice or fear.

Tom's story continues: "At the end of class I ended up asking him if he wanted to get a bite to eat with me. He did. And we talked for a while. I got through the broken English to discover that the guy moved here from the Middle East to pursue a college education in America. He plans to go back once he gets his degree. He's got two kids and a wife. He works full time and sends all his leftover money back home to his wife. "

"He said he misses his family but says it's exciting to be here. He also said 'Not every American is nice to me like you are, Tom.'"

"Moral of the story?", Tom concludes, "Don't do what I do and constantly only think about yourself. It took me nearly the entire semester to realize this guy was just trying to be my friend. Better late than never, I suppose."

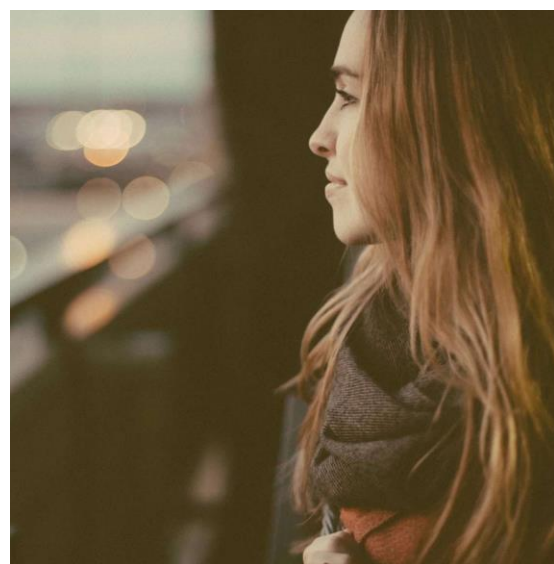
May God bless all of us this week as we seek wise, understanding hearts.

-Deacon Mark

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Saint Andrew is starting the process for adults who wish to join the Catholic church. If you know someone who is curious about Catholicism, would like to join the church from another Christian denomination, or would like to inquire about Baptism as an adult, let them know about the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please direct them to our webpage <http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/> to find out more.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Decoding Christian Symbols

You may have seen one or two of these symbols before, but have you ever wondered what they mean? Take a moment to find out!



Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and represent the beginning and the end (just as one might say, “from A to Z”). In Revelation 22:13, Christ refers to himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and last of all creation.



Crossed keys are a pair of keys that overlap and interlock, creating an "X." In the Bible, Jesus gives these “keys of heaven” to St. Peter (Matthew 16:19). It’s not unusual to see this symbol in ecclesiastical heraldry or papal coats of arms.



The Chi-Ro cross is another symbol that takes its meaning from the Greek alphabet. In Greek, the symbol “X” stands for “CH,” while the symbol “P” stands for “R.” These letters are an abbreviation of “Christ,” and so appear frequently on tabernacles.



The Marian cross is a combination of the letter “M” and a cross. It represents Mary’s presence at the foot of the cross where Jesus died. You can find this image on the Miraculous Medal as well as Pope John Paul II’s coat of arms.

You don’t have to search far and wide to find these symbols, either! Look closely and you’ll see each of them in our church. Try to spot all four at an in-person mass this summer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JULY

Saturday Vigil 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 ROM 8:28-30 MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46
Sunday 26	Mass Intentions	+Myra Ensinger Minton and +Nancy Stanton
Monday 27	First Reading Gospel	JER 13:1-11 MT 13:31-35
Tuesday 28	First Reading Gospel	JER 14:17-22 MT 13:36-43
Wednesday 29	First Reading Gospel	JER 15:10, 16-21 JN 11:19-27
Thursday 30	First Reading Gospel	JER 18:1-6 MT 13:47-5
Friday 31	First Reading Gospel	JER 26:1-9 MT 13:54-58
Saturday Vigil August 01	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	IS 55:1-3 ROM 8:35, 37-39 MT 14:13-21
Sunday 02	Mass Intentions	+Robert Ledvina

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, and those suffering job loss.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice.

For Nancy Stanton, Marjorie Drury and for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Sarah Urbanowski, Ed Ahern, Joyce Haderlein, Colleen O'Malley, Isabella Schuch and Jack Stanton.

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 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	1,677,030
Interest on Income	25,978
Total Income	1,703,008
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	891,661

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	9,932
Automated Giving	22,837
Loose Cash	168
Total Offertory	33,157
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

