



Saint Andrew Parish

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First Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” *Matthew 24:42*

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.

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is regularly scheduled for the first Friday of every month at 6:30pm . Come and join in sacred prayer for an hour.



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Learn

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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 Eric Sorensen



"We are.... a family that is thankful by sharing the love of God with those around our Thanksgiving table."

When I was a child Thanksgiving always meant a celebration with relatives. Cousins would come from afar to our house outside Cleveland. Upon arrival their belongings were stowed away with children's sleeping bags strewn everywhere. The dining room table was extended with adjoining card tables. Another log was placed on the fire, conversations continued, drinks were shared, and games commenced. The Sorensen family was full of new life and we were so thankful.

When we sat down for the feast, we once again felt that bond as brothers and sisters. It was a time of great joy and laughter for we were grateful to share the love we had for each other, so thankful that we were family.

We too are a family bonded together through our faith, gathering to celebrate by offering our thanks for all our blessings. After all, the Greek word for *thanksgiving* is Eucharist. A Eucharistic feast, not as guests to a Thanksgiving dinner, but to God's own banquet, expressing our deepest unity as the family of God, the Church. A family receiving *renewed life* through Christ's body and blood. A family that is thankful by sharing the love of God with those around our *Thanksgiving* table.

Blessings
Deacon Eric

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St. Andrew invites you to a place where you can feel at home and take the next step on your spiritual journey with friends who are enjoying the journey with you.



Advent Speaker Series

Who: All parishioners, all ages.

When: Wednesdays in December from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. December, 4, 11, 18, 2019

What: "The Gifts We Have" A three week seminar.

Where: Main Church

Details: Our annual speaker series invites us into a conversation about the gifts we have using Gallup's CliftonStrengths. A strong tool for your professional and spiritual development.

Blood Drive

Who: Adults 17 years of age and older

When: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9am to 4pm

Where: Social Hall

Details: Sponsored by the family of James McCarthy who recently had medical procedures requiring 150 units of blood. They are asking friends, neighbors, and parishioners to come and help fill the blood supply of our local blood banks. Let's help them out!

Blood Drive



Young Adults 20s & 30s

Young Adults in their 20s and 30s, married or single, are invited to spend some time in fellowship after the 5:30pm mass. We gather in the Social Hall (on the corner of Addison and Hermitage) for refreshments! Listen for the announcement after mass.

For more information on weekly Young Adult Hangouts and other ways to get involved at Saint Andrew visit: www.standrew.org/gather/meet-other-young-adults/

Teens & High School

Teens in grades 8-12 are encouraged to gather with our Youth Group in the Social Hall on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:00-5:15pm. Join us for fun, friendship and faith! www.standrew.org/gather/join-our-youth-group

Next meeting: December 1 - Advent(ure)

Awaits! You wouldn't jump into a big adventure without taking some time to prepare, right? Join us at Youth Group for a hilarious game that will prepare you for the Advent season.



PARISH CALENDAR

You're Invited...

Support Giving Tuesday - A New Crucifix

How was your Black Friday? Are you ready for Cyber Monday?

Well don't spend everything because Tuesday, **December 3, 2019** is **#GivingTuesday**, the single largest day of charitable giving in the United States.

At Saint Andrew, we are holding a campaign to complete the furnishings in our newly modernized gymnasium by buying and installing a new crucifix. The total cost of the artist's sculpture, shipping, and installation is \$4,500 which we hope to raise in a single day.

As the largest day of giving, we encourage you to give to your favorite charities on Giving Tuesday. As you do, don't forget Saint Andrew! Donate to the campaign through www.standrew.org.

#GIVING TUESDAY




BIRTHDAYS

Anne Amine
Elinor Arndt
Mark Beier
Kayla Brandon
Kathryn Bryar
Aidan Buino
Declan Casale
Alejandro Escutia
John Flynn
Susan Graan
Logan Hain
Christine Jacks
Jaxon Jensen
Carly Jugenitz

Andrea Keefe
Luke Kelly
Kristen Kelly
Daniel Lara
Sofia Lines
Stephanie Lippian
Mark Manz
Michael Marderosian
Connor Martin
Ciara Mason
Michael McGreal
Jaime Meija
Lucas Morales
Bridget Murphy

Ronald Pawelko
Mark Purdome
Lloyd Sachs
Isabella Santiago
Patricia Scanlan
Meredith Shaffer
Katherine Simmons
Jill Spingola
Alysia Tan
Nicolas Trautman
Kate Voss
Sarah Ward
Katherine Welsh
Catherine Yee

Dec 01	8:00am 10:00am 4:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Mass Mass Youth Group St. Joseph –All Candidates Class 4 Mass
Dec 02	9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Webelos
Dec 03	9:00am 3:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass Encore Archdiocesan Spanish Class Guitar Group Boys Scouts
Dec 04	9:00am 9:00am 2:00pm 2:00pm	Mass Kindergarten Practice Daisies Brownies
Dec 05	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm	Mass Irish Dance Drama
Dec 06	9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Student Council Movie Night Adoration Prayer Group
Dec 07	9:00am 4:00pm	Blood Drive Mass
Dec 08	8:00am 8:45am 10:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Mass RE Parent/Child Joint Formation Mass Middle School Drama Youth Group Mass
Dec 9	8:00am 9:00am 12:30pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Kindergarten Practice Mass Deanery 2 - C Meeting Puppy Players Webelos
Dec 10	9:00am 1:30pm 3:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass Kindergarten Practice Encore Archdiocesan Spanish Class Guitar Group Boys Scouts
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"The work we do, even if it is just running a decent business, can hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God..."

Scripture Reflection by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate

I only personally know one person who was alive in Germany during the Second World War. His name is Volker. He is a gentleman who became good friends with my father and subsequently treated me very graciously when I was visiting him and his wife Heidi in Germany.

A lawyer and man of great intelligence, Volker and I have always had very enlivening conversations that helped shape my adult mind. One of the deep impressions Volker gave me during one of our more esoteric conversations was the notion that thriving commerce was the best mechanism for world peace. His theory was that businesses and multi-national corporations have accomplished something in Europe that Christendom had failed to do for centuries. It helped to cease the relentless onslaught of war.

Volker would argue that the same scenario would apply to the world sooner or later if we would only let companies flourish. His logic of commerce-centered politics suggested that stake-holders dislike war because it disrupted business and trading partners. Worst of all, war could result in your office building and manufacturing plant to be bombed. No one wants that.

I always think of his insight whenever we come to this time of our Liturgical Year. Once every three years we read the prophecy from the Book of

the Prophet Isaiah which states, *"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."* IS 2:4.

It is an extraordinary vision that has the potential to capture our imagination. The question to us as Christians is, "Where do we place our trust?" Is it in a prophecy that foretold the coming of Christ? Is it a new "Christmas" that we are waiting for? Or do we cede to the notion that is something more secular, a profit-centered economic system that will bring us a more peaceful world?

Or is there a third option? Do we really need to divide the world so coldly? Can we entertain the idea that God is in the development of economies? Can we entertain the thought that It is God's guiding hand which has inspired us to create businesses that flourish?

If we can, then I think our daily work has a divine purpose. The work we do, even if it is just running a honest business domestically, can hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is an ingredient into a world in which *one nation shall not rise against another, nor shall they train for war again*. Or put another way, our daily work has a potentiality not different than a piece of steel. It can be forged to do harm, like a sword, or it can be forged to do good, like a plowshare. The decision is blessedly up to us.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Celebrating Advent Together

Ask a typical first grader about the liturgical year, and you will likely hear about Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary (or “just the regular”) time. There is usually some confusion about the difference between Advent and Lent. What is very clear to these young people is that both are a period of intense waiting... particularly when it comes to Christmas.

Lighting each candle of a family's advent wreath indicates that the weeks are ticking by. Advent calendars are all over grocery stores, containing scripture passages or small treats, giving us a little foretaste of the sweetness of Christmas.

Significantly, Advent is a season of Hope. The coming of Jesus in Advent is bound up with the reason for his birth - to be Savior of the World. The coming is threefold: We await Jesus's coming in the Nativity, live in joyful expectation of his Second Coming at the end of time, as well as rejoice in his presence in our midst as risen Lord.

This Advent, allow yourself to live in the reason for THIS season.

Liturgical Announcements

The patronal feast of the United States is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year the feast will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 in deference to the Second Sunday of Advent. In 2019, the feast day is not a holy day of obligation.

Masses on Christmas Eve will be Tuesday, December 24 at 3:00pm, 5:00pm, and 11:00pm.

And on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00am and 11:00am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

DECEMBER

Sunday 01	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44 Our departed Parishioners +Julio Ramirez Our departed Parishioners
Monday 02	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 25:6-10 Mt 15:29-37 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass intentions	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Lk 21:29-33 Mt 9:27-31 +Fernando Vinzons, Sr.
Saturday Vigil 07	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12 +William Vanderheide
Sunday December 08	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44 Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Saint Andrew School

Come see what educational excellence looks like!



Reserve your spot for a campus tour of Saint Andrew School today! Sign up for a spot by calling 773-248-2500 or visiting www.GoSaintAndrew.com.

All tours start at 9:00am. This year's tour dates are as follows:

December 10 - January 14
February 11 - March 10 - April 21 - May 12

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

We have limited openings for children ages 2 ½ to 8th grade. Call today to set up your appointment!

For Adults (and families)...

The Gifts We Have
Saint Andrew Advent Speaker Series

Wednesday, December 4, 11, & 18, 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm Main Church

A three-week workshop of for professional and spiritual growth using Gallup Strengthsfinder.

This year's Advent Speaker Series could enrich your professional life as well as your spiritual life! Held on [Wednesday December 4, 11, 18, 2019](#) from 7:00 to 8:30pm, we'll cover the Clifton Strengths by Gallup. As part of the program, everyone will receive a copy of "Living Your Strengths" for a suggested contribution of \$20. As we always do, there will be a youth program to accompany the evening so that parents can bring the whole family and enjoy this program together.

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Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother culminating with Misa de Gallo on Christmas Eve and is the highlight of liturgical customs for Filipinos. Join our Filipino community as they open the doors to this beautiful tradition for all parishioners on **Saturday, December 21, 2019** starting with Mass at 4:00pm and concluding with a dinner reception in the gymnasium after the Mass. It will cheer you and make your Christmas even brighter to join in this celebration!



Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree supports students at one of our local Catholic schools with warm gloves and hats for them to get through the winter.

Pick up ornaments in the back of church and commit to bringing the ornament back with warm items by **Wednesday, December 11, 2019**. Purchased items should be no more than \$25 per child. Please return items to the parish office.

We also need volunteers to help sort and deliver the items. If you are interested, contact Julie@standrew.org



Cyber Monday - Wearin' the Green

Wearin' the Green is our parish's annual fundraiser and will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**. For one day only, we are offering a **Cyber Monday Discount** (December 2, 2019) for purchasing Wearin' the Green tickets.

Tickets will be available for \$65 and Heads or Tails chances are only \$20 all day long. The prices go up on December 3 and will remain at early bird prices of \$85 and \$25 through the holiday season. Visit www.standrew.org to purchase tickets.



Get Involved

STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS

Saint Andrew is a community of disciples from all over the city, country, and world who make the Lakeview neighborhood their home. We gather to learn about and make known God's love and promise of salvation so we can transform the world through our everyday actions.

We invite you to share in the responsibility for care and maintenance of this community by generously contributing of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Time - We take time to pray and to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Talent - We offer our skills and talents for the organization success of our community.

Treasure - We contribute generously from our financial resources for the wellbeing of our parish.

VOLUNTEER

Fish Fry Co-Chair

The Co-Chair assists with set up and clean up, participates in shopping for at Restaurant Depot (oil, baskets, condiments, etc), and helps recruit new volunteers. It's a fun and easy way to put in service hours for the Parish/School. This role takes no more than 10-15 hours total for both events.

Contact Julie at 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. Our next date is Saturday, December 7, 8:30-11:15am

Email Nancy at neh213@gmail.com

Find more volunteer opportunities at:

StAndrewChicago.flocknote.com/StAVolunteer

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich - Expand - Grow

To Teach Who Christ Is

Through September, 2019

Income	1,565,947
Interest on Income	19,830
Total Income	1,585,777
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	223,200
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
Total Expense	767,000
Balance	818,777

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

October, 2019 Offering

Registered Households	1897
Envelopes Collection	9,879
Households Using Envelopes	149
Automated Giving	18,118
Individuals Giving Electronically	152
Loose Cash	4,481
Total Offertory	32,478
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
Goal	27,739
Pledged	67,925
Paid	61,398



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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.

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Date at the Lake	Ben Whipple
Wearin' the Green	Kathy Stenander
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.

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CONNECT WITH US

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.

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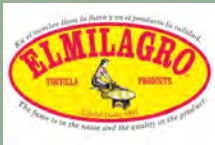
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December 1, 2019

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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The Giving Tree

Season's Greetings!

Saint Andrew families have helped over 550 students ranging from Pre-K – 8th grade stay warm over the cold, winter, Chicago months. Let's do our part again this year and help those who have less than this holiday season.

As a reminder, the Giving Trees are up and stocked with ornaments and are located in the back of the Church, in the school lobby, inside the Transitions and JK classrooms and outside Pre-K. 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"**. That is when Saint Andrew families will be able to select these ornaments off the trees and begin their holiday shopping for these very deserving children.

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

Each child/student from St. 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. 90% of these students are immigrant families and are often taken aback by how cold Chicago winters are. How thankful these children will be to have two brand new gifts this Christmas!

Once your shopping is complete, please return the two (2) **NEW** items **AND** the ornament in a zip lock bag to either the school or the rectory by **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th**. Please DO NOT leave any items under the tree in the Church.

Thank you for all your support!

