



Saint Andrew Parish

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“As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.”

Psalm 103:12

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.

Volunteer for Mass Reopening

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
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings

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.



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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate

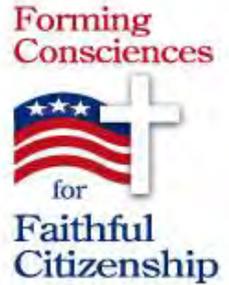


“... church teaching places a moral obligation on the act of voting and requires us to vote from the dictates of a well-formed conscience. In short. Go vote!”

There are 50 days left until before our national election. Many of you have already started the process of getting your absentee/mail-in ballot or you may be planning on voting early. The responsibility of pastoral leaders in Catholic parishes is to remind parishioners that church teaching places a moral obligation on the act of voting and requires us to vote from the dictates of a well-formed conscience. In short. Go vote!

To back that up, the Catholic Church has a helpful “guide to voting” that I encourage everyone to read from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) called “*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*.” It is an invitation to consider the moral consequences of electing leaders.

It is a short read that you can download or read online at <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faith-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-uuu>



When I went on the web to find the link to provide for you, the website for the USCCB had one of my favorite photos displayed on the webpage. I’m referring to the photo of Pope Francis addressing the United States Congress in Washington DC. When he did this on September 24, 2015, behind the pope were seated then Speaker of the House Congressman John Boehner (Republican) and then Vice-President Joe Biden (Democrat). Both men served in some of the highest offices of the land and both are Catholic.

Immediately, I may have just triggered some folks with that last statement. Some may jump the gun with a knee-jerk mental interjection that cries out “Wait! He’s not Catholic! He voted for _____.”

Whoever you used to fill in the blank, you’re probably correct in your assessment.

Both John Boehner and Joe Biden have voted for government policies that are contrary in their perception to commonly held Catholic teachings. It is not surprising in so far as there are no candidates and no political parties (of which I am aware) that fully represents the values and teachings of the Catholic Church. It means to vote as a person of faith, we must dig deeper into the articulation of our Christian values and make the best choice from imperfect candidates. It is true of our politicians as well. They must work from their consciences to make the best choices from situations they face. *(continued on page 4)*



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I believe both Boehner and Biden have acted out of their Catholic faith to do the best they could while in political office. As it happens, in following their conscience, they both ended on different sides of the political spectrum, but seeing them together, in front of our nation, being addressed by Pope Francis is a sign to me that we can have differences and still be united at a deep level.



Unfortunately, in the coming weeks you will hear headlines in the news of religious leaders (both Catholic and otherwise) who don't model that deep unity. They will use their position of religious leadership to bully others into an intellectual submission that holds captive people's conscience and their vote. They will argue that if you do not elect candidates in the same way they have perceived the facts, then you are anathema. Perhaps they will dangle the threat of hell or excommunication in front of others who don't vote the way they prefer.

What I love about my Catholic faith and our teaching is that we have clear direction when we encounter this sort of religious leadership. As a family of faith, we are a lot like an actual family. In our families at home, we listen to our parents, but we must always do what we think is right. In church, we are expected to listen with profound regard to the instruction of our ecclesial leaders (like reading *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*), but we are also bound to follow our conscience.

Follow your conscience. That is more than just saying "do whatever you want." It is praying deeply and exploring what God has taught us as disciples of Jesus Christ. I hear in the Word of God that all life has dignity from the unborn to the elderly. Which candidate best exemplifies that? I hear in the Word of God that I am responsible for caring for the marginalized, the immigrant, the unwanted, for the environment and the effects of climate change. Which candidate will foster the best society aligned with these values? I hear in the teaching of the church that racism is a sin and needs to be eradicated. How will my vote foster or hinder racism in our society?

To follow a well-formed conscience, I have to be humble enough to stand upon the precipice of my own self-understanding and to have courage to resist the sway of selfishness and conceit. I have to put aside my ego and self-righteousness and ask, "What does God desire in this?"

I don't know where this conversation with God will lead you or how you will end up voting, but I trust that if each of us does this task, then collectively we will make the best judgement for the welfare of our society and our world. Take time to consult with the Holy Spirit as you prepare to vote and then.... go vote!

Knights of Columbus -- Collection for Intellectual Disabilities

Due to the pandemic, the annual Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive will be ONLINE this year. Please logon to the St. Andrew's [Give Central](https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/26877) site <https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/26877> to donate online. You can also mail a check, payable to Brownson Council #1030 Knights of Columbus, 391 S. Berkley, Elmhurst, IL. 60126 to make a donation to our Drive. No donation is too small and all donations are very much appreciated.



REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality

If you are feeling that the things you were taught years ago about God and faith aren't holding up as an adult living through COVID-19, you're not alone! *REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality* is Saint Andrew's 6-week adult spirituality course that invites adults to have a deeper conversation about faith as adults. REBOOT will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:30pm via Zoom starting September 15, 2020 and ending on October 2020. Find out more and register at www.standrew.org/reboot



Join Others in Helping the Hungry

The parish can now send volunteers as a group to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Join us on **Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 am to 11:15am** to sort food items that will be distributed to food pantries serving the hungry throughout Chicagoland. Your volunteer time and help feed hundreds of people!

Contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to express interest.

Volunteers must be 11 years of age and up. 11-15 year olds must be accompanied by and parent.



Join our Golf Outing - September 26, 2020

Sign up to play golf as a foursome, threesome, twosome or single along Chicago's beautiful lakefront!! The more the merrier! **Saturday, September 26, 2020** at Sydney Marovitz Golf Course (3600 North Recreation Drive, Chicago, IL 60613) 1:00pm first tee time followed by scheduled tee times thereafter every 10 minutes. Boxed dinners available to order from GT Prime – delivered to your door

Sign up at <http://www.standrew.org/gather/upcoming-events/fall-fling-2020/>



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work

Every September we celebrate Labor Day. This holiday emerged at the end of the 19th century during the Second Industrial Revolution, when large factories employed thousands of workers who operated in unsafe conditions and without fair pay. Labor Day provided an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of workers, which also happens to be a Catholic Social Teaching!

These days, we talk less about “labor” and more about “the state of the economy.” News agencies report incessantly on the stock market and trade wars. What happens when we do this? We stop seeing people and start seeing statistics, margins, profits.

The word “economic” comes from the Greek word *oikonomia*, meaning “household management.” So what if we consider modern economics less of a numbers game and more as the functioning of a well organized family unit? In an ideal family, each member helps as best they can with the gifts they have. All contributions are appreciated and valued.

Just as it is easy to feel underappreciated by family members, imagine how it might feel to be undervalued by an entire community? For workers who are paid less than minimum wage, who work multiple jobs without benefits, who face discrimination because of creed, color, or gender... this is a daily reality. Upholding the dignity of work means seeing everyone around us as important and valued.

Take a few minutes to watch this video from Catholic Relief Services on [the Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers](#).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday Vigil 12	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Sir 27:30 - 28:7 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35
Sunday 13	Mass Intentions	+Deceased of O'Malley Family
Monday 14	First Reading Gospel	Nm 21: 4b-9 Phil 2: 6-11
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday September 15	First Reading Gospel	1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a Jn 19: 25-27 Our departed Parishioner
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Wednesday 16	First Reading Gospel	1 Cor 12:31-13:13 LK 7: 31-35 Our departed Parishioners
	Mass Intentions	
Thursday 17	First Reading Gospel	1 Cor 15: 1-11 LK 7: 36-50 +Patrick Walsh, Sr.
	Mass Intentions	
Friday 18	First Reading Gospel	1 Cor 15: 12-20 LK 8:1-3 +Catherine Walsh
	Mass Intentions	
Saturday Vigil 19	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 55: 6-9 Phil 1: 20C-24, 27a Mt 20: 1-16a
Sunday 20	Mass Intentions	+Mary Joan Range and +Vincent O'Malley

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 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

August 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	10,745
Automated Giving	24,558
Loose Cash	671
Total Offertory	35,974
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	67,517
Amount Paid	44,104
Balance Due	23,413

