



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

Matthew 13:5

Parish Information

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

Reopening Status:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**. The Archdiocese has granted Saint Andrew Parish the permission to hold Mass publically starting July 12, 2020 (*read more on page 4*).

Meanwhile, 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.

Additional Information about Parish Ministries

Saint Andrew Parish is adhering to the comprehensive guidelines set by the Archdiocese of Chicago for the reopening of our buildings for our ministries. These guidelines can be found at <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening>

Cardinal Cupich has already announced that Catholic Schools will reopen this Fall (August) and our faculty and staff are working hard to prepare for this opening.

Religious Education for students in grades K-8 and for the preparation for Confirmation will be done exclusively online through the month of January and potentially longer if necessary.

Parish meetings of up to 50 people will be able to take place soon and as noted above, the celebration of public Mass has begun on Sundays at 9:00am.

Please continue to follow strong social distancing guidelines and to help our city, state, country, and world overcome the devastating effects of this pandemic.

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Pastoral Letter

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



*"Prepare your soil
and let God do the
rest."*

Dear Parish Family,

My husband and I recently returned from an anniversary trip. We decided the safest thing to do would be to camp, as there would be plenty of outdoor air and we could remain relatively isolated. We packed a spray bottle of bleach and some hand sanitizer along with our tent and sleeping bags, and off we went.

I have to say, planning this trip did a lot for my peace of mind. To be honest, "I like to plan" is a bit of an understatement. (My house is usually peppered with lists.) So it frustrated me, this feeling that the future was on hold because of COVID-19. But suddenly, here I was, booking campground reservations, buying supplies, packing the car - this was it! We were going somewhere!

Slowly, a sense of anxiety started stealing some of my joy. I tried to push the thoughts aside, but they kept coming. What if the Reopening Team encountered a problem? What if one of the youth group teens had a crisis? And I know our neighbor would water our garden, but for heaven's sake: what about all the WEEDS?

At the end of my vacation, I was in for a surprise. My email hadn't imploded, my voicemail was as empty as it was before we left, and the vegetable patch was three times its normal size. Yes, weeds had popped up here and there, but not only were things surviving, they were *thriving*.

The lesson I learned is this: Prepare your soil and let God do the rest. I wasn't going to do the garden an ounce of good by standing guard over it day and night. The parish staff and volunteers nearly had to throw me out of the church, telling me to take a break and let them handle it. Let's face it: my need for control was getting in the way of witnessing God's work in the people around me.

I had to let go, to trust that I could rest in God's huge hands for a while. And don't you know it... the whole world's in those hands.

Wishing you every blessing,
Megan Daigle



Vacation Bible School - July 27 -31, 2020

Looking for something for your children to do this summer?
Vacation plans changed? Camps closed?

Saint Andrew will host the “Rocky Railway” Virtual Vacation Bible School targeted for students K-4 from **Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31, 2020.**

All children are welcome and older children can also join to help younger children participate.

Cost is \$40 per family. Register at www.standrew.org/vbs



Saint Andrew Now Open for Mass

The church has reopened for Sunday Mass at 9:00 am as of **Sunday, July 12, 2020.**

Public Masses will continue on the following Sundays also at 9:00am and with increased number of participants.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO PARTICIPATE AND MUST ADHERE TO THE POLICIES FOUND AT www.standrew.org/reopening

reservations can be made by visiting our website at www.standrew.org/reopening or calling 773-525-3016 and leaving a message. Reservations are not complete until a confirmation call or email has been sent to you. Thank you for your help in keeping our worship safe!

Join the Reopening Team

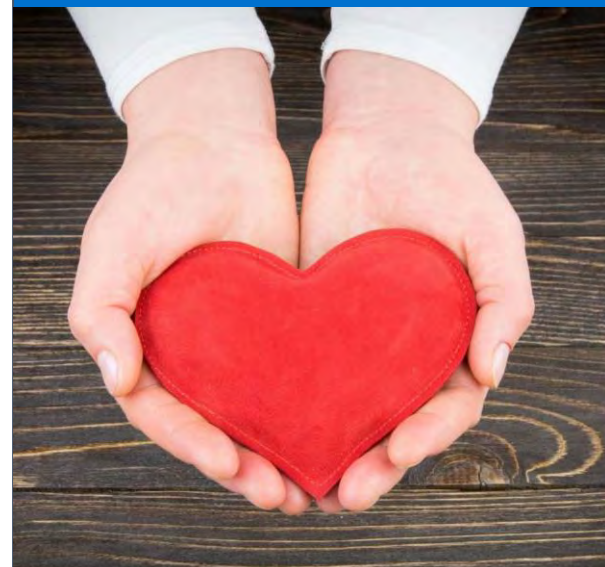
The parish needs several more volunteers in church reopening efforts. Volunteers must meet the following criteria.

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 45 people.

Volunteers will be divided into the following teams:

Set-up team, Greeting team, Clean-up team.

To express interest in volunteering, please contact the parish staff at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Decoding Christian Symbols

You may have seen one or two of these symbols before, but have you ever wondered what they mean? Take a moment to find out!



Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and represent the beginning and the end (just as one might say, “from A to Z”). In Revelation 22:13, Christ refers to himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and last of all creation.



Crossed keys are a pair of keys that overlap and interlock, creating an "X." In the Bible, Jesus gives these “keys of heaven” to St. Peter (Matthew 16:19). It’s not unusual to see this symbol in ecclesiastical heraldry or papal coats of arms.



The Chi-Ro cross is another symbol that takes its meaning from the Greek alphabet. In Greek, the symbol “X” stands for “CH,” while the symbol “P” stands for “R.” These letters are an abbreviation of “Christ,” and so appear frequently on tabernacles.



The Marian cross is a combination of the letter “M” and a cross. It represents Mary’s presence at the foot of the cross where Jesus died. You can find this image on the Miraculous Medal as well as Pope John Paul II’s coat of arms.

You don’t have to search far and wide to find these symbols, either! Look closely and you’ll see each of them in our church. Try to spot all four at an in-person mass this summer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JULY

Saturday Vigil 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Sunday 12	Mass Intentions	+Ed Ahern, +Joyce Haderlein, +Colleen O'Malley, +Isabella Schuch and +Jack Stanton
Monday 13	First Reading Gospel	Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 14	First Reading Gospel	Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 15	First Reading Gospel	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 16	First Reading Gospel	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Friday 17	First Reading Gospel	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Pentecost Sunday 18	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Sunday 19	Mass Intentions	+Sarah Urbanowski

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



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 including the ill, the deceased, and those suffering job loss.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Sarah Urbanowski, Ed Ahern, Joyce Haderlein, Colleen O'Malley, Isabella Schuch and Jack Stanton

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

Income	1,677,030
Interest on Income	25,978
Total Income	1,703,008
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	891,661

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	9,932
Automated Giving	22,837
Loose Cash	168
Total Offertory	33,157
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

