



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Like living stones, let yourselves be built
into a spiritual house.” *1 Peter 2:5*

Parish Information - COVID-19

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

Parish-wide Closures:

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.

Make the Most of Your Stay-at-Home Join **REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality**

The next session of REBOOT starts on **Monday May 18, 2020** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This adult religious exploration program lasts for six weeks and takes place over ZOOM. Sign up at www.standrew.org/reboot



Join Us for Family Trivia Night!

Join us on Zoom on **Saturday May 16, 2020** at from 6pm to 7:30pm for Saint Andrew Family Trivia Night. Questions for all ages will allow us to have fun and laughter while social distancing. Participants will need to log into Zoom and use the following meeting ID and password to join the call.

Meeting ID: 823 9836 8300
Password: 104507

Participants will also need a separate internet capable device such as a smart-phone to input answers for trivia using www.kahoot.it



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Pastoral Letter

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



"We are part of an epic story: the story of salvation."

Dear Parish Family,

My husband is a film and theatre actor. Occasionally he will ask me to help him prepare an audition, which is what we were doing early last week. Our conversation worked its way around to the nature of his character. Who was he? Was he the hero? The tortured soldier? A mentor to the kids?

Knowing the role a character plays is important. It keeps the actor in "soft focus," aware of the needs of the production. They know where they fit in the larger story and how to support their fellow artists. The alternative is called "hard focus." This kind of focus is also important. The actor zeroes in on a particular trait, digging deep into a character's psyche, or mines one moment of a scene over and over to develop razor sharp specificity. As you might imagine, a balance of hard and soft focus is ideal.

As Christians, we have our own kind of hard and soft focus. In hard focus, we ask ourselves: What unique gifts do I have to offer? How often do I dig deep? If I reflect with humility on my prayer life, how am I doing? It's easy for hard focus to take priority - we have a tendency to focus on ourselves. (*No judgement here, it's human nature!*) While personal commitments are important, we become unbalanced.

Soft focus is remembering where we fit in the story. Bigger than our school or church community, it extends beyond the city of Chicago and the borders of our country. It spans millions of miles and thousands of years. We are part of an epic story: the story of salvation.

As Christians, we play the role of a sister or brother "in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." When we pray, we do not pray alone. We lift up our hearts as one body. We are not the hero, or the tortured soldier, or the mentor. Our true identity is wrapped up in community and relationship. So when things start to feel like they are becoming too much to handle, remember who you are:

You are a beloved child of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Megan



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.

MAY

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| Saturday Vigil 9 | First Reading Second Reading Gospel 4:00pm | Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12 Our departed Parishioners |
| Sunday 10 | 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm | +Mauricia Castillo +Ann Danaher, +Charlie Sullivan, +Carolina Betti and +Marjorie Ann Nelson +Catherine Walsh |
| Monday 11 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26 Our departed Parishioners |
| Tuesday 12 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a Our departed Parishioners |
| Wednesday 13 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8 Our departed Parishioners |
| Thursday 14 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17 Our departed Parishioners |
| Friday 15 | First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions | Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17 Our departed Parishioners |
| Saturday 16 | First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions 4:00pm | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 +Dick Kopecky |
| Sunday 17 | 8:00am 10:00am 5:30 pm | Our departed Parishioners +Jean and Edward Dougherty Our departed Parishioners |

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Scripture Reflection

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“We shouldn’t do what she did. We should do what she did.”

Well-formed Christians frequently and sometimes mechanically will repeat the phrase, “*Jesus Christ died to save us from sin.*” It sounds good and makes for a speedy soundbite to one or several of the great questions of life.

What may sometimes follow over thought-provoking dinner conversation is a less than coherent response as to why that was even necessary. Now, some might think of “sin” as that time they played a scandalous practical joke on their brother or the time they lied to avoid getting in trouble with their boss. Others might think on a more esoteric plane and suggest that salvation from sin is conceptualized through seven cardinal vices that we teach in religion class -- pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth.

While these are both true, “sin” and “salvation from sin” have a much broader application than just the aforementioned. I believe that sin and the affect of sin are embedded into the very way we think about things and that Jesus died to free us from such deceptions.. As humans we tend to gravitate toward the minimization of the eternal into the finite. We explain things anecdotally and in concepts we can get our heads around like “pride” and “envy.” We would like to reduce faith and belief to the mechanism of memorizing phrases from the Bible or Catechism.

When I teach a religion class, I’ll often extoll the value of a saint such as Saint Thomas Aquinas or Saint Catherine of Sienna and then I’ll purposefully throw a wrench into the discussion. I’ll remind my fellow disciples that, “We shouldn’t do what she did. We should do what she did.”

After some minutes of consternation, eventually the insight arrives. To be a Christian is not to be defined by the paradigms of a given age but to follow a process, a path, which always leads us toward deeper and ongoing communion with God. Or put another way, part of our sinfulness is to think that we’ve got it all figured out, when what God invites us to do is journey with Him, let’s say... through a period of a pandemic. God asks us, “Oh, so you’ve got it all figured out... then how do you love one another in... this situation?”

The Gospel scriptures for this weekend are central to this way of understanding Christianity. Jesus says, “Where I am going you know the way.” And Thomas replies “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” and Jesus says to him, “**I am the way and the truth and the life.**”

The takeaway from that exchange is that the deep mystery of God is process-centric. Jesus is “**the way.**” If you want to follow Jesus, there isn’t a recipe book the same way there is for baking a cake. Jesus is the process itself. God is an ongoing activity. One might say that sin is when we remain truly static, arrogant enough to think we have all the answers. In response, Jesus died to save us from the tyranny of the immobility of our minds. Instead Jesus invites us to move forward and forward and forward yet again. To do what he did, not just to do what he did.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

For all of those taking finals and board exams in the near future. Also pray for the graduates of schools as they transition and celebrate their accomplishment in the midsts of social distancing.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Maria Martinez, Robert Ledvina, Aurora Vinzons, Mauricia Castillo, Ann Danaher, Charlie Sullivan, Timothy McCarthy, Carolina Betti, Leuvina Castillo Jalbuena, and Marjorie Ann Nelson.

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

Enrich – Expand - Grow

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| 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 |

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April, 2020 Offering

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| Envelopes Collection | 3875 |
| Automated Giving | 16,528 |
| Loose Cash | 85 |
| Total Offertory | 20,488 |
| Monthly Budgeted Expenses | 38,500 |
| Easter, 2020 | |
| Envelopes | 5,323 |
| Electronic | 12,085 |
| Loose | 75 |
| Total | 17,483 |



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all that participated in our Hydrangea plant sale over the past 10 days! While we expected a good result, we were overwhelmed with the response! We sold a total of 241 plants for \$9,640!! The parish will enjoy a net profit of almost \$5,000 after paying our supplier.

