



# Saint Andrew Parish

GATHER • LEARN • LOVE



“Let us love one another,  
because love is of God.” 1 John 4:7

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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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## Parish Staff

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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“For many people,  
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who talked us into  
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loving.”*

One of the things I appreciate most about the Catholic faith is its central tenet of love. We hear this in readings for Mass this weekend in both 1 John 4:7 which states **“Let us love one another, because love is of God”** and John 15:12 which states **“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”**

The central human experience of love is also one of the most ineffable. Its expansive quality stretches beyond the limitations of words. I have always found myself slightly frustrated that I was born into an English speaking culture which has only one word for love when many other cultures have more numerous words. (*Greek for example distinguishes between eros (erotic love), philia (love between family) and agape (self-giving love),*)

And yet the linguistic limitation is also a blessing when it comes to understanding the mystery of love. Our understated ability to articulate the intricacies of love allows for us to relish the mystery a bit more. It gives rise to countless allegories and analogies that demonstrate its multivalent and wondrous nature.

It is a blessing that we read these passages from Sacred Scripture on the same weekend in which we celebrate Mother’s Day in the United States. For many people, it was our mothers who talked us into talking, walked us in to walking, and loved us into loving. This certainly was the case for me.

I am ever mindful however that there are many people in our society who do not equate motherhood with love. Attachment Theory would suggest that many of society’s ills are performed by actors who did not receive the love that they should have had from their mothers during the critical time of early childhood. For others this is a painful day because they have sought but not fulfilled the role of being a mother either biologically or through adoption.

But if, as the song suggest, “Love is a many splendored thing...” the root problem may be amplified by our inability to understand loves many forms. I have personally found the work of Gary Chapman, Ph.D and his book *“The 5 Love Languages”* to be extremely helpful in receiving love more aptly and sharing it more abundantly. I recommend picking up the book if you haven’t already read some of his work, but I also leave you with the languages themselves. This Mother’s Day, it is worth meditating on which of these languages of love your mother used with and for you and how you might use these same languages to love in return.

- The Five Love Languages:
- 1) Words of Affirmation
  - 2) Quality Time
  - 3) Acts of Service
  - 4) Gifts
  - 5) Physical Touch
- David Heimann



## Wearin' the Green --- Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered, supported and donated to our annual fundraiser Wearin' the Green! It was a hugely successful evening and we can't say enough about the enthusiasm it generated through our entire community.

During the main event (which can still be viewed at [www.standrew.org/live](http://www.standrew.org/live)) our large "A" was introduced and instructions on how we would light up one bulb for every \$1000 raised for the Saint Andrew Vitality Fund. As you can see we did amazingly well but still need to finish it up! If you haven't donated yet to the fund. You can help us reach our goal by visiting <https://wtg21.ggo.bid/>



## Help Feed the Hungry

Join volunteers from Saint Andrew on **Saturday, May 22, 2021** from 8:30am to 11:15am at the Greater Chicago Food Depository 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.



## Be a Coach for Fall Athletics

Athletics have always been an active part of Saint Andrew Parish's mission and culture. With our large gymnasium and dozens of volunteers making the program run, we are proud of the positive impact athletics have on our parish and our surrounding communities.

Flag Football coach and cross country assistance in the fall are currently open coaching positions. Also will be looking for middle school basketball coaches. Interested individuals should email our Athletic Director Mr Matthew Pope at [matthewpope@gosaintandrew.com](mailto:matthewpope@gosaintandrew.com)



# 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>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
Monday <b>10</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 16: 11-15</b> <b>Jn 15: 26, 16:4a</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>11</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 16: 22-34</b> <b>Jn 16: 5-11</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>12</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 17, 15, 22, 18:1</b> <b>Jn 16: 12-15</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>13</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 18: 1-8</b> <b>Jn 16: 16-20</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>14</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26</b> <b>Jn 15: 9-17</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> Sunday <b>16</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Acts 1: 1-11</b> <b>Eph 1: 17-23</b> <b>Mk 16: 15-20</b>  Our departed Parishioners

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>	
2021 Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	40,970
Amount Paid	37,460
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>3,510</b>

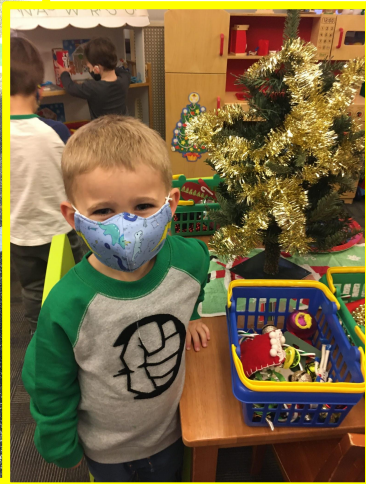


# Saint Andrew School



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

Contact Anne Japsen in  
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for more information!



## Spirit. Study. Service.