



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” John 15:5

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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.

## 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 and 11:00am. Reservations are required to attend. Make a reservation at [www.standrew.org/mass-reservations](http://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](http://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](http://www.standrew.org/sundaymass)

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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“Let us  
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Our Gospel reading from John this weekend is the reading we have used in our Baptismal Preparation classes for many years. It talks of Jesus as the vine, our Father as the vine grower, and we as branches on the vine, which must bear fruit or are cut off and burned. We thought this was an easy reading to make our new parents aware of the need to nourish their faith, and exemplify their faith for their children.

We began by breaking open the scripture by relating their experience with growing their own plants in their homes. As there are many needs to keep your plants alive, so it is with your faith. Yet, more often than not, these parents did not have plants. Thus, the branch withered in this exercise.

When I was in high school, just a few years back, I set up a greenhouse in my basement. I bought a couple of old warehouse fluorescent lights and hung them up in an unused room. A sink was there conveniently for water. From our local dump, I used some old 55-gallon barrels with old wooden boards on top for the plants. Using coffee cans to hold the dirt, mixed with cow manure for fertilizer, my snippings from different plants grew like crazy. When we moved, the neighborhood all came out to receive one of my free plants. But now I wonder if they were able to nourish them, so as to “bear fruit,” or did they just wither and were eventually thrown out?

This past Covid, year St Andrew has been amazingly creative in nourishing our faith. From the onset, we began immediately meeting as a staff through Google Hangouts. We soon sent out our Sunday Connection with taped video homilies; emailed our St Andrew eBulletins via Flocknote; arranged flower pickups at the church for Mother’s Day and Bitter Pop baskets for Father’s Day; trained our Safety Team so as to open up properly for limited masses; developed a Zoom Baptismal Class; began Religious Ed classes and Youth Group meetings online; began live-streaming masses via YouTube; and so much more. All this, we accomplished during the first few months of our confinement, because we did not want anyone’s faith to wither.

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn’t speak of just staying alive, but the need for us to thrive. Yes, I loved the plants that I grew in my greenhouse, and that my neighbors were really touched by my free gifts of life and the care that I had taken to nourish them. I think this provides a metaphor for how we must bear fruit, by reaching out -- being Christ to others. St Andrew has been trying, in these challenging times, to continue to nourish our faith, so that we can “remain on the vine.” But each of us must exemplify their faith to others, if we are to glorify our Father. We may not have a green thumb, but we have been endowed with overwhelming graces. Let us just imagine these graces as super-fertilizer, for we can and must bear abundant fruit in Jesus’ name.

May God’s gift of Spring encourage you to blossom in his name, Eric.





## Wearin' the Green - May 1, 2021

The parish's annual fundraising party The **Wearin' the Green** takes place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**. Depending on when you read the bulletin, it either will be great or it was great!

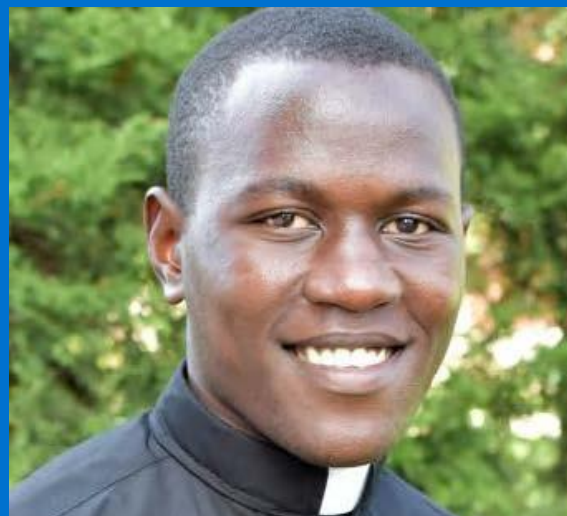
The event will be held virtually. And the free broadcast can be viewed at [www.standrew.org/live](http://www.standrew.org/live)

Even if you missed it the night of the event, you can still go back and watch the broadcast! Please take the opportunity to support Saint Andrew parish and donate to this important fundraiser.



## Send Congratulations to Deacon Falasiko

Deacon Falasko is back to Uganda where he will be ordained a priest in just a matter of days. 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 upon his ordination as a priest. Please visit [www.standrew.org/falasiko](http://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 16). 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 23), 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.

### MAY, 2021

Sunday <b>02</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 9: 26-31</b> <b>1 Jn 3: 18-24</b> <b>Jn 15:</b>  +Edward & Jean Dougherty and +Leuvina Castillo Jalbuena
Monday <b>03</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Cor 15: 1-8</b> <b>Jn 14: 6-14</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>04</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 14: 19-28</b> <b>Jn 14: 27-31a</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>05</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 15: 1-6</b> <b>Jn 15: 1-8</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>06</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 15: 7-21</b> <b>Jn 15: 9-11</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>07</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 15: 22-31</b> <b>Jn 15: 15b</b>  +Aurora Vinzons
<b>May</b> Sunday <b>09</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48</b> <b>1 Jn 4: 7-10</b> <b>Jn 15: 9-17</b>  +Mary Beatty, +Catherine Walsh and +Norah Walsh

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 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](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	1,742,607
Interest on Income	31,415
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,774,021</b>
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
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,947</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>962,075</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### March, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	5,635
Automated Giving	21,973
Loose Cash	735
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>28,343</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>Annual Catholic Appeal</b>	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	78,092
Amount Paid	68,522
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>11,105</b>



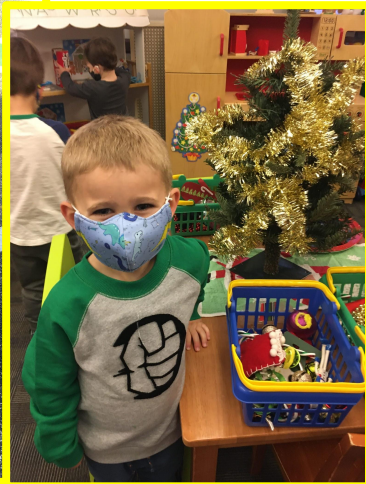


# Saint Andrew School



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for more information!



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