Saint Andrew Parish

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"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." *Matthew 1:23*

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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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 Father Sergio Romo

"We are not done yet. There's still time!"

Dear Parishioner,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and if you're like me, you might be panicking with all the preparations that have yet to be completed. There are gifts to purchase and wrap, groceries to buy and transform into holiday treats, and houses to clean and furniture to rearrange so as to make space for expected guests. You can almost hear a collective cry for "more time" rise above the din of Lake View traffic.

And yet, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is not the end of Advent, nor is it the beginning to Christmas. We have a few days left to finish our preparations! As we take advantage of these remaining days, let's not forget there are other preparations not necessarily on our to-do-list. These are preparations that have to do with our souls.

It may seem ludicrous to suggest more preparations to do. But, without these preparations of our souls, we risk all we have done thus far to seem meaningless and exhausting. As you join us for Mass today, as you take time for prayer, please consider that we are not done yet. There's still time!

In joyful anticipation of Christmas,

Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor

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REBOOT - Update Your Spirituality

Who: Adult parishioners
When: Sunday afternoons from 12:30pm to 2:00pm starting Sunday, January 26, 2020 and ending on March 1, 2020
Where: Saint Andrew Social Hall
Details: Get a boost in your faith and update your spirituality with other adults in a facilitated conversation geared for adults. Register at www.standrew.org/reboot

Youth Ski Trip - Wilmot Ski Resort

Who: Youth in grades 8-12
When: Monday, January 20th, 2020; 8:30am-6:00pm
Where: Wilmot Ski Resort
Details: Join youth groups from Saint Andrew, Saint Edward, and Saint Benedict for our annual ski trip! Registration forms and a waiver are due by January 5th. Seats on the bus are limited - our spots will be released to other youth after that date! www.standrew.org/skitrip

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. 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/

Save the date! Our Young Adult Epiphany Party will be at Waterhouse Tavern on Sunday, January 5, 2020 after the 5:30pm mass. Tell a friend and make plans to join us!

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 fellowship and faith!
Visit our website for more information:
www.standrew.org/gather/join-our-youth-group

News: We are on break until January 5th! In the meantime, check out our website for more information on the Annual MLK Ski Trip at Wilmot Ski Resort on January 20, 2020.

You're Invited...

Blessed Straw… Please take a packet!

It's that time of year again… the time when stores are selling tons of small plastic toy figurines of Star Wars and other merchandise. *(Don't worry, we are deliberately poking-fun at our society's customs.)* The real focus on this time of year is the birth of Jesus, but the practices of our commercial stores drive home a point. There is something in us as humans that gravitate toward miniature statues of important stories. They help us enter into the story more deeply. Figurines of ballet dancers, superheroes, and storybook fairies help to excite our imagination and that's not a bad thing.

The same is true of our religious imagination. The tradition of having a creche or manger scene in our own homes helps us to feel connected to the story of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and angels. Another part of that tradition is knowing we are connected to the story not only through our own homes, but through our parish as well. That is why we invite every household to take a small packet of straw from our parish manger in the front of Mass. The straw will be blessed at Mass on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 4:00pm. The blessed straw can be part of your own manger scene at home so that you'll have a visible connection from the story of Jesus, through your parish, to your home and be able to fully imagine the sacred gift of God's love-made-flesh this Christmastide.

BIRTHDAYS

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Kathryn Chapman
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Mairane Philbin
Katherine Sherwood
James Spalding
Nenita Talla
Daniel Vo
Suzanne Voss
Jamie Willett
Robert Zielke

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 22	8:00am	Mass
	10:00am	Mass
	3:00pm	Kairos Christmas Reunion
	5:30pm	Mass
Dec 23	9:00am	Mass
Dec 24		***CHRISTMAS EVE***
		Rectory Office Closed
	3:00pm	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass
	11:00pm	Mass
Dec 25		***CHRISTMAS DAY***
		Rectory Office Closed
	9:00am	Mass
	11:00am	Mass
Dec 26		*Rectory Office Closed*
	9:00am	Mass
Dec 27	9:00am	Mass
Dec 28	4:00pm	Mass
Dec 29	8:00am	Mass
	10:00am	Mass
	5:30pm	Mass
Dec 30	9:00am	Mass
Dec 31		***NEW YEAR'S EVE***
		Rectory Office Closed
	9:00am	Mass
Jan 01		***NEW YEAR'S DAY***
		Rectory Office Closed
	9:00am	Mass
Jan 02	9:00am	Mass
Jan 03	9:00am	Mass
Jan 04	4:00pm	Mass
Jan 05	8:00am	Mass
	8:45am	RE Parent/Child Joint Form.
	10:00am	Mass
	4:00pm	St. Mary RE Class 14
	4:00pm	Youth Group
	5:30pm	Mass

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"Read it again. There is something there you aren't seeing"

Scripture Reflection by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate

As a religious educator, I feel as if half of my job is getting people to look at things that they thought they knew and to help them to see them more clearly. When it comes to sharing stories from the Bible, the words that frequently cross my lips are *"Read it again. There is something there you aren't seeing."* or some derivative therein.

Without knowing you or why you are choosing to read this article, the most likely the advice I would give you about this Sunday's Gospel is, *"Read it again. Can you see that it is a different story?"*

The short explanation of what I'm suggesting is summed up in the statement, "There isn't a consistent story about the birth of Jesus in any Gospel." This doesn't meant they aren't true, but rather each of them has something unique to tell us.

It is **only** in the Gospel of Matthew and Luke that we hear the story of Jesus being born. What tends to happen at this time of year is that we conflate the two stories together into one narrative. By doing so, we tend to miss the details and significance of both stories. In the Gospel reading for today we learn that Jesus' birth was foretold by angels, but there is nothing about shepherds and oxen and magi (kings) and gold, frankincense, and myrrh. That's a different story!

One scripture scholar whom I was recently reading, points out that the Gospel of Matthew was written to people familiar with their leaders being the "sons of God." At the same time, there were legends that the emperor Julius Caesar was the descendant of Aeneas who was born from the virgin goddess Venus. So, in direct correlation to Jesus, by Saint Mathew writing that Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus, the audience who heard the story would instantly know what it meant. This was the Son of God. This child was the new ruler who would be a replacement to the emperor Caesar.

But that's where we need to read the story again. The message that Saint Matthew is sharing with us is not that Jesus was a new emperor who would rule from on high, but rather he will be called *"Emmanuel"* which translates to mean "God-with-us." The story is different than any other story at the time and conveys a central truth to us a Christians.

Yes! We believe that Jesus is the ultimate ruler of all human history. Jesus being born of the Virgin Mary recognizes this literary and literal parallel. But something is different about Jesus. He is not a ruler who rules from a distant throne. He is **with us**. He is humble and human. He is as serene as a mother holding a child. He shows us a new way to live. He shows us how to love. If you didn't get that from the reading, then my advice is what in normally is… read it again.

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

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary in which we honor her as the Mother of God and the mother of us all. This is a Holy Day of Obligation in the year 2020.

We will have Mass to celebrate this day at 9:00am in the main church on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

DECEMBER

Sunday 22	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
	Mass Intentions 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	 +Maureen Stailey +Marte Vinzons Our departed Parishioners
Monday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79 All Parishioners
Wednesday 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 62:11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 All Parishioners
Thursday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass intentions	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22 +Matthew Drumm
Friday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a and 2-8 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil 28	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 29	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 Our departed Parishioners +Deceased of Vinzons family 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:

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!

Religious Education K-8

Religious Education (RE) is on Christmas Break!

Thank you to all the parents and families who are part of our Religious Education program for grades K-8. We are privileged to have you as part of our parish.

There are no classes and no at-home expectations during the Christmas break. Please enjoy the time off and if necessary, us these days as an opportunity to catch up on the chapters assigned at-home that have gone unfinished.

Our next class with be a joint parent-child formation class on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Children should be dropped off at the school at 8:45am and parents should come to the Auditorium by 8:50am.

For Adults

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 12:30pm to 3:00pm in the Social Hall starting Sunday January 26, 2020. Sign up at www.standrew.org/reboot

Love

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First Friday Adoration

Saint Andrew Parish celebrates the First Friday of every month with a holy hour Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Saint Andrew chapel.

Come on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 6:30pm. The time of prayer begins with Mass, Benediction, and an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us!

One Heart Uganda

Many parishioners at Saint Andre are familiar with our partnership with Fr. Matthias Kakooza who regularly visits us. We support his parish and their ministries. We are also blessed that several parishioners also help to govern the non-profit, One Heart Uganda. One Heart Uganda creates change one student at a time. Pairing sponsors with orphaned and at-risk students in Central Uganda, they change futures through annual tuition scholarships. Its not too late to sponsor a child this Christmas season. To learn more, visit www.oneheartuganda.org

Leave a Legacy

Saint Andrew has served Lake View for nearly 125 years. We are grateful for the ongoing success of ordinary Sunday Giving and for our Capital Campaign but many long term “big” projects are reserved for the infrequent occasion of a bequest. Have you considered leaving Saint Andrew in your estate planning? Do you have RMDs from IRAs that must be taken but present significant tax burdens to you. Email info@standrew.org for more information about how a legacy gift or RMD from IRA gift can make an impact to the future of Saint Andrew.

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, January 11, 2020, 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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5k Race	Dede Soriano
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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December 22, 2019

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

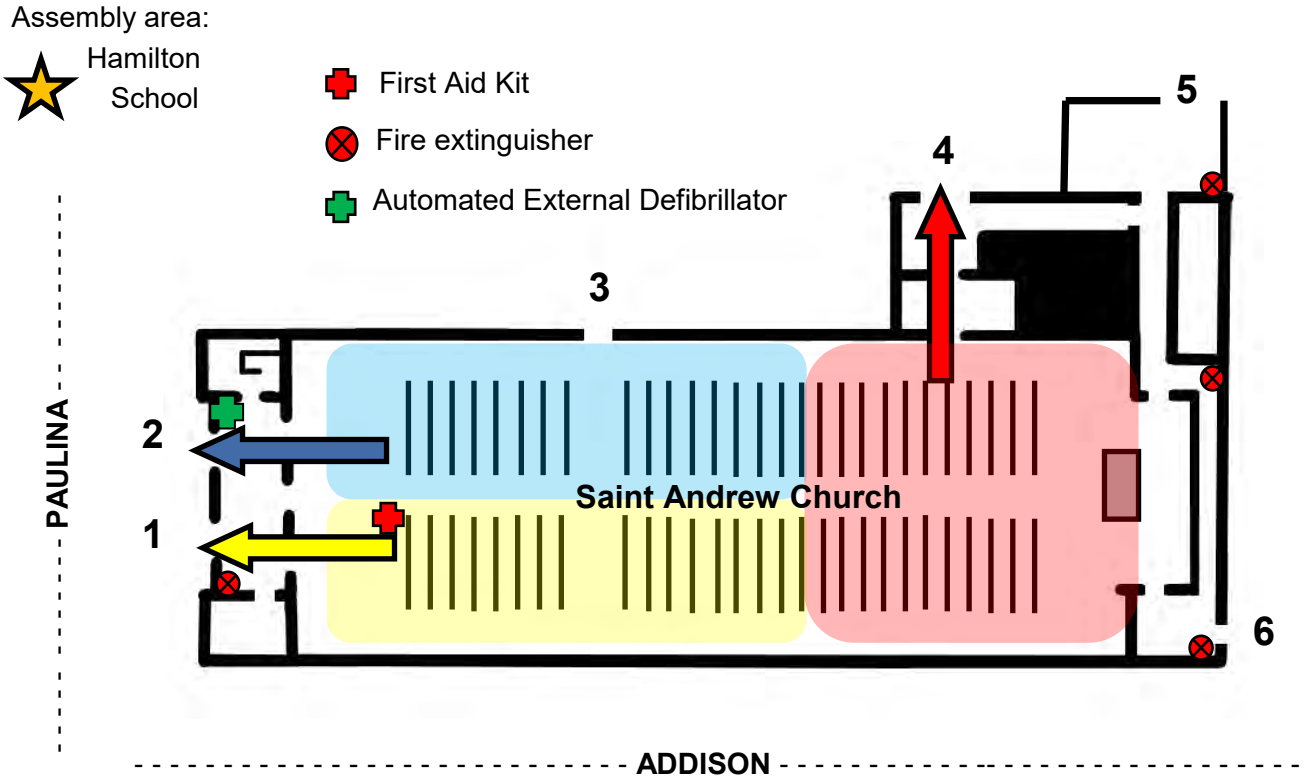
800 Bulletins

Saint Andrew Parish

Church Building Safety Procedures

It is important to review safety protocol, especially when we gather for large celebrations. Please take a moment to review these procedures and make yourself aware of your nearest emergency exit.

Thank you for helping us make Saint Andrew a safe place to gather!



Evacuation Procedures:

1) Move calmly to the nearest exit.
   Primary emergency exits are Doors 1, 2, and 4.
   Door 3 is equipped with a ramp, but has restricted egress (single file exit).
   Doors 5 and 6 should only be used if other exits are not accessible.
2) Assist children and individuals with mobility disabilities.
3) Proceed directly to the assembly area at Hamilton School. Do not return to the church without Fire Department approval.

In case of Medical Emergency:

1) Remain calm. Clear the area and quickly assess the situation for safety.
2) If appropriate, assign an adult to call 911 (address: 3546 N Paulina Street).
3) Retrieve the First Aid Kit and AED.
4) Administer necessary care and remain with the person in need.