



Saint Andrew Parish

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“You too. Go into my vineyard,
and I will give you what is just”

Matthew 20:4

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.

Saint Andrew Goes Live Streaming

Saint Andrew Parish did not want to livestream Masses until they could be done well and to the expectations of our parishioners.

After an investment in cameras that will also serve as security cameras for our church, we are now able to include a weekly livestreamed mass as part of our ministries.

Join us at 9:00am on Sunday mornings starting **Sunday, September 27, 2020** from home or wherever your journeys take you as we celebrate Mass live. The stream is available on our website at www.standrew.org

Upcoming Masses of First Communions, Weddings, Funerals, and our weekly Wednesday School Mass will also be available to view live or as a recording.



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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



“In the world today, it may be challenging to respond ‘all the time’ to the call that ‘God is good.’”

A number of years ago, I went to a Lenten parish mission hosted at a large north suburban church. The mission speaker was from down south and he was a former Baptist preacher who had converted to Catholicism. He was an excellent speaker, and I thoroughly enjoyed his message as well as his style, which was more typical of a Black evangelical preacher than the typical style in this mostly-white congregation.

About 5 minutes into the first night, he proclaimed “God is GOOD!” ... and there was silence from the crowd. “God is GOOD!” he proclaimed again, and in the silence that followed, he looked up to heaven and said something along the lines of “O Lord, I need to teach them the response.” So we practiced: “Good is good” is the call, and the response is “all the time.” It is immediately followed by another call: “All the time”, to which the crowd is expected to respond “God is good!”

This traditional call-and-response is heard in Black churches across the country, but it was unfamiliar, and uncomfortable, in this suburban setting. (On a side note, by the third night the crowd enthusiastically responded, so we did get into the spirit of the talk)

In the world today, it may be challenging to respond “all the time” to the call that “God is good”. We are filled with so much worry, so much uncertainty. It is tough not to fall into despair.

Yet, today’s Gospel points out just how good God can be. The landowner’s approach to paying his laborers seems unfair unless we shift our perspective.

Sister Mary McGlone suggests that we need to look at this parable from the perspective of need, not effort. Our tendency is to assume that the workers hired later in the day had the easier time, because rather than toiling in the hot sun they spent the day being lazy. But perhaps those workers had spent the day fruitlessly seeking work, going from farm to farm to find employment, worrying more and more as the day went on that they would be unable to feed themselves and their family. Filled with worry and uncertainty about the future, they are on the edge of despair when they get an offer to work.

Regardless of when they started work, they needed to eat. Each still needed the daily wage to feed their family and meet their obligations.



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And the vineyard owner seemed more interested in supplying their need than in measuring their contribution to his task. In this case, justice was based not on energy expended but on each one's right to life.

God's goodness is far beyond our typical vision, far beyond our human notion of "fair". God wants us to enjoy divine goodness. Whether we start in the morning, noon, or evening, God doesn't judge based on effort, but on supplying our need.

We are tasked with doing the same. All around us are needs, and rather than judging worthiness based on effort, we are called to reach out with divine goodness. A word of hope to a neighbor on the edge of despair. An hour or two at a soup kitchen or at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to feed someone who is hungry. A listening ear for someone who has been stretched to their breaking point by the pandemic. We may be the ones who go out into the neighborhoods to model and teach the call-and-response:

God is GOOD, all the time! And all the time, God is GOOD!

God bless!
Deacon Mark

Saint Andrew Golf Outing Only a few spots remaining! Sign up now!

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/>

Options for take-home dinners are also available to bring the party home!



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](#) 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.



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

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.



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 19	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 55: 6-9 Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a Mt 20: 1-16a
Sunday 20	Mass Intentions	+Vincent O'Malley, Mary Joan Range, and +Gerry Wozny
Monday 21	First Reading Gospel	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Mt 9: 9-13
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday September 22	First Reading Gospel	Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 Lk 8: 19-21
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 23	First Reading Gospel	Prv 30: 5-9 LK 9: 1-6
	Mass Intentions	+Nancy Stanton
Thursday 24	First Reading Gospel	Eccl 1: 2-11 LK 9: 7-9
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Friday 25	First Reading Gospel	Eccl 3: 1-11 LK 9: 18-22
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil 26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Mt 21: 28-32
Sunday 27	Mass Intentions	+James Donoghue and +Rebecca Domingo

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

