



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’  
He said in reply ‘I will not’ but afterwards changed his  
mind and went... Who did the will of the Father?”

*Matthew 21:29*

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# 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.

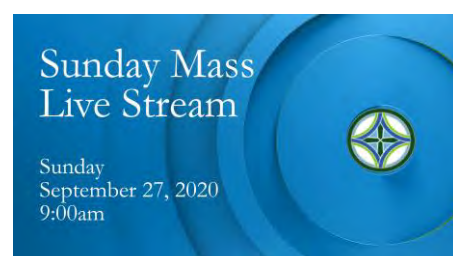
## Saint Andrew Begins Live Streaming

At the beginning of the pandemic, many parishes rushed to provide alternatives to attending Mass. Without the proper equipment in the church to deliver audio and video to parishioners, Saint Andrew opted to focus on delivering an experience that households could do at home (*Your Sunday Connection*). We still maintain that this is the best way to nurture your spiritual life during the pandemic.

It is better to pray with your household (like Jesus did) than to consume Mass like a Television Show.

That being said, we have now invested in the video and audio systems necessary to live stream Mass. We did this because we knew we would have guests from around the country and around the world who would not be able to attend first communions, funerals, weddings, baptisms and confirmations. Now that the equipment is in place, we are also glad to provide live streaming of our Sunday Mass. While the pandemic continues, we hope that those who participate in this ministry by watching our Sunday Mass online will not lose the practice of household home-prayer that we have fostered these last few months.

Every week, starting **Sunday, September 27, 2020**, you can find the current live stream of the 9:00am Sunday Mass at [www.standrew.org/sundaymass](http://www.standrew.org/sundaymass). Let us keep one another in prayer!



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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



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This past weekend St Andrew celebrated a phenomenal service, the RCIA mass. This service was the long overdue Easter Vigil mass, that welcomes newly Baptized, Professions of Faith and the Confirmed into the Catholic faith. Fr. Sergio praised our new members for their patience, and their demonstration of their faith by overcoming the fears and inconveniences of COVID. They showed their faith with masks, by proper seating and maintaining social distance. They emerged from our church doors joyful and full of praise and thanksgiving for the gift of faith that had been provided for each of them.

We know the source of this gift of faith, the "encouragement of Christ". It was provided as St Paul says, not "out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regarding others as more important than yourselves". Yes, these are the volunteers that stepped forward to provide the safety against COVID, our St Andrew Reopening Team. "Each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." (Phil 2:3-4) Without their gracious service, this RCIA mass would not have been possible, nor Sunday masses, nor First Communions, nor Baptisms, nor Funerals, nor Weddings, nor the example of being a Disciple of Christ.

The Archdiocesan newsletter, *On the Way*, has been trying to succinctly describe what is a disciple versus a disciple of Christ, a missionary disciple. They have proposed these definitions:

- **A disciple** is someone who has a heart for God and will make any sacrifice to personally grow.
- **A Disciple of Christ, a missionary disciple**, has a heart for people and will make any sacrifice to help others grow.

Disciples of Christ want to share their love, mercy and sense of belonging. They want God's people to know that they are not alone on this journey, and using whatever gifts they have, they work to build up the Kingdom of God.

In the Gospel of Matthew we hear Jesus ask, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The parable reinforces Jesus' insistence that words alone do not prove that one is his disciple. They must be accompanied by action. Jesus' parable challenges us to examine our own lives to determine whose will shapes our daily actions.

I too am challenged by Jesus' question. Yet, I am joyful when I see the support that our Reopening Team provides for our services. Their actions have definitely shown a heart for our parishioners. Their sacrifices of time, learning and caring serves as a great example of being a Disciple of Christ. I do believe their willingness to answer the call to serve is helping the rest of us to grow. But, I do know their discipleship is allowing us to celebrate together in faith, which many have said, "I feel safer from COVID in the church, than outside."







## Congratulations to Saint Andrew School National Blue Ribbon Award Recipient!

Congratulations to Saint Andrew School which was recognized this past week as an award recipient by the Department of Education as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Every year the U. S. Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools, schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. Now in its 38th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed almost 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools, with some schools winning multiple awards. Schools are eligible for nomination after five years. The coveted National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. The National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing an entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

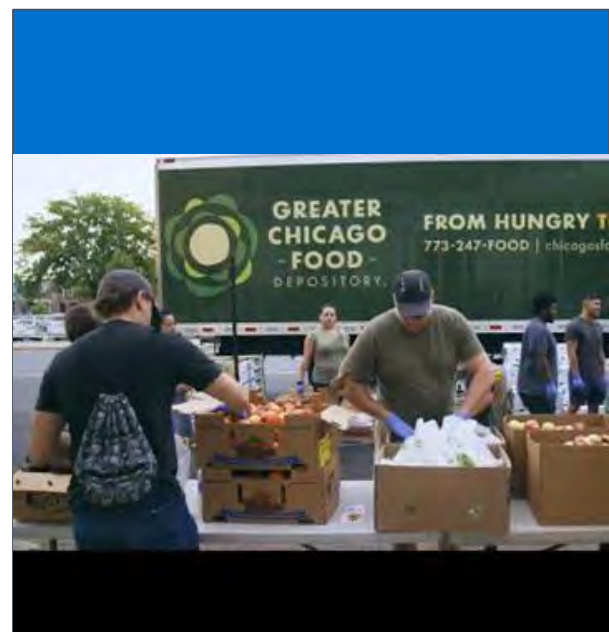
This is the second time that Saint Andrew School has received a National Blue Ribbon making it one of the few multiple award winners in Chicago.

## 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](mailto: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.



# Come See What Educational Excellence Looks Like!



## Saint Andrew School



**Pre-school to 8th Grade  
Virtual Admissions Sessions  
9 am**

**Join us for a  
Virtual Admissions Session!  
(773) 248-2500  
[www.GoSaintAndrew.com](http://www.GoSaintAndrew.com)**

**October 13th**

**February 9th**

**November 10th**

**March 9th**

**December 8th**

**April 13th**

**January 12th**

**May 11th**

## Spirit. Study. Service.

Saint Andrew School is known for:

- Pre-School for 3 year olds
- Junior Kindergarten for 4 year olds
- Full day Kindergarten program
- Small class sizes
- A rigorous core curriculum tailored to each student
- Art, Music, Spanish, Technology and PE
- Catholic values for life: Spirit. Study. Service.
- Dedicated teachers who love children
- A strong athletic program
- Before + After school care
- A vibrant family community



# 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/OCTOBER

Saturday Vigil <b>26</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	<b>Ez 18: 25-28</b> <b>Phil 2: 1-11</b> <b>Mt 21: 28-32</b>
Sunday <b>27</b>	Mass Intentions	+James Donoghue
Monday <b>28</b>	First Reading Gospel	<b>Jb 1: 6-22</b> <b>Lk 9: 46-50</b>
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday <b>29</b>	First Reading Gospel	<b>Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14</b> <b>Jn 1: 47-51</b>
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>30</b>	First Reading Gospel	<b>Jb 9: 4-12, 14-16</b> <b>Lk 9, 57-72</b>
	Mass Intentions	+Nancy Stanton
Thursday October <b>01</b>	First Reading Gospel	<b>Jb 19: 21-27</b> <b>Lk 10: 1-12</b>
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>02</b>	First Reading Gospel	<b>Jb 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5</b> <b>Mt 18: 1-5, 10</b>
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil <b>03</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	<b>Is 5: 1-7</b> <b>Phil 4: 6-9</b> <b>Mt 21: 33-43</b>
Sunday <b>04</b>	Mass Intentions	+ <b>Robert Ledvina and</b> + <b>Antonio Seranilla</b>

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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](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	1,677,030
Interest on Income	25,978
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,703,008</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
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,347</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>891,661</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### August 2020 Offering

<b>Envelopes Collection</b>	10,745
<b>Automated Giving</b>	24,558
<b>Loose Cash</b>	671
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>35,974</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>Annual Catholic Appeal</b>	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	71,267
Amount Paid	51,587
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>19,680</b>

