



Saint Andrew Parish

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“As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.”

John 9:1

Parish Information - COVID-19

Campus Buildings:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**.

Parish Office:

During COVID-19 “stay in place” order, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Stipends for Mass intentions are not being accepted at this time. Prayer intentions and donations for candles to be lit in the church can be made at www.standrew.org/prayers

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Saint Andrew Parish will operate in accordance with guidance from government and church officials.

Holy Week and Easter Triduum:

The Archdiocese of Chicago has instructed all parishes that there will not be a public Masses during Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, or Easter Sunday. Saint Andrew parish staff will be discussing opportunities for our families to find meaningful ways of celebrating during the coming week.

If you have other needs, please contact us at info@standrew.org and some will respond to you as soon as possible.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



"In these uncertain times, it is important for us to remain connected as a parish family."

As we move into more and more social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19, life has changed all around us with an unprecedented rapidity. Without many of our usual diversions, from restaurants to cultural institutions, from movies to book clubs, from gathering with friends to sports playoffs, we may start to feel trapped and isolated. Frequently, in times of unrest, we turn to the church as a place to gather and be comforted, but with the restrictions on groups, even the church has had to change our methods and approaches.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations like the current global pandemic. Anxiety, fear, and concern are normal emotions that we may experience. At Saint Andrew Parish, we are experiencing all of these as we try to adapt to the new, temporary reality. We are working on ways to stay connected to one another using alternative methods, turning to frequent email communication, on-line meetings and classes, and virtual learning experiences. Our website, standrew.org, is also being updated frequently. We are new to these approaches, and some will be more successful than others, but it is important for us to remain connected as a parish family.

We encourage you to reach out to the pastoral staff with your concerns and ideas. Our offices are closed, but if you leave a voicemail or send an email we will get back to you as soon as we can. We also ask that you continue to do all of the good-neighbor activities – from simple check-ins with neighbors and friends to wellness checks of the elderly in your area – but in a virtual way, maintaining all of the social distancing recommendations from the Chicago Department of Public Health. Experts suggest that exercise, meditation, hobbies, and talking to friends about your experiences and feelings can help to maintain a sense of hope and banish some of the cabin fever and anxiety of these times.

We also encourage you to continue to nurture your prayer life. There are many resources on-line, from daily prayers to live-streamed masses, that can help. Beginning this weekend, we will be sending Flocknotes with links to prayers and a video homily to parishioners.

At Saint Andrew, we continue to pray for your health and safety. If you have a special intention, you may submit it online at <http://standrew.org/prayers> and it will be remembered by our priests during their private masses. You can also choose to have a candle lit for your intention for a week in our Mother Cabrini Shrine Chapel.

We look forward to the day when we can again gather together!

-Deacon Mark



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

It's not unusual for people to misunderstand this aspect of Catholic Social Teaching. "Option" sounds like our marginalized sisters and brothers have a list of items to choose from. Occasionally the pillar is called the "preferential option," which can be even more confusing. What does it mean?

Consider Jesus's life as our model. After all, Jesus was born to a poor family, in a poor community, and he ministered precisely to and among those marginalized members of his community. He lived alongside them, shared his meals and conversation with the poor, and encountered them with a closeness that we may find uncomfortable. But the simplicity of these actions - allowing what he saw, heard, and felt to touch him deeply - are what made Jesus's love so radical. He did not stay at a distance from those who were in need. *He put them first.*

The poor do not choose to be poor. They are made so by a lack of love, whether that is a lack of love from individuals or unjust structures that are in place. So when we consider how we may help the poor, we obviously can start with answering their immediate needs of food, shelter, clothing, and water. However, we also need to ask the question, "How did this come about? What needs to change so my brother or sister doesn't have to live this way? How can I help that to happen?" When we work to solve both problems, by being charitable *and* seeking justice, we have a real chance of making lasting change.

[Learn more:](#) For brief lessons on Catholic Social Teaching, watch Catholic Relief Service's ["CST 101 Videos."](#)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

MARCH

Saturday Vigil 21	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 +Jack Stanton and +Marvelle Wood
Sunday 22	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	Our departed Parishioners +Bart Pagalunan, Sr, +Bart Pagalunan, Jr and +Dante Pagalunan Our departed Parishioners
Monday 23	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 24	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16 Jennifer Orillaza-Thanksgiving
Wednesday 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 26	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass intentions	Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil 28	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 +Elaine Lauetta +Maureen Stailey
Sunday 29	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	+Maureen Stailey Our departed Parishioner Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



“Jesus’s ministry is a ministry of healing.”

Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies himself with statements that begin, “I am...” Scholars identify seven particular moments that correspond to seven signs in John’s gospel. This weekend’s gospel aligns with the statement, “I am the light of the world.” (John 9:5). As the light of the world, Jesus literally brings sight to the blind, but more importantly he reveals what is hidden. He reveals God’s purpose in sending him, which is to draw us closer in relationship with a loving God.

“But if God is so loving,” we ask, “why is the world suffering from a global pandemic? When will this outbreak end? What will happen to my loved ones?” In short, “Why is this happening to us?”

These are not unusual questions to ask, and it makes me reflect on a particular part of the gospel passage. In it, the Pharisees question the blind man about Jesus. The blind man says that Jesus is a prophet. They do not like this response, and so they retort with: “You were born totally in sin, and you are trying to teach us?” (9:34). What does *that* mean?

At the time, it was widely thought that those who were born with a disability or who contracted a disease had somehow sinned, and their illness was God’s punishment. Let’s be clear about one thing: God does not do this. God does not inflict suffering on His children to “teach us a lesson.” Illness, death, separation, greed - these are *not* God’s will for us. How do I know this?

Because Jesus’ ministry is a ministry of healing. He cures the sick, raises the dead, brings outsiders into the community, and teaches us to share with one another. Jesus is walking with his apostles and sees a man who is suffering. In spite of there being a Jewish law prohibiting people from working on the sabbath, Jesus does the work of his Father. He heals.

So here is my big answer to those questions we were asking ourselves: I don’t know why this is happening to us. I don’t know when it’s going to end.

What I do know is that in this moment we have an extraordinary opportunity to be part of God’s healing work. Of course, doctors, researchers, and medical professionals participate in God’s healing work in a special way. But as a community, we can help prevent the spread of the disease by following their guidelines. We can share our resources, make each other laugh, and reassure one another with hope. We can pray for those who are sick, those who have been lost, our leaders, communities, and loved ones.

This is God’s will for us. To be a light in the darkness. And if we believe the beginning of John’s gospel, the darkness will not overcome the light.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For our students who are adjusting to studying at home and families who are adjusting to working from home.

For the health and wellbeing of : Stephanie Boyer and all parishioners experiencing illness. In particular we pray for those in critical care due to the effects of COVID-19.

For the repose of the souls of all the departed, especially Jack Stanton, Marvelle Wood, Bart Pagalunan Sr., Bart Pagalunan Jr. and Dante Pagalunan.

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to www.standrew.org/prayers You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Enrich – Expand - Grow

Income	1,651,376
Interest on Income	23,160
Total Income	1,674,536
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
	17,030
School Addition (Actual)	
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	863,189

February, 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	9,213
Automated Giving	17,045
Loose Cash	3,927
Total Offertory	30,185
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Christmas 2019	
Envelopes	24,138
Electronic	2,395
Loose	5,606
Total	32.139

