



Saint Andrew Parish

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Season of Stewardship 2020 and Annual Parish Update



“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” *Thessalonians 5:18*

Pastoral Update

by Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



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Dear Parish Family,

For the second consecutive week, we are publishing the *Annual Update* for Saint Andrew Parish as we also ask parishioners to make a commitment to our community during our *Season of Stewardship*.

As I wrote last week in my letter, it seems we’ve been talking all year about money because of the Gospel of Luke. In it there are numerous references to money and there is a reason “why.” Jesus’ concern with money and wealth is centered on *right relationships*.

The *Annual Update*, of course, deals in part with money and our *Season of Stewardship* asks us to take a full account of how we are utilizing the gifts God has given us. As a pastor, I understand that parishioners don’t always want to hear about monetary issues from the pulpit. With all the stresses in life, wouldn’t it be nice to just escape to church for Sunday worship and not be reminded about money?

But in the end, it is about *right relationships*. Without taking time every year to assessing the right use of our personal resources, we can’t collectively make a commitment to further the will and intention God has for each of

us. This includes our responsibility to care for the Church through our parish community. Additionally, you have the right to know that your sacrificial financial offerings are being used well. That’s why it is important that we have this conversation on an annual basis, if not more often. We need to discuss openly our personal and collective stewardship of the gifts that God has given us. We need to foster *right relationship* through the care of our resources.

To support this conversation, please read the materials presented in this week’s bulletin. Included in the reports are our financial summary for the fiscal year 2019 which ended on June 30, 2019. This update that we have included is only a snapshot of our financial health. The full financial statement is available online at standrew.org/2019AnnualReport. I hope by reading that you’ll discover a sense of satisfaction for the good work that your contribution has made.

When you have completed reviewing these reports, I hope that you will be inspired to join me in making a commitment to share your Time, Talent and Treasure with Saint Andrew in the year to come. Please complete the stewardship commitment form that was mailed to you and is also available in the Church at Mass. I thank you in advance for your commitment.

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God bless,

Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



Gather...

Our core value made possible through your support.

Saint Andrew gathers together people from all over the country who have made Chicago their home. Some have lived in the neighborhood or in Chicago their whole life, but many have found a new home from far away.

At the heart of our gathering is our Sunday worship at Mass. This is where our community is most fully realized and present. When we avail ourselves to the presence of God in each other, we are transformed just as the gifts of bread and wine that we offer to God are transformed.

We find this transformation in other ways too. The social gatherings of the parish include parties like our Fall Fling and our Lenten Fish Fry and our annual 5K race. Our youth group meets twice a month and young adults in their 20s and 30s can be found gathering in the Social Hall after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass most weeks of the year. The gymnasium is used every day of the week for athletic groups and social events. This past year we even brought back the ever classic Skate Night! (*seen below*)

Saint Andrew provides the time and space for both Boy and Girl Scouts to meet and foster friendships that will last a lifetime as well as rehearsal space for Irish Dancing, young artists in theatre, and local community groups.

We look forward to the year ahead in which this core value, the gift of gathering, will continue to be a source of life and energy to our parishioners. Your support of Saint Andrew makes it possible.



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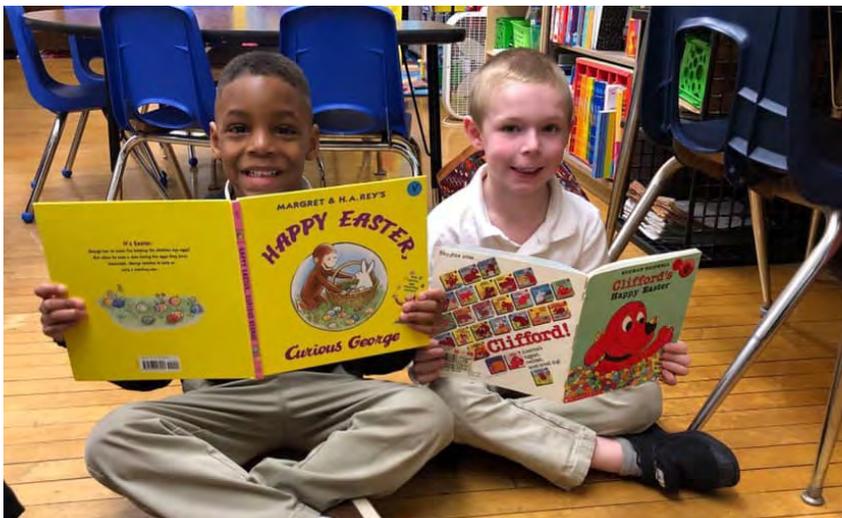
Learn...

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Saint Andrew Parish's largest and most important ministry is the accompaniment of children and adults to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Offering opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and God's overwhelming love for us are made possible through the support of our parishioners.

Saint Andrew School serves children of our parishioners and other parents who want their child to have a strong Catholic primary education. While helping children grow academically and achieving high benchmarks across the board, Saint Andrew School also nurtures the heart, helping students know who they are as children of God. Serving students from ages 2 ½ through 8th grade, the school currently has a robust enrollment of 488 students from 306 families.

Saint Andrew Religious Education also accompanies students who attend public and private schools in their religious education through our Family Catechesis program. 150 students meet with volunteer catechists and complete at-home assignments with parents to cover the same religious curriculum offered through our parish school. Parents also learn in the process by attending six faith formation sessions every year to support them as they teach their children the faith.



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For adults, Saint Andrew has had growing attendance at its primary faith formation experiences for adults including our Advent Speaker Series and the Parish Mission (in Lent or Easter). Parents of newborn children are part of our baptismal preparation classes held once a month and couples meet with our clergy to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Our newest faith formation program for adults is called REBOOT: UPDATE YOUR SPIRITUALITY. It is a six-week course offered three times a year which helps adults integrate their experience and knowledge as adults into a more mature faith.

We look forward to the year ahead in which this core value, the gift of learning, will continue to be a source of life and energy to our parishioners. Your support of Saint Andrew makes it possible.

Love...

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At Saint Andrew, we hear the call of the Gospel to love one another in many different contexts. Through outreach into the community, service to victims of poverty, and support for social concerns, we put the call to love one another into action to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God.

We don't have to go very far to see places in our community that have been touched by our outreach. Parish ministers carry the love of the parish when they visit the homebound, prepare meals for those in need, bring Communion to the sick, and conduct prayer services at area nursing homes. In 2020, we plan to extend that outreach with visits to Artis on Ashland, a new nursing facility in our neighborhood.

Our parishioners also support area agencies with our volunteer efforts. Our youth preparing for Confirmation participate in a variety of charitable projects, including the mobile food pantry at the *Mission of Our Lady of Angels* and at *Feed My Starving Children*.

Each month, volunteers help sort food and serve the poor at the Greater Chicago Food Depository and local food pantries and soup kitchens. For the holidays, we'll provide pies to food pantries through Pies for a Purpose and warm clothing to children in Uptown through our Giving Tree.

Finally, our financial support provides much-needed funding to both local and distant needs. Our long-standing support for St. Charles Lwanga parish in Uganda, the new-for-2019 Souper Bowl to support local soup kitchens, the baby bottle collection to support women in a crisis pregnancy, and many food drives and special collections give us opportunities to support partners that reach out locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally to share our love.

We often think of the word "charity" as being a synonym for benevolence, the act of giving. But a more general definition is that charity is love: love for God and love for our neighbor. Through your efforts, Saint Andrew Parish demonstrates the virtue of charity and God's love for us in the many ways we reach out to the world.

We look forward to the year ahead in which this core value, the gift of loving, will continue to be a source of life and energy to our parishioners. Your support of Saint Andrew makes it possible.



Financial Statement Summary

	CHURCH		SCHOOL		TOTAL	
	Jul 18-Jun 19	Jul 17-Jun 18	Jul 18-Jun 19	Jul 17-Jun 18	Jul 18-Jun 19	Jul 17-Jun 18
Ordinary Income						
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	426,426	399,024	0	0	426,426	399,024
Christmas & Easter	60,920	63,293	0	0	60,920	63,293
Tuition & Registration	15,235	16,182	3,356,421	3,363,588	3,371,656	3,379,770
Other Additional Income	108,540	129,888	108,285	66,645	216,825	196,533
Church Support from School	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	0
5K Run		0	6,673	7,110	6,673	7,110
Parish Fundraisers Net Income	200,117	200,605	6,673	7,110	206,790	207,715
Total Income	861,238	808,992	3,471,379	3,437,343	4,332,617	4,246,335
Ordinary Expense						
Salaries	424,854	367,390	2,755,965	2,624,479	3,180,819	2,991,869
Operational Expenses	205,678	195,331	311,316	391,674	516,994	587,005
Building & Utilities	178,945	208,606	201,866	215,944	380,811	424,550
School Support to Church	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0
Total Expense	809,477	771,327	3,319,147	3,232,097	4,128,624	4,003,424
Net Ordinary Income	51,761	37,665	152,232	205,246	203,993	242,911
Other Income						
Archdiocese 2nd Collections	11,638	11,357	0	0	11,638	11,357
Parish to Parish Uganda	17,400	12,796	3,128	2,884	20,528	15,680
Mercy for All	3,052	690	0	0	3,052	690
Other Extraordinary Income		81,023	0	14,531	0	95,554
Total Other Income	32,090	105,866	3,128	17,415	35,218	123,281
Capital Collections						
TTWCI Campaign	269,727	466,948	0	0	269,727	466,948
School Administration Bldg	0	0	0	80,000	0	80,000
Fund A Need - Auditorium Windows	0	94,740	0	0	0	94,740
Fund A Need - Gym Modernization	112,550	0	0	0	112,550	0
Total Capital Collections	382,277	561,688	0	80,000	382,277	641,688
Total Other Income	414,367	667,554	3,128	97,415	417,495	764,969
Other Expense						
Archdiocese 2nd Collections	11,638	11,357	0	0	11,638	11,357
Parish to Parish Uganda	17,400	12,796	3,128	2,884	20,528	15,680
Mercy for All	3,052	690	0	0	3,052	690
Other Extraordinary Misc. Expense	100	0	0	0	100	0
Total Other Expenses	32,190	24,843	3,128	2,884	35,318	27,727
Capital Improvements						
School 911 Security System	0	0	80,000	0	80,000	0
TTWCI Exp./Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0
TTWCI - Arch % Exp	98,400	49,200	0	0	98,400	49,200
TTWCI - Church Lighting	0	223,200	0	0	0	223,200
TTWCI - Windows Exp	156,520	600	0	0	156,520	600
Total - TTWCI Ex./Projects	254,920	273,000	0	0	254,920	273,000
Fund A Need - Auditorium Window	256,152	91,892	0	26,500	256,152	118,392
Roof - School 3rd Floor	0	0	39,500	0	39,500	0
Chimney - Gym	0	0	14,200	0	14,200	0
Total Capital Improvements	511,072	364,892	133,700	26,500	644,772	391,392
Total Other Expenses	543,262	389,735	136,828	29,384	680,090	419,119
Net Other Income	(128,895)	277,819	(133,700)	68,031	(262,595)	345,850
Net Parish Income	(77,134)	315,484	18,532	273,277	(58,602)	588,761

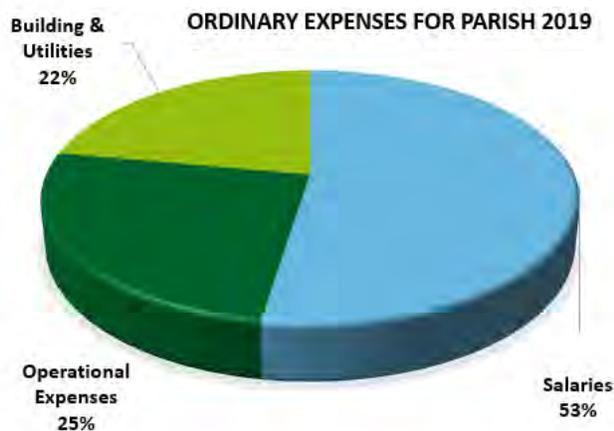
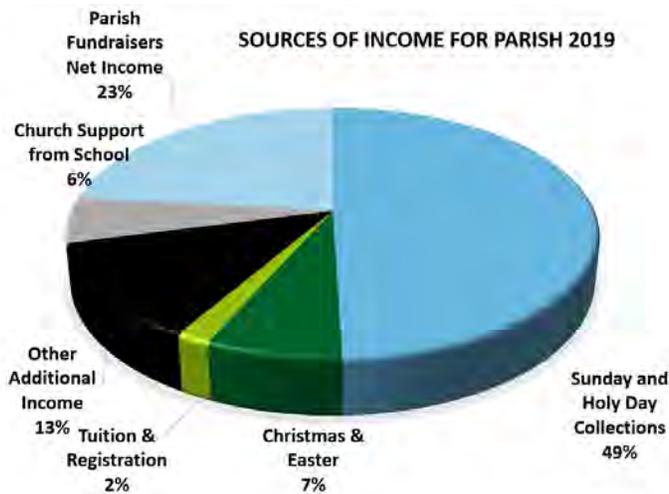
*The loss reflected to the Church in **Net Parish Income** fiscal year 2019 reflects projects completed in 2019 in which the income for the projects were received in 2018. So while the parish income (*independent of the school income*) shows a loss of \$77,134, the relationship of ordinary income to ordinary expenses demonstrates a small profit of \$51,761 in 2019.



At a Glance... A Snapshot of our Financial Health.

Parish Balance Sheet:

Assets	6/30/2019	6/30/2018
Cash	143,444	251,386
Cash - Advance Tuition	918,411	960,186
Cash - Restricted	12,373	489
To Teach Who Christ Is	772,716	757,969
Building Fund	335,619	282,154
Endowment Fund	116,236	113,140
Total Assets	2,298,799	2,365,324
Liabilities & Equity		
Accounts Payables	11,053	1,982
Deferred Tuition - School Year	923,836	942,046
Other Liabilities	2,242	1,025
Equity	1,361,668	1,420,271
Total Liabilities & Equity	2,298,799	2,365,324



Maintaining Our Campus...

In recent years, the net ordinary income from the school has been reinvested in capital improvements. Together with funds raised through our annual Fund-A-Need we have been able to make significant improvements to our campus. This past year we were able to replace the windows in the auditorium and chapel, as well as complete repairs on the school roof and the gym chimney. Even though the final numbers for the modernization of the gymnasium are part of fiscal year 2020 (*not included in this report*) the work completed in the gymnasium has a very positive effect on our campus. We have a solid record on the upkeep and care of our parish facilities. (*Renovated gymnasium pictured above*).

Financial Highlights

The statement featured to the left is a summary of the financial health of Saint Andrew Parish for fiscal year 2019 ending June 30, 2019. For the full financial statement, visit www.standrew.org/2019AnnualReport

Parish Highlights:

Sunday collections at Saint Andrew increased 7% last year meeting our goal. This is a testament to the commitment of Saint Andrew parishioners. Nationally, the trend in most parishes was a decrease in Sunday collections. While this is definitely good news, there are new growth concerns in the year ahead for which we will need to ask additional support.

This year's anticipated increase in expenses will require a modest increase of 4.7% in income, mostly due to the addition of a new staff member (Fr. Silvanus Kidaha) and the automatic 3% cost of living increase for all staff salaries as stipulated by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Looking forward, the parish is still in need of an additional staff member, a Director of Music/Liturgy to enhance our Sunday liturgies. To reach this goal, we need to increase Sunday attendance at Mass and to increase parishioner financial offering. For those who are able to do so, we ask for increased giving to our Sunday collections, especially through participation in electronic giving.

School Highlights:

Saint Andrew School continues to be fiscally sound generating its income through student tuition. Consistently for several years, the school has been able to make significant contributions to the physical maintenance of the buildings from within its operating expenses. The school maintains a strong tuition reduction program for parish families who are struggling financially. We seek to promote the opportunity for a Catholic education for any family who seeks to have one.

Capital Campaign Highlights:

While simultaneously fulfilling the obligations of our operating expenses for several years, Saint Andrew Parish is now in year three of a five year campaign to enrich, expand, and grow our campus. We have completed the lighting repairs in the Church, the upkeep on our Stained Glass Windows, and made our contributions to the To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign. Now we are waiting to start the building process for the expansion to our school. Per rules of the Archdiocese, to do this we will need 80% of the cost of construction in our campaign fund. We currently have \$772,716 in our campaign fund and are awaiting cost analysis of the expansion project.

Fundraisings Highlights:

Saint Andrew is able to meet its operating expenses through a combination of Sunday offertory collections and fundraising. While Sunday Offerings increased by 7%, the fundraising totals increased only slightly by \$1,500. *Total net fundraising in 2019 was \$200,117 and total net fundraising in 2018 was \$198,605.*

Individual fundraising events raised the following in fiscal year 2019

Golf Outing \$35,107 — Drew's Dollars \$6,183 — Wearin' the Green \$149,569

Lenten Fish Frys \$3,256 — Children's Garage Sale \$6,535



Upcoming Opportunities

As we focus on our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure in our Season of Stewardship, here are three specific examples of how you can give of your Time, Talent, and Treasure to connect to the community.

Advent Speaker Series

Parishioners of all ages are invited to come to the **2019 Advent Speaker Series** which will be held on **Wednesday nights** starting **December 4 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**.

Using *Gallup Strength's Finder*, a nationally recognized tool used in human resource departments, you'll discover the personal, professional, and spiritual benefits of working from the gifts you have. There is a children's program as part of the three-week workshop making it easier for families to attend. The hope is that participants will attend all three weeks, but attending any one will benefit any participant immensely.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will hold our parish's annual food drive to support local food pantries on the weekend of **Saturday, November 23, 2019** and **Sunday, November 24, 2019**. At all Masses, we invite you to bring food donations that we will provide to our local pantries. Ideal items are canned goods and packaged goods that do not need refrigeration. Bring them to the collection point in the back of church before or after Masses so we can distribute them by Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity!



Giving Tuesday - Finish the Gym!

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 is #GivingTuesday, the single largest day for charitable giving in the United States.

This year, we're giving donors a chance to help finish the work in the gymnasium. For years, we have not had a crucifix in the gymnasium. We've arranged for a premium, hand-made, 49 inch crucifix to be installed in the gym **IF** we can raise the money. The cost of production and installation is \$4,500. Help us finish the modernization project by donating on Giving Tuesday!



(Actual cross shown here)



Saint Andrew presents Wearin' the Green

Wearin' the Green Kickoff Meeting

Who: Parishioners excited to support the community with skills in: organization, marketing, having fun, and planning parties!

When: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7:30pm

Where: School Teacher's Lounge

Details: It's time to start planning for the biggest fundraiser and party that Saint Andrew throws! Wearin' the Green takes place in March, but the planning starts now. Snacks and beverages provided, just bring your enthusiasm!

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

September, 2019 Offering

Registered Households	1897
Envelopes Collection	10,609
Households Using Envelopes	149
Automated Giving	21,747
Individuals Giving Electronically	152
Loose Cash	4,780
Total Offertory	37,136
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
Goal	27,739
Pledged	67,495
Paid	56,145

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

NOVEMBER

Sunday 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19 Our departed Parishioners +Mary Joan Range; +Franny Vela; +Guido Espinosa; +Enrique Salazar; +Casey Wilczynski Our departed Parishioners
Monday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1Mc1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Lk 18:35-43 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28 +Mary Julia Doyle
Thursday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass intentions	1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday 23	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43 +Elaine Lauetta; +Casey Wilczynski +Rosemarie Levy
Sunday 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43 Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



VOLUNTEER

Help with Giving Tree

Take part in an amazing annual event that benefits our neighbors at St Thomas of Canterbury and St Mary of the Lake. We need help in a variety of ways... putting up the tree, making ornaments with kids after mass, assembling gift bags, and delivering bags to schools. Contact Julie@standrew.org

Greater Chicago Food Depository

The holiday season is popular at GCFD! Sign up early to get a spot. Children ages 14-15 are welcome with an adult. Next dates are:

Saturday, November 9, 8:30-11:15am

Saturday, December 7, 8:30-11:15am

Contact Nancy at neh213@gmail.com

Discover more opportunities at

StAndrewChicago.flocknote.com/StAVolunteer

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Saint Andrew keeps in touch with our friends and parishioners through *Flocknote*.

Receive our weekly e-bulletin and chose to receive periodic emails from groups within the parish that you want.

Please note that enlisting in Flocknote is different than being registered in the parish.

Text **Andrew** to 038408, go to www.flocknote.com/StAndrewChicago or use the following QR code.



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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.



PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 17	8:00am 8:45am 10:00am 4:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Mass ReligiousEd K-2 only Mass St.Joseph RE Class 3 Youth Group Mass
Nov 18	9:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Webelos
Nov 19	9:00am 10:15am 3:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass St. Joseph RE Class 3 Encore Archdiocesan SpanishClass Guitar Group Boys Scouts
Nov 20	8:00am 9:00am 9:00am 2:00pm 2:00pm	Rosary K—5 Prayer Service Chapel Middle School Mass Church 2nd Grade Brownies Brownies
Nov 21	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm	Mass Irish Dance Drama
Nov 22	9:00am	Mass Set Up for Parent's Party (ECE)
Nov 23	4:00pm 8:00pm	Mass Parent's Party (ECE)
Nov 24	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	Mass RE Service Elective — Food Drive Mass St.Mary RE Class 12 Valiant Theatre Meeting Mass
Nov 25	9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Webelos
Nov 26	8:45am 9:00am 3:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	St. Mary RE Class 12 Mass Encore Archdiocesan SpanishClass Guitar Group Boys Scouts



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The Giving Tree

EARLY Season's Greetings!

Saint Andrew Parish and School will again be partnering with Saint Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury, located in the Uptown neighborhood, with a Christmas service project through a Giving Tree. Last year's project was incredibly successful and we helped over 550 students ranging from Pre-K – 8th grade stay warm over the cold, winter, Chicago months. We are getting a jump on the project and wanted to announce a few important, upcoming dates.

Starting **Sunday, November 17th**, following Family Mass, join us in the gym so our children can help cut out ornaments for our Giving Trees. The Giving Trees will be located in the back of the Church and in the school and be up and stocked with ornaments on **Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th**. That is when Saint Andrew families will be able to select these ornaments off the trees and begin their holiday shopping. We will also have volunteers handing out ornaments several days a week at drop off and pick up starting **Monday, November 25th – Wednesday, December 11th** with our **“MOBILE GIVING TREE”**.

As a reminder, here's how it will work:

Each student from Saint Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury is going to receive a gift from a Saint Andrew family (families can take more than one child if they choose) equaling ***no more*** than \$25.00. This gift will include two (2) **NEW** items from a pair of gloves/mittens, socks, a winter hat or scarf. Please refrain from purchasing toys, coats, candy, etc. How thankful these children will be to have two brand new winter warmth items this Christmas!

We will announce future deadlines on when these winter warmth items will need to be collected so please stay tuned, but for now, we hope you and your families will join us on **Sunday, November 17th** after Family Mass and kick off the holidays in a giving way!

Thank you for all your support!

