



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Two of Jesus’ disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus.”

Luke 24:13

Parish Information - COVID-19

Parish-wide Closures:

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

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

The Archdiocese of Chicago has instructed all parishes that there will not be public gatherings through at least April 30, 2020. Please visit our website at www.standrew.org for more information.

Mothers Day Flower Sale - ORDER NOW! ORDER BEFORE May 3rd!

Saint Andrew Parish is selling beautiful hydrangea plants for Mother's Day or ANY DAY to help raise much needed funds!!

We all need something right about now to make us smile and this is a perfect way to accomplish that! As an added benefit to all who participate, the parish staff and other volunteers will hand deliver (within the parish boundaries) these beautiful plants directly to you during the weekend of May 9th and 10th



Plants are \$40 and Saint Andrew Parish will keep 100% of the profit! Make your order now through our website at www.standrew.org/flowersale.

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Pastoral Letter by Deacon Mark Purdome



"These connections, these little bonds between each other, are the threads that make for a strong fabric of community. We help each other, we influence each other, and we support each other."

It is somewhat amazing how much content people have produced for on-line consumption during the pandemic stay-at-home order. During the last couple weeks, here is a partial list of what I've watched:

- Cincinnati Home Safari: cincinnatihome.org/home-safari-resources
- A friend's cooking show: waynesweekend.com/
- Art Institute of Chicago: www.artic.edu/visit-us-virtually
- Some Good News [youtube.com/SomeGoodNews](https://www.youtube.com/SomeGoodNews)

Add to this the huge number of silly YouTube videos, movies, Zoom parties, and spiritual videos (like our Your Sunday Connection homilies), and it is easy to see where my time has gone.

It would be easy to dismiss this as simply a result of the COVID quarantine, but I think there are a couple of other things at play here, and I hope they might have an ongoing impact on our lives.

First of all, we're all experiencing more deliberate ways of interacting with each other. As humans, we crave connection into the world around us, and people are being more purposeful about maintaining those connections right now. One friend, a priest from my former parish, sends out pictures of his cats on a regular basis. I'm not particularly a cat person, but his pictures (along with a couple words) let me know that he's thinking about me. Another group that I am involved in regularly communicates about what's going on in our lives, something we call a "check-in".

I hope these deliberate actions to let others know that we're thinking about them and that we care continue into the post-quarantine world. I know that I'm often "too busy" to make the effort, and I think I've learned something about how important it is to make the time.

Secondly, all of the items in the list above were recommendations from friends. Through email, text, or Zoom call, people keep suggesting additional videos, books, resources, and activities. One friend, who knows my fascination with architecture, keeps sending me amazing videos about historical engineering and construction techniques. Another sends links to recipes. In our isolation, we're actually thinking about each other and their preferences! And these connections, these little bonds between each other, are the threads that make for a strong fabric of community. We help each other, we influence each other, and we support each other.

I hope this attitude also outlasts the pandemic. I don't often think about how my choices influence my circle of acquaintances, but it is clear in these times just how important it is that I share the things that I think are cool, the things that I think will have a positive influence on others. There's plenty of bad stuff out there, and a wealth of negative influencers, so being a positive force can help to change our world.

Please stay safe this week, reach out to others to let them know you are thinking of them, and consider how you influence those around you.

- Peace!



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Easter Season

Pop quiz! Which season is longer: Lent or Easter? Most of us are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, and might think that Easter only lasts one day. But the Easter season officially lasts 50 days!

If we were gathered for mass, we would see and hear these changes in the liturgy: the deep purple vestments give way to bright white, the Gloria is sung again, and the bareness of the altar would be covered in beautiful flowers. These signs tell us Jesus is risen!

The Easter season does not end with Jesus' return to heaven, on the Ascension of our Lord (May 24). He promised his disciples that he would send an "advocate," which is sometimes translated to "helper." This promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which instructs and guides us individually and as a church to grow in love and knowledge of God. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (May 31), which officially concludes the season.

But if the Holy Spirit is still with us, does Easter *really* end? Maybe not. Saint Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

At Home with Emmaus ([Luke 24:13-35](#))

The gospel story of the Road to Emmaus provides us with ways to celebrate the Easter season. We can...

- ... read the Old Testament, and discover the scripture Jesus "opened" to the disciples. Try [Dt 18:15](#), [Psalm 22:1-18](#), and [Isaiah 53](#)
- ... go for a walk. Invite Jesus to meet you on the road, especially if your heart feels heavy.
- ... bake bread; Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of it. Here are [50 quick breads](#). Hey! That's one for every day of Easter!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

APRIL

Saturday Vigil 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel 4:00pm	Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35 +Mary Ellen Wolff
Sunday 26	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	+Mary Ellen Wolff +Mary Ellen Wolff + Mary Ellen Wolff
Monday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 29	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 30	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51 Our departed Parishioners
Friday May 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 03	8:00am 10:00am 5:30 pm	Our departed Parishioners +Robert Ledvina Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



“Jesus knows how important it is for the disciples to put their grief into words.”

It's one thing to talk about grief, but it's an entirely different situation to be present to someone who is in mourning. The most difficult lesson I've learned is to be quiet and listen. As someone who likes to problem solve and make suggestions, this is particularly challenging for me. I may be tempted to share a similar experience, to show this person that I understand, that they are not alone. It's a good intention: I want to comfort them. But what ends up happening is that I make the situation all about me. I also run the risk of short-circuiting the process of grieving.

Jesus has the opportunity to end the suffering of his two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Cleopas and his companion are living in a world of pain - their beloved teacher, leader, and possibly the Messiah of Israel, has died in a terrible, shameful way. Not only that, but his body is missing from the tomb, and they don't know what happened. But hey! Jesus can fix this! He could appear suddenly, in all his glory, and take away their pain!

Instead, scripture says Jesus “drew near and walked with them.” I have always imagined him approaching the disciples from behind, the same way we might overtake another person on the sidewalk. Cautious, but friendly. He asks them what they have been talking about. He doesn't interrupt their conversation; Jesus listens and then invites them to tell him more. Of course Jesus knows what has happened in Jerusalem - he was there. But he knows how important it is for the disciples to put their grief into words. He gives them the chance to tell him how they are feeling, without jumping to conclusions or trying to fix their problems.

This is an important step in the grieving process. Giving each other the space to talk about what has happened, to name who or what we've lost... we can't skip this step. It is why not having the option to celebrate a funeral mass right now is so difficult. We desire time to recognize the depth of loss.

We are all in a period of mourning. We are grieving the loss of our previous lives, and the plans we made for the future. And grief materializes in different ways. A friend or family member may seem like they are doing okay, or even adjusting well to this new reality. Perhaps they are... but we should always ask, and be prepared to listen. I encourage you to check in with your friends and family, and especially our young people.

As you do so, pray together. Words are not even necessary - just the intention of bringing our worry and anxiety to Jesus is enough.

He is always listening.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For the health and wellbeing of all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

In gratitude and for the safety and wellbeing of the men and women working in healthcare during this urgent time.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Mary Ellen Wolff and Robert Ledvina.

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	1,658,292
Interest on Income	23,867
Total Income	1,682,159
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	870,812

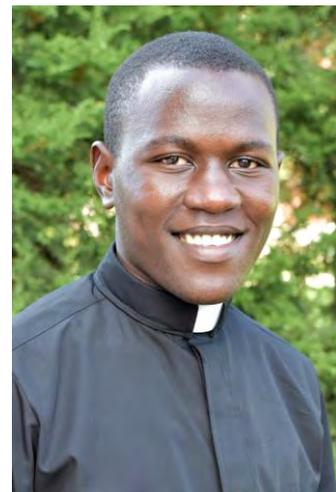
March, 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	10,256
Automated Giving	19,745
Loose Cash	1,911
Total Offertory	31,912
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter, 2020	
Envelopes	4,593
Electronic	9,405
Loose	
Total	13,998



Mr. Falisko Matovu to be ordained a Deacon

Congratulations to Mr. Falisko Matovu who has been assigned to our parish during his studies at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He has just received word that his bishop in Uganda has recommended him to be ordained as a transitional deacon.



A transitional deacon serves at Mass alongside the priest, proclaiming the Gospel and inviting the congregation to prayer. The term “transitional” only refers to the intention that the individual will be ordained a priest thereafter. During the time of this transition, Mr. Matovu will continue to study at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, he will offer homilies at Saint Andrew Parish, and will continue to seek the Holy Spirit’s intercession. He is preparing to be ordained a priest when he returns to Uganda in the late Spring of 2021. We are grateful that part of his journey to the vocation of the priesthood is being made with Saint Andrew Parish!

Your Sunday Connection... LIVE!

Parishioners have continued to provide positive feedback for the weekly publication of “**Your Sunday Connection**” delivered by Flocknote on Saturdays. The email allows parishioners to pray on Sundays with the readings of the Church, the prayers of the Church, and a homily by one of our clergy.

Next Sunday we’ll offer an opportunity to pray the “**Your Sunday Connection**” together (virtually)!

“**Your Sunday Connection... Live**” is a Zoom call hosted by Saint Andrew Parish in which households can call-in to connect with members of Saint Andrew. The call will take place on **Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 11:00am** and will have the following schedule:

- 11:00am - Greeting
- 11:05am - Gospel Reading and Homily
(the same produced for Your Sunday Connection)
- 11:15am - Zoom Breakout Rooms
Discuss the Gospel with others and how we are all managing during the time of COVID-19
- 11:30am - Return to the larger Zoom call for Announcements
- 11:35am - Final Zoom Breakout Rooms (optional)
Free time for “Virtual Coffee and Donuts”
(parishioners supply the conversation... you provide the coffee and donuts in your own house!)



For the security of the call, every participant will need to register for the call to receive a link and password from Saint Andrew Staff. Please provide your name and email address at the following link:
<http://www.standrew.org/your-sunday-connection-live/>

An email invitation will be sent to you on **Saturday, May 2, 2020** to join the Zoom call.

