



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The boat, already a few miles offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves.”
Jesus calmed the waters -- Matthew 14:24

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**.

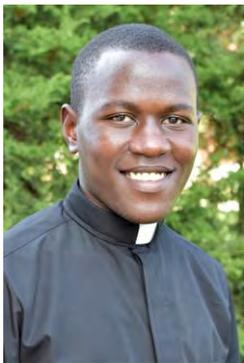
Meanwhile, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Join us for Mass! - Sunday Mornings

The church has reopened and will hold 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!



Congratulations to Mr. Falaiko Matovu

Mr. Falaiko Matovu is a seminarian from Uganda who has been assigned to Saint Andrew as he studies for the priesthood. We are pleased to announce that this Wednesday, August 12, 2020, he and several of his classmates from Mundelein Seminary will be ordained as transitional deacons in the Catholic Church.

During his final year of study at Mundelein Seminary, he will serve as a deacon at Saint Andrew during liturgies. Congratulations!

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Pastoral Letter

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



“As disciples, we are called to practice a level of discipline.”

Dear Parish Family,

I have been a student most of my life. In fact, for twenty-two years I have been enrolled in some kind of school. This means a few things: First, I am a big nerd. Second, I have become accustomed to the structure of the school year. Third, summer time is the *best* time.

During the school year my days are intense - as I've mentioned before, lists are a compulsion for me, but out of necessity! I scheduled everything to make sure I had time: time to read textbooks, write papers, do laundry, fit in a workout, pray, even watch a movie with my husband. I was fairly disciplined. Of course, it also means that I look forward to summer like a third grader.

Now that school is starting up again, I am wondering where the time went. Although I had more time to relax, meditate, and reflect on life, I didn't take those opportunities. In fact, I went several days without getting exercise or really taking the time to sit in peace with God. My lack of discipline meant I missed out on things that made me happier.

As disciples, we are called to practice a level of discipline. I don't mean using punishment to correct behavior - in fact, that meaning of the word arose in the Middle Ages - but the root of the word, *discipulus*, someone who learns.

I think many teachers will agree that the best kind of learning builds on itself. We shouldn't expect too much all at once. A rigorous schedule may work for a little while, but really effective discipline comes from developing good habits: having coffee with God, giving thanks for small blessings, setting aside 5 minutes to breathe or walk in peace. As these practices become habitual, we grow in discipleship.

So today, I'll make this commitment. I will find three small ways to be more disciplined in my spiritual, emotional, and physical health. I won't go crazy with my lists, I'll just make a commitment to do a little something every day to be a better disciple, a better follower of Christ.

Walking with you on the road,
Megan



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.

AUGUST

Saturday Vigil 08	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	1KGS: 19:9A,11-13A Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-23
Sunday 09	Mass Intentions	+Melvin Chus
Monday 10	First Reading Gospel	2Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12: 24
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 11	First Reading Gospel	Ez 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 12	First Reading Gospel	Ez 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22 Mt 18: 15-20
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 13	First Reading Gospel	Ez 12: 1-12 Mt 18: 21-19 :
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Friday 14	First Reading Gospel	Ez 16: 1-26, 60, 63 Mt 19:3 -12
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday 15	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 56: 1, 6-7 Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32 Mt 15: 21-28
Sunday 16	Mass Intentions	+Erin Mathrs Heffernan



Religious Education for Grades K-8

Looking to pass the Catholic Faith on to your child?
Saint Andrew has a program for your family!

The Saint Andrew Religious Education program is now accepting new registrations for the 2020-2021 academic year. Be sure to review the schedule, become familiar with the approach and schedule, and register at www.standrew.org/re

Thank you for your interest in teaching your child about God's love for them!



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)

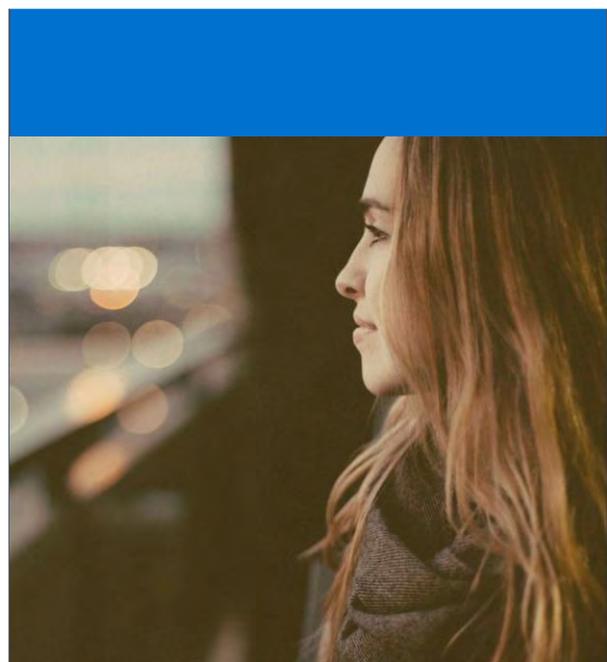
Please direct them to our webpage <http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/> to find out more.

Join the Reopening Team

The parish needs several more volunteers in church reopening efforts. Volunteers must meet the following criteria.

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 45 people.

Volunteers may serve in multiple areas or on a particular team. To express interest in volunteering, please contact the parish staff at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus' parables can often leave us scratching our head as we search for the teaching he wants to impart on believers. Arguably one of the most difficult parables to understand would be the Parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-13). In the parable, a steward is caught squandering his master's money and he is about to be let go of his position. He realized that his prospects for further employment were dim. He is in a dire situation. In his desperation, he set out a plot that would keep him ingratiated to his master, as well as his master's debtors, by dramatically reducing their promissory notes. The shocking twist to the parable is found at the end where the master commends the unjust steward, not for being unjust, but for acting prudently.

Recently, in partial response to the current protests in our country around racial injustices, our parish's social media communications have highlighted prominent black Catholics who have made significant contributions to the life of the Church. Those profiles have included the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter. A couple parishioners were wondering why we include that hashtag on the posts wondering if the intention was to endorse a specific organization. The inquiry deserves clarification.

The use of hashtags in social media is a widely used practice to insert a viewpoint into an ongoing conversation. It is also the means by which others can conveniently find contributions to that conversation while online. It is easier for internet searches to compile all the conversation in one place than having to search for the contributions of each individual contributor. This widely accepted practice is the rationale for our use of hashtags in all our social media communications. Hashtags are not created by an organization, owned by an organization, nor are they an endorsement of a specific organization.

In the interest of evangelization, we want to participate in the current and ongoing conversations that are of importance to our society and we want our contribution to these conversations to have a much wider reach than an article that is posted on our website. Yes, it is true that some may use the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter to specifically advance a particular political agenda but most use #BlackLivesMatter to rightfully express their indignation at injustices committed and to advance the cause of racial justice.

In the interest of advancing the common good in any area, such as fair housing, right to life, immigrant and refugee rights, the Catholic Church often participates in national and international discussions with other faith traditions as well as secular institutions, even when these institutions have very divergent beliefs or practices from the Catholic Church. As many bishops in the United States have recently echoed from their long history of prophetic words and actions, the common goal of justice supersedes the differences we may have with individuals and groups when in collaboration, we can work toward the common good.

In our overly polemical society, the Church has found it difficult to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to those outside the Church. We also no longer enjoy the pride of place in which society would look to the Church for moral guidance. The call of our church today is to be missionary disciples who go to the world and speak to it in a nonthreatening way as participants in a common society. One of many ways we can do that is through our communication platforms and using hashtags that forward our message more deeply into relevant social networks. Like the steward in the parable, all of us may be required to lay aside preferences (but not core values) on how we reach out to the world as missionary disciples. Like the steward in the Parable of the Unjust Steward, times are tough and the situation is dire. Hopefully, we too will be commended for acting prudently.



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 the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Sam Bowns, 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

July 2020 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,381
Automated Giving	22,542
Loose Cash	365
Total Offertory	32,288
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

