



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me.”

Luke 4:18

Parish Information

Parish Office Hours:

The parish office is open seven days a week. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 2pm and Sundays from 9:00 am to noon. Parishioners may stop by to make prayer requests, pay Mass stipends, or seek assistance. Please wear masks when entering the office and remain socially distanced.

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

Join us for Sung Vespers

Tonight, Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 7:30pm we will hold sung vespers in the main church at Saint Andrew. This sung prayer experience will invite you into the sacred tradition of the church with a beautiful candle lighting ritual. All are invited to come attend and enter into the beauty of music in prayer that is part of our Catholic tradition.



Mass Schedule & Confessions:

All are welcome to join us for Mass at the following times:

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm, Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the main church.

SUNG VESPERS
PRESENTED BY ST. BENEDICT
& ST. ANDREW PARISHES

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Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo



“May Saint Paul’s words infuse our hearts with an appreciation for all the people in our lives...”

Some of the most profound moments in life are found not in majestic mountains or grand gestures, but rather in small acts of kindness. This past week I found an unexpected surprise in my mailbox: a stack of handwritten thank you notes written by the 4th grade students of Saint Andrew School. All the other letters and items in my mailbox calling for my attention took a backseat as I read and admired each of the thank you notes one by one. They were a shot in the arm after a long day filled with the pressures of running a parish in the midst of a pandemic.

As I read the thank you notes, I couldn’t help but think of this week’s second reading from the 12th chapter of Saint Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. The most popular selection for the second reading at weddings is Corinthians 12, but this week’s second reading is taken from the section immediately preceding what we normally hear at weddings. As we hear that section today we realize that the Letter to the Corinthians is not a treatise on nuptial love.

While Saint Paul does indeed talk about love, he does so in reference to the love that must exist amongst all believers. We know that the community at Corinth had fallen into disunity and discordance amongst its members. Some individuals and the contributions they made to the life of the community were being singled out as more important than others. This had the consequence of alienating those members of the community who were judged as unimportant or unnecessary.

Through an admittedly ridiculous philosophical discussion amongst the various parts of the body Saint Paul makes clear to the Corinthians and to us that we all need each other, and no one member is insignificant or less important than others.

As we come the end of the second year of the pandemic, with no clear end in sight just yet, we are all feeling the strain of anxiety, fear, confusion, grief, loneliness, and even despair. I pray that this week’s and next weeks’ readings from Corinthians wash over us like a soothing balm.

May Saint Paul’s words infuse our hearts with an appreciation for all the people in our lives, both great and small, who have helped, and continue to help us on this difficult journey. And may the Holy Spirit inspire us all to find simple, and yet profound ways to hold each other up so that all may know they are loved.



Donate to the Women's Center

The Church advocates for the sacredness of all life. Many women facing crisis pregnancies need support if they are to bring their unborn child to full term. We are now collecting the baby bottles that were distributed from the church the last two weekends. We hope you have filled them with change, dollars, and checks for our annual drive to support the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Thank you for taking this proactive and life-affirming measure to support the sanctity of life!



Save the Date - Wearin' the Green

The date for Saint Andrew's annual fundraiser, "Wearin' the Green" has been announced. Please mark your calendars for the evening of **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. Saint Andrew will celebrate with fun, dining, and our live and silent auction. Don't miss this chance to be a part of and support Saint Andrew!

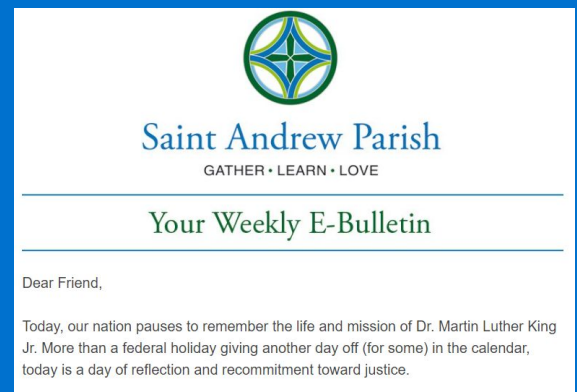


Changes to Parish Communications

When the pandemic began in 2020, Saint Andrew Parish immediately began to offer more robust electronic communications aimed at supporting at-home worship. Since then, the "Your Sunday Connection" email was sent on Saturdays for the last 23 months.

Starting next Saturday, we will shift our communication strategy and begin sending the E-bulletin out on Saturdays to replace the "Your Sunday Connection" and will not send a Monday email.

Please make sure your contact information is up to date by signing up at <https://standrewchicago.flocknote.com/StAndrewParish>





WEARIN' THE GREEN COMMITTEE KICK-OFF MEETING

Tuesday, January 25th at 7:30pm

Wearin' the Green is Saint Andrew's largest annual fundraiser and we need YOU! We need IDEAS and we need help with:

auction
sponsorship
marketing
overall event planning
and much more!

There is a place for everyone on the committee!!!

Drinks & snacks will be served! Meeting will be held in the teacher's lounge. Enter through door to the administration building on Hermitage.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Church: Community in the Spirit

The Church is a community - a community of people who profess the same belief in one God, led by the same Spirit, with a common mission: to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ's redeeming sacrifice. "We are all one..." but are we all the same?

We are all members of the Body of Christ. Just as the Body of Christ is one body, it is made up of different parts. In the same way, we serve different functions in the church, whether we are part of the laity, consecrated religious, or serving as clergy. Within these three groups we also serve in different ways. Some consecrated religious are devoted to prayer and contemplation, while others serve in missions around the world. Clergy might serve locally as pastors of a parish or at a high office in the Vatican. Lay people serve the church in their secular work (have you heard of "water-cooler evangelization?"), as well as when they become involved in parish life, from teaching Religious Education to serving on the Social Concerns Commission.

The same Spirit works uniquely in each of us for the benefit of all, sometimes even when bestowing the same gift! For example, someone may be a great public speaker and choose to become a priest, while another person with the same gift might become a lawyer defending social justice issues.

Ideally, a vocation is chosen when an individual shares their gifts while following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. As Frederick Buechner puts it, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

No matter where the Spirit leads us, we are called to offer the best of ourselves to make the world a better place for everyone else.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday 23	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Lk 1: 1-4 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family , +Illuminda Hallera
Monday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Sm: 5: 1-7, 10 Mk 3: 22-30 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 25	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 22: 3-16 Mk 16: 15-18 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Tim 1: 1-8 Mk 4: 1-20 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29 Mk 4: 21-25 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a,13-17 Mk 4: 26-34 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 30	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12: 31 -13: 13 Lk 4: 21-30 +Colleen O'Malley

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 +Rev. John Parker, +Coleman O'Malley, +Thomas Cooney Family, +Dockery Family, + Illuminate Hallera.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,872,908
Interest on Income	34,608
Total Income	1,907,516
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	1,095,569

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

December. 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	7,264
Automated Giving	30,942
Loose Cash	2,311
Total Offertory	41,517
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
CHRISTMAS 2021	
Envelopes	11,449
Loose Cash	3,270
Automated Giving	13,090
Total Christmas Giving	27,809



Saint Andrew School



Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions

9am

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

Join us for an
Open House on
November 18th at 6pm!
(773) 248-2500
www.GoSaintAndrew.com



Spirit. Study. Service.

- 2013 & 2020 National Blue Ribbon School
- 3 & 4 year old Full Day Preschool programs
- Full Day Kindergarten program
- A rigorous curriculum tailored to each student
- Art, Music, Spanish, Technology and Phys. Ed.
- Catholic values for life: Spirit. Study. Service.
- Before + After school care
- A vibrant family community

