



Saint Andrew Parish

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“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped where the child was.” *Matthew 2:9*

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:30pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday through Friday
9:00am in the chapel.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard in the Church on Saturday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm or by appointment. Call the rectory. 773-525-3016.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Hospitals no longer inform parishes about a patient's religious preferences. Please call the rectory directly for the Anointing of the Sick or Communion for the homebound. 773-525-3016.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 10:00am Mass. Call the rectory to schedule your child's baptism. 773-525-3016.

WEDDINGS

Wedding planning should begin more than 6 months prior to the proposed date. Call the rectory to begin the process. 773-525-3016.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the living and the dead can be offered at your request. Please come to the rectory to offer a Mass stipend.



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Love

Our mission is fulfilled when we enter the world and in the presence of our families, friends, co-workers, and communities we are more capable of loving one another, as we have been loved.



Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



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Dear Friends,,

We are constantly being invited to gather close to God, to be part of an encounter with the Savior. We see an extraordinary example of that invitation today, on Epiphany, when we contemplate the star that called to the Magi across the miles to worship Jesus.

The Epiphany window on the south side of the church is a beautiful depiction of the scene: the star shining down while the Magi approach the Christ child. The star was a fitting invitation for the Magi. They closely watched the sky for signs, so God invited them in a language that they readily understood.

That’s a hallmark of the invitation we receive: it is designed for us to easily understand. God’s way is not an eternally difficult puzzle full of esoteric clues that we must solve. Instead, we are invited closer in the language of our everyday lives: a simple smile, a compassionate word, or the clasp of a baby’s hand.

Each of us may receive it differently, but it will always be expressed in a way that draws us closer. However the invitation is issued, we don’t make the journey alone.

Instead, we gather together in the community of Saint Andrew Parish to support each other, to encourage each other, and to love each other as we all journey closer to God.

It all begins with an invitation.

-Deacon Mark

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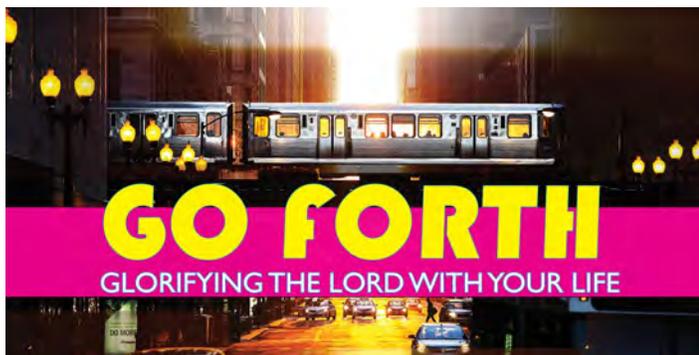
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K of C - Free Throw Competition

Who: Boys and girls ages 9 to 14
When: Sunday January 13, 4:30pm
What: 23rd Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition
Where: Saint Andrew Gymnasium
Registration: Please email Thomas Kaiser for registration form. tom.kaiser@sprynet.com



Half Day Retreat

Who: Liturgical Ministers & Interested Catholics
When: Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 8:30 to 11:30am
What: A free retreat reflecting on the roles of serving as liturgical ministers in the church.
Where: Saint Benedict Parish
RSVP: parish.stbenedict.com/go-forth

Young Adults 20s & 30s

Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to our weekly hangouts after the 5:30pm Mass on Sundays. An announcement will be made at Mass; gather in the Social Hall for refreshments!

Holiday break is almost over! Hangouts return on Sunday, January 13th after the 5:30pm mass. Join us for a great year.

See Page 5 for a special event notice!

Teens & High School

Teens in grades 8-12 are encouraged to gather with our Youth Group from 4:00-5:15pm* on the first and third Sundays of the month. We gather in the Social Hall. Join us for fun, friendship and faith.

Youth Group will have their first meeting of 2019 on Sunday, January 6, from 3:00-5:15pm in the Social Hall. Please note the early start time.

See Page 5 for information on the Ski Trip!





MLK Day - Youth Group Ski Trip

Who: Parishioners who are in grades 8-12
 When: Monday, January 21, 2019, 8:30am to 6:00pm
 What: Ski Trip with St Andrew, St Benedict, & St Edward Youth
 Where: Wilmot Ski Area, leave and return from St Benedict Parish
 Cost: Varies depending on participation. Find out more at
www.standrew.org/skitrip



Conscientious Consumerism Talk

Who: Young Adults in their 20s and 30s
 When: Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:00-9:00pm
 What: Co-hosted by the St Benedict Young Adults! How can we be better informed about the products we consume, in a way that reflects our Gospel values? Hospitality provided.
 Where: Saint Benedict School Library, 3911 N Bell Ave

BIRTHDAYS

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 Arjuna Ariathurai
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 Mirenas Cordova
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 Connor Gayan
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 Alice Lindstrom
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 David O'Brien
 Miriam Perello

Jessica Perez
 Jon Phillip
 Julianne Prangle
 David Prekop
 Gabrielle Rooney
 Cynthia Serrato
 DeAnna Soriano
 Mark Tomaszewski
 Paul Troia
 Ofrencino Tudela
 Ryan Tuscher
 Caitlin Vanderklok
 Erik VanderWeyden
 Katie Walsh
 Jack M. Zona
 Joseph J. Zona, IV

PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 06	8:00am 10:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Mass Youth Group Girl Scouts Mass Young Adult Hangout
Jan 07	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm	Mass Puppy Players Violin Lessons
Jan 08	9:00am 9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass School Tours Encore Guitar Group Boy Scouts
Jan 09	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass RCIA Meeting
Jan 10	9:00am 3:00pm	Mass Irish Dance
Jan 11	9:00am	Mass
Jan 12	4:00pm	Mass
Jan 13	8:00am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Mass Mass Confirmation Rehearsal Mass
Jan 14	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm	Mass Puppy Players Violin Lessons Middle School Dance
Jan 15	9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Encore Guitar Group Boy Scouts
Jan 16	9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Daisy Confirmation Mass
Jan 17	9:00am 3:00pm	Mass Irish Dance
Jan 18	9:00am 2:00pm 3:00pm	Mass Second Grade Brownies Third Grade Brownies
Jan 19	4:00pm	Mass
Jan 20	8:00am 10:00am 12:30pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Mass Mass REBOOT Youth group Mass



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Scripture Reflection by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate

When I hear the words of scripture from this weekend, I’m drawn into the imagery of the epic blockbuster movies filmed by Marvel Studios in recent years. Who can’t feel awe-struck in a movie during the swell of exhilarating music when the righteous vindication of the underdog prevails! It is what I imagine when I read the words from prophet Isaiah for this weekend. *“Rise up in splendor Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples, but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.”* It is just majestic imagery!

In particular, it makes me think of a sublime connection between the movie Black Panther and what is going on in the church this week. If you haven’t heard, the bishops of the United States are currently assembled in our own (Mundelein) seminary for a retreat that they have been instructed to make in response to their collective failure to address the sexual abuse of minors by priests.

How are the two related?

Well for me, it’s all about the internal battles, not the external. To be certain, I don’t imagine the bishops will be engaged in any sort of battle reenactment. There is however a scene in Black Panther which is analogous to a retreat experience and that’s where I see the

connection. In the movie, the hero-chieftain T’Challa makes a journey in to the “ancestral plane” in which he goes deep within himself to commune with his father and his father’s fathers.

For me, the real conflict in the movie is not whether T’Challa has the right super powers to defeat the enemy. The real conflict rests within T’Challa himself. Does he have the courage to confront the mistakes of the past, the mistakes made by his chieftain predecessors. Does T’Challa have the integrity to cease defending false powers of the past and instead to say “No. No more! Things must change!”

For me, T’Challa’s inward journey and his decision to change are the real climax of the movie, not the battles. The inward journey of our leaders is also the climax in the story of our church right now. As we keep the bishops in our prayers this week, we hope that they will search deep within. May they confront the mistakes of the past and the false sense of power that protected their predecessor bishops. To be sure, it is never easy to admit one’s mistakes but that is what is necessary for a victorious outcome.

I ask that we all pray for them so that in this time of inward soul searching, the bishops allow for the glory of the Lord to shine on them and give them courage for reconciliation and change.

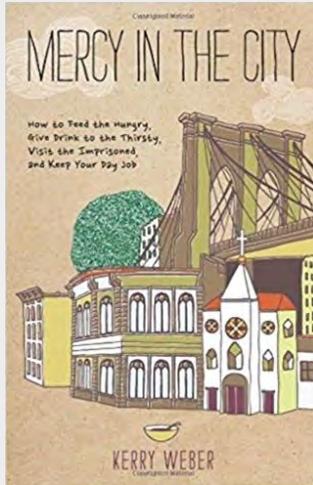


Learn at Home in 2019, One Book One Parish

Mercy in the City by Kerry Weber
www.standrew.org/1book1parish

Imagine this... a community of persons where everyone is having a shared conversation about a common theme of faith they are exploring together.

That is the imagination behind One Book One Parish at Saint Andrew. Now in our fourth year, we provide every household with a **free copy** of a short book every year so that we can talk about faith together with the same reference point.



This year's book is being distributed at Mass to all parish households and we're very excited about it! It is the first time we have had a woman author in our book series and it deals with urban dwellers like us. Kerry Weber outlines how we to be committed disciples who fulfill the Corporal Works of Mercy while still keeping our day jobs.

And new for 2019 is our inclusion of a podcast! If you don't have time to read everyday, then visit us online at www.standrew.org/1book1parish to listen to or download our podcast featuring parishioners from Saint Andrew reading the chapters and discussing their thoughts on how to implement the book into our daily lives. From the website you can also access the podcast through Itunes, Google Play, and RSS feed services.

We're hopeful that this year, you'll gain more than ever from One Book One Parish, our parish-wide faith formation event for those of us with busy lives. Pick up your copy and join in the conversation today!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

JANUARY

Sunday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 +Lillian Ledvina +Patrick Walsh All deceased of the Parish
Monday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 +Buenafior Castillo Umali
Tuesday 08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44 All deceased of the Parish
Wednesday 09	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52 All deceased of the Parish
Thursday 10	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22 All deceased of the Parish
Friday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16 +John and +Virginia Kaufman
Saturday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intention (Saturday Vigil Intention)	1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30 +John and +Virginia Kaufman
Sunday 13	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 All deceased of the Parish +Fernando Vinzons, Sr. All deceased of the Parish

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



For Adults

Pivot Towards Faith

Film Series by Bishop Barron

“CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players”

Spending too much time watching hoops on Saturdays? *Pivot* to Bishop Robert Barron, the second most followed Catholic on social media (*behind Pope Francis, of course*).



His new video series on Catholicism's “Pivotal Players” will be shown in the music room outside the gym so you don't even have to...*travel*

Saturday afternoons January 19, January 26, February 2 and February 9, 2019. There will be three showings on each day. At 11:00am, Noon, and 1:00pm.

A simple lunch is provided with the viewing and a suggested donation of \$5 is encouraged. It is a great opportunity to use these heavy basketball-viewing weekends as a “pivot” towards faith.

REBOOT: Update Your Spiritual Software

Join a six-week course for adults to reignite their understanding and experience of Faith. REBOOT is for adults who want to connect with other parishioners while getting a refresher course on how life with Jesus through the Church can revitalize your life. With a space wide-open for questions and exploring how faith impacts you

now as an adult, You'll update the software that makes life tick a little easier. REBOOT is held on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:00pm in the Social Hall starting Sunday, January 20, 2018. Sign up at www.standrew.org/reboot



Religious Education K-8

We hope you are having a great Christmas break! Please make sure that you are up to date on any incomplete at-home assignments during the Christmas break! If you need any links to past assignments, please visit www.standrew.org/re and look at the past Flocknote messages to find links to past assignments.

Next Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 8:45am we have classes for all students and a parent session as well in the Social Hall. Parents who cannot attend on Sunday are asked to come to the make up session on Thursday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.



Love

Our mission is fulfilled when we enter the world and in the presence of our friends, our co-workers, and especially our families, we are more capable of loving one another, as we have been loved.

Baby Bottles



During Masses this weekend, there will be a distribution of bottles to parishioners as you leave church. These are provided by Women's Center Chicago who provide free family planning and pregnancy services to women.

You are asked to fill these bottles with loose change and dollars and bring them back to church as a donation by Sunday, January 20, 2019. Your contribution can help save lives!



Greater Chicago Food Depository



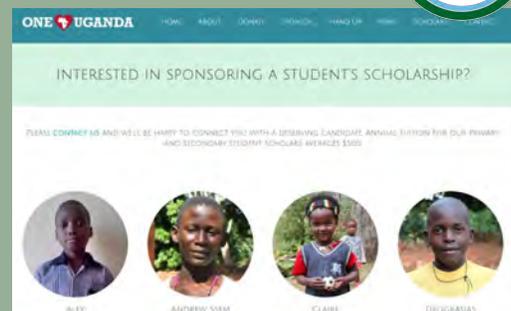
The next volunteer session at the Greater Chicago Food Depository will be on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 8:30am to 11:15am. Volunteers package food which will be sent to local Chicago food pantries. Your help is needed! Please contact Nancy Holland at neh213@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer. Find more dates at www.standrew.org/gcfd



One Heart Uganda



There are over a dozen students who are seeking to be sponsored at our sister school in Uganda. The 501c3 One Heart Uganda helps to support these deserving candidates. Help transform the world this year by finally taking that step to be a sponsor for the education of a child. Find out more and make your commitment at www.oneheartuganda.org or emailing at contact@oneheartuganda.org. Do it today!



Get Involved

STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS

Thank you to the over 45 individuals and families who contributed to our Giving Tuesday campaign this year to provide a new manager on the corner of Addison and Paulina. Your gift was a wonderful contribution to our Christmas celebrations this year! Thank you!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Wearin' The Green Committee - We're in need of additional volunteers to help plan and execute our annual fundraiser the "Wearin' the Green." Planners, organizers, askers, and extra hands are all needed. Contact julie@standrew.org to express interest.

Greeters - Are you a welcoming person? We are in need of volunteers to help greet worshipers before each Mass. Contact megan@standrew.org if this sounds like you!

TEXT TO GIVE

Sign Up for electronic giving! It's as easy as sending a text message. Text **"Donate"** to 773-345-7560 from your smart phone to make a donation through online-giving.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich - Expand - Grow

Through November '18

Income	1,325,574
Interest on Income	13,639
Total Income	1,339,214
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	98,400
Church Lighting (Actual)	223,200
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
Total Expense	668,600
Balance	670,614

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

November Offertory

Registered Households	1893
Envelopes Collection	11,920
Households Using Envelopes	149
Automated Giving	17,489
Individuals Giving Electronically	146
Loose Checks/Cash	4039
Total Offertory	33,488
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal	
Parish Goal	27,648
Amount Pledged	61,876
Amount Paid	55,786
Participants	190



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! We're glad you are with us! Whether you are just visiting or are settling down in Chicago and looking for your spiritual home, we are glad you are with us! Let us know how we can serve you!



Register with our parish online at www.standrew.org, call us at 773-525-3016. Or scan the QR code to the left.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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Annual Catholic Appeal:	Chris@standrew.org
Capital Campaign Committee:	Julie@standrew.org
Facilities Committee:	Jose & Athena Medero
Parish Fundraising:	Julie@standrew.org
5k Race	Dede Soriano
Date at the Lake	Ben Whipple
Wearing the Green	— Help Needed —
Children's Garage Sale:	Carlyn McGreal
Fish Fry:	Nicci Fagan

To contact any of the individuals above or volunteer for the events, please email Julie at Julie@standrew.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Greater Chicago Food Depository	Nancy Holland
Meals with a Heart	Stephanie Mewborn
Job Ministry	jgsmith62@gmail.com
International Sister School/Parish —	
One Heart Uganda:	Kimberly Arndt
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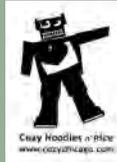
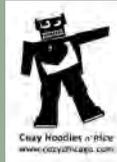
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Super School Sunday

January 27th, 2019

- 9am School Tours
- 10am Mass in our Church
- 11am Pancake Breakfast/School Gym
- 12pm Current Family Open House

Reserve your spot for the
Sunday, 1/27 school tour!
(773) 248-2500
www.GoSaintAndrew.com

Spirit. Study. Service.

Saint Andrew School focuses on the whole child; promoting individual academic achievement, developing spiritual awareness, building character, and encouraging service for the common good.

- High acceptance rates at premier Chicago area Catholic and Selective Enrollment high schools
- Over 500 students with two classrooms per grade
- Full day Kindergarten with before and after care
- Differentiated instruction and accelerated learning
- All classrooms equipped with SMART Boards
- One to one laptops for 3rd-8th graders
- K - 8th Grade Spanish courses
- Standardized test scores in top 15th percentile
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