



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Do not be unbelieving,
but believe.” John 20:27

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.

Pray in Person - Pray at Home

During the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass in person has been lifted by the Archbishop of Chicago. This lifting does not resolve our need for the spiritual nourishment that come from encountering Christ. Saint Andrew Parish encourages participation in the following ways:

Attend Mass in Person - Mass for the public is held every Sunday at 9:00am. Reservations are required to attend. Make a reservation at www.standrew.org/mass-reservations

Pray the Your Sunday Connection - Gather with your household to read the readings and prayers assigned to each Sunday of the year. Watch a homily/reflection by a pastoral leader of the parish. Find this week's Your Sunday Connection at www.standrew.org/ysc

Live Stream Mass - Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed to watch in real time and it is saved as a recording for parishioners to watch throughout the day. Witness other parishioners read the word of God, the consecration of the Eucharist, and the beauty of Saint Andrew church. www.standrew.org/sundaymass

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



*“We must see
with more than
our eyes,
and listen
with more than
our ears.”*

We celebrated our dog Shadow’s 14th birthday this week, and it brought back a funny memory. When our dog was a puppy, for the first few days after we adopted him, he didn’t know how to bark. So I taught him.

We lived in the suburbs at the time, and the front door of our house sat at an angle to the rest of the house. That meant that if you were walking down the street, and the front door was open, you had a clear view into our living room. So on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the day after we brought Shadow home from Wisconsin, I was playing with him on the floor near the open door. Something caught his attention, so he scooted over to take a close look outside. Now I didn’t see that there were people walking down the street, because I was concentrating on the dog. So I also crawled over to the door, on all fours, and barked. Rufffff. And then I looked up and saw these people, looking right at me, while I barked out of the door at them. The puppy promptly romped across the floor away from the door, and I had a sudden realization that these people, who had just moved in down the street, hadn’t seen the dog. They didn’t know that we had a new puppy that hadn’t yet learned to bark.

What they saw with their eyes and heard with their ears didn’t give them the full picture. It didn’t give them any clue as to the reason a grown man would be barking at them. But they certainly formed an impression, because in the days and weeks that followed, I would see them out walking, now across the street, carefully avoiding our house. It took months before I was finally able to introduce myself without the bark.

This is somewhat the opposite of Thomas in today’s Gospel. His faith was shaken, and he wanted to see and hear in order to believe. But in this case, my new neighbors had seen and heard, but when they relied solely on these senses, they didn’t have a chance to understand.

That’s where our faith is so important. The world that we see and hear around us isn’t the sole source of our truth. We know, for example, that God created humanity in God’s own image to be good, loving, and caring. So when we see someone acting in the opposite way, our bias is that maybe they are having a bad day, but at their core they are made to be good. But our concern is deeper than someone acting differently than expected. Always, in every one of our interactions, we seek not to vilify, to segregate, or demean, but instead to understand and look for God’s grace within. By seeking the good, we are working to see the reality of God in everyone.

So we must see with more than our eyes, and listen with more than our ears. We must have faith. And try to understand the man barking at the door.



Wearin' the Green - May 1, 2021

The parish's annual fundraising party The **Wearin' the Green** will take place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**.

The event will be held virtually. Tickets are now on sale!

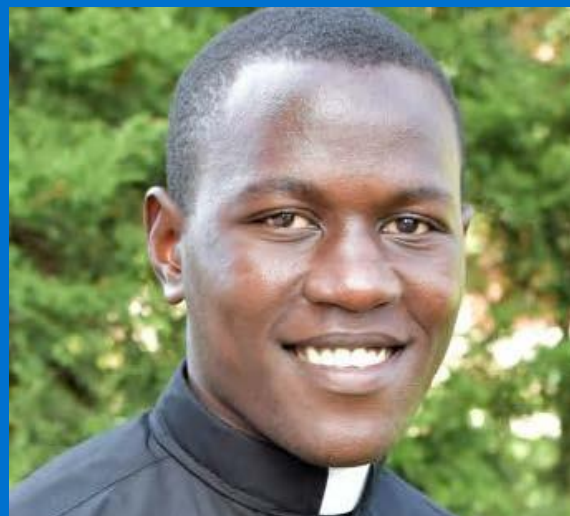
Information about the evening's entertainment, take-home meals and cocktails, as well how to purchase tickets can be found at www.wearinthegreen.com

Please make plans to join us and purchase your tickets now!



Send Congratulations to Deacon Falasiko

Deacon Falasko has been serving at Saint Andrew for the past year since his ordination to the Diaconate while continuing his studies at University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. This weekend is his last weekend serving as a Deacon with us because he is returning to Uganda where he will be ordained a priest in May. After his ordination he will return to Chicago for further studies and will even say Mass at Saint Andrew! Notwithstanding his return, you are invited to send him off with your congratulations, well wishes, and words of encouragement. Please visit www.standrew.org/falasiko and leave him a message!



Join Our Safety Team

Our Safety Team helps to ensure that we can continue to hold public Masses by safeguarding our pandemic protocols including, set-up, greeting/ushering, and clean up. We are in need of additional members of the team as we expand our available Masses for public worship. Especially if you may have the benefit of receiving a vaccine, please consider volunteering for this important ministry in 2021 so that others can attend Mass safely. Find out more and sign up at <http://www.standrew.org/volunteer-church-safety/>



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Easter Season

Pop quiz! Which season is longer: Lent or Easter? Most of us are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, and might think that Easter only lasts one day. But the Easter season officially lasts 50 days! If we were gathered for mass, we would see and hear these changes in the liturgy: the deep purple vestments give way to bright white, the Gloria is sung again, and the bareness of the altar would be covered in beautiful flowers. These signs tell us Jesus is risen!

The Easter season does not end with Jesus' return to heaven, on the Ascension of our Lord (May 24). He promised his disciples that he would send an "advocate," which is sometimes translated to "helper." This promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which instructs and guides us individually and as a church to grow in love and knowledge of God. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (May 31), which officially concludes the season.

But if the Holy Spirit is still with us, does Easter really end? Maybe not. Saint Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

At Home with Emmaus [\(Luke 24:13 13-35\)](#)

The gospel story of the Road to Emmaus provides us with ways to celebrate the Easter season. We can...

...read the Old Testament, and discover the scripture Jesus "opened" to the disciples. Try [Dt 18:15](#), [Psalm 22:1 1-18](#), and [Isaiah 53](#)

... go for a walk. Invite Jesus to meet you on the road, especially if your heart feels heavy.

... bake bread; Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of it. Here are [50 quick breads](#).

Hey! That's one for every day of Easter!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

APRIL, 2021

EASTER Sunday 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20: 19-31 +Frank Battendorf and +John and Mary Kaufman and +Tom Diganci
Monday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4: 23-31 Jn 3:1-8 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4; 32-37 Jn 3: 7b-15 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 14	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 20: 29 +Cecilla Vinzons
Friday 16	First Reading Gospel	Acts 5; 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15
Sunday 18	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a Lk 24: 35-48 +John and Virginia Kaufman

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	1,733,758
Interest on Income	31,086
Total Income	1,764,844
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,947
Balance	952,897

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	9,682
Automated Giving	21,473
Loose Cash	493
Total Offertory	31,648
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	78,092
Amount Paid	68,522
Balance Due	11,105

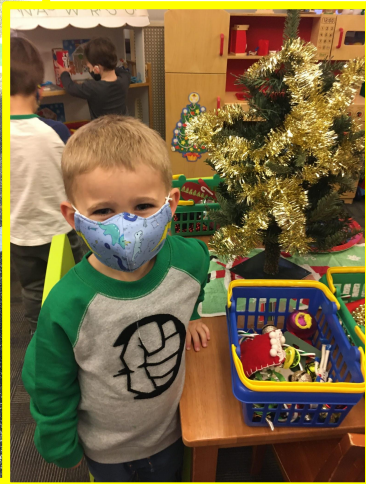


Saint Andrew School



Saint Andrew School Introduces Full Day Pre-School for 3 and 4 Year Olds, With Options for Half Day Programs!

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