



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God”

Matthew 22: 21

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.

Support our Sister Parish and Fr. Matthias

The pandemic has been hard on everyone. In the United States, we are fortunate that we have many resources to maintain our hospitals, churches, and schools. Those resources are harder to come by for our sister parish in Uganda who is pastored by our long-time friend, Fr. Matthias Kakooza.

We will hold our annual collection for them on **Sunday, October 25, 2020**. You are invited to make a generous donation to support Fr. Matthias' mission through Give Central at the following link.

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/6050>



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Renew My Church Update



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Over the last several months, we have had in the periphery of our parish conversation the knowledge that we would have a critical conversation not only about the health and vitality of Saint Andrew Parish but also the needs of Catholics in our geographic area.

Because of COVID-19 and the sudden changes that have arisen from the pandemic, the pace of those conversations has been accelerated and we need your input.

The office of Renew My Church from the Archdiocese of Chicago has convened our parish and three nearby parishes (Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Benedict, and Saint Mary of the Lake) to dialogue with one another about possible scenarios that could help the Catholic Church fulfill its mission more adeptly.

They have asked that we convene a Parish Town Hall meeting, next **Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 3:00pm** to discuss the matter with you. *(This is earlier than previously announced).*

You can find out more about how to attend the Town Hall in person or online at www.standrew.org/rmc.

Please make every effort to attend the meeting in whichever manner best suits you and please give prayerful consideration to the information that is presented. It will be the responsibility of the four parishes to provide our best advice to the Archbishop so that he can make a prudent decision for the welfare of all Catholics in our geographic area.

I hope to see you next Sunday, October 25 during the Town Hall. In the meantime, I would ask that you pray the prayer below which was written for all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago going through Renew My Church.

Now and always, let's pray for each other!

In Christ,
Fr. Sergio Romo

RENEW MY CHURCH PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us • to hear you clearly • to listen to each other • to imagine our future boldly • to discern your direction wisely • to persevere in your holy will courageously • to stay together in charity • to surrender our own plans readily • to embrace the greater good • to hand on your gifts to future generations. May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



"We knew that the Lord had taken the initiative, he has loved us first. Therefore, we moved forward, boldly taking the initiative to live out our faith."

St. Andrew has been the presence of the Catholic Faith on this corner of Lakeview for many years. It was not due to the accomplishments of a few, but through the persistence of faith year after year, lives after lives, generation after generation. In our 125 years we have celebrated the joys and faced the hardships of each era. Time and time again, we have risen to the calls and addressed the needs. We have persevered, but not alone. We knew that the Lord had taken the initiative, he has loved us first. Therefore, we moved forward, boldly taking the initiative to live out our faith. (EG par. 24)

We hear of this same recognition in the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians. Here too is an earlier community of faith, persevering under very challenging times. St Paul gives thanks to God, for "your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction."

St. Paul reminds us with this earliest *writing* in the New Testament of our foundation of faith, hope and love in Christ, and through Christ, the members of our community are joined in one body with other Christian communities. These baptismal gifts require "work," in which our faith is demonstrated by our actions. We are assured with hope by "endurance," that Christ is alive and accompanying us in our lives. We embrace the "labor" of love, which is often inconvenient and fraught with difficulties. But in all things we know the love of Christ, and do boldly live out our faith.

Pope Francis reflects in *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy Of The Gospel, that we are "a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach. Yet, we must admit that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." (par. 28)

As our fore-parents demonstrated in their bearing the torch of our faith, they passed it on to us through work, endurance, labor, and always with the love of Christ. Yes, in our era, as with our fore-parents, as with the Thessalonians, we celebrate our joys and persevere through our hardships, ever renewing the torch -- our participation in our faith. So that, our parish "community of communities" may be of one heart and mind, in union with the one body of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Live Stream Sunday Mass

Saint Andrew has 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.

Every week, you can find the current live stream of the 9:00am Sunday Mass at www.standrew.org/sundaymass
Let us keep one another in prayer!

Join the Parish Town Hall

The date of the Parish Town Hall to discuss the scenarios for Renew My Church has been moved.

Please join us on **Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 3:00pm.**

There are opportunities to participate in-person (*if you make a reservation*) for the meeting as well as the opportunity to participate via Zoom.

Links to make a reservation or to log into the Zoom call can be found at www.standrew.org/rmc

The meeting will also be recorded for viewing at another time and a survey is available for you to offer prayerful feedback.

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.

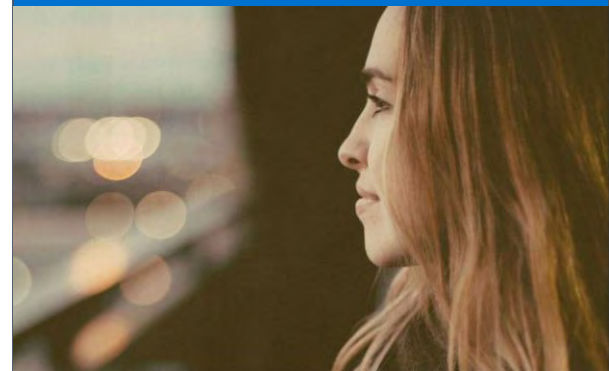
Sunday Mass Live Stream

Sunday
October 18, 2020
9:00am



Saint Andrew Parish Renew My Church Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 2020 -3:00pm



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

God, Our Father and Creator

When we think of God, we may think of a Father, Provider, or Creator. As the triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist in a beautiful, mysterious relationship. We participate in this relationship too! Our connection to God as part of creation not only compels us to rely on God's love for our very existence, but also calls us to participate as stewards of the earth, in caring for the gift of our planet - the earth, the skies, the water, and all living creatures who live among us.

In Genesis 1:28, God instructs humanity to "Have dominion over [...] all the living things that crawl on the earth." Dominion in this sense does not mean domination - we are not to use and abuse the earth purely for our own pleasure and profit. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also made to reflect God's mercy, grace, love, and respect for all living things. God places humanity in creation as part of a larger plan, both as members of creation and as trusted guardians. How are you helping to take care of creation?

Do At Home

Watch: Swap your TV shows for a documentary on God's creation.

Read: Writings of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit priest and poet. Try "God's Grandeur" or "Pied Beauty."

Do: Put on gloves and take a trash bag out to clean up your neighborhood with your family or a couple of friends.

Pray: There are two beautiful prayers at the conclusion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home*. Scroll to the bottom of [this website](#) to find the prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

OCTOBER

Saturday Vigil 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 45: 1, 4-6 1 These 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21
Sunday 18	Mass Intentions	+Loretta Ferenzi,
Monday 19	First Reading Gospel	Eph 2: 1-10 Lk 12: 13-21
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 20	First Reading Gospel	Eph 2: 12-22 Lk 12: 35-38
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 21	First Reading Gospel	Eph 3: 2-12 Lk 12: 39-48
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 22	First Reading Gospel	Eph 3: 14-21 Lk 12: 49-53
	Mass Intentions	+Casey Wilczynski
Friday 23	First Reading Gospel	Eph 4: 1-6 Lk 12: 54-59
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Ex 2:22-26 1 Thes 1: 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40
Sunday 25	Mass Intentions	+ Matt Suhar

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 Sandra Burns, Loretta Ferenzi, Robert Ledvina, and Antonio Seranilla

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

September 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	5,804
Automated Giving	20,386
Loose Cash	430
Total Offertory	26,620
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	71,267
Amount Paid	51,587
Balance Due	19,680



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Saint Andrew School



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

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www.GoSaintAndrew.com**

November 10th	March 9th
December 8th	April 13th
January 12th	May 11th
February 9th	

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

