Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Bulletin for September 6. 2020



# Saint Andrew Parish

#### GATHER · LEARN · LOVE



"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." *Romans 13:6* 

## **Parish Information**

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

#### **Contacting Parish Staff:**

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are closed to the public.

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.

#### Join us for Mass! - Sunday Mornings

The church has reopened for Sunday Mass at 9:00 am for the next several weeks.

#### All attendees must have a reservation and to participate

Reservations can be made by visiting our website at <u>www.standrew.org/reopening</u> 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!

#### Celebrate Labor Day!

This holiday is more than just a day off and a demarcation of summer. It is about the rich tradition of workers standing up for the dignity of their work through cooperative action. We honor this day in the crisis of 13 million US workers unemployed. The church has a long heritage of support the rights of workers and the dignity of work. The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. Let's give thanks for the work we have and endeavor to support our fellow citizens to have life-sustaining jobs.

## Parish Staff

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## Pastoral Letter by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



"No matter when you are challenged to live out your faith, whether it is in the polling place or on a Facebook thread, make sure you remember these words: love one another." Dear Parish Family,

As is true for many of our parishioners, school has started up again for me. I am now two weeks into my fall semester at Loyola University's Institute for Pastoral Studies, and my first paper is due... tomorrow! I can't say that writing papers is a process I enjoy, but this particular topic was already on my mind long before classes began.

We have been asked to write a paper about the "creative tension" between citizenship and discipleship. Specifically, the prompt asks me to speak about living a life of public faith. Of course, I am wrestling with several questions as I attempt to craft a response:

- What effect does my faith have on my daily actions, privately and publicly?
- How willing am I to let my beliefs and values influence my decision making?
- What is the appropriate connection between religious ideals and social discourse?

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the local church's concern over whether they owe obedience to the Roman authorities. On the one hand, Paul advises that authority be respected... but he balances this with a well-known verse: "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, <u>love</u> is the fulfillment of the law [emphasis added]" (Rom 13:10).

Love, therefore, becomes my guiding principle - it is a value that is meant to identify me as Christian ("they will know we are Christians by our love"). When we place love for our neighbor above other values, we can be sure of our decisions. But do not be mislead - it is not an easy task! When we love our neighbor, it frequently asks that we give of ourselves to serve others. The decisions we make are not necessarily comfortable or mainstream.

No matter when you are challenged to live out your faith, whether it is in the polling place or on a Facebook thread, make sure you remember these words: "love one another." It is the simplest and hardest thing to live continuously in a spirit of love for one another... but what a difference it can make in this world.

Cheerfully in Christ, Megan

## 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

Volunteers may serve in multiple areas or on a particular team. To express interest in volunteering, please contact the parish staff at <u>info@standrew.org</u> or call 773-525-3016.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Saint Andrew is starting the process for adults who wish to join the Catholic church. If you know someone who is curious about Catholicism, would like to join the church from another Christian denomination, or would like to inquire about Baptism as an adult, let them know about the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please direct them to our webpage <a href="http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/">http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/</a> to find out more.

## Join Others in Helping the Hungry

The parish can now send volunteers as a group to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Join us on Saturday, October 3 from 8:30 am to 11:15am to sort food items that will be distributed to food pantries serving the hungry throughout Chicagoland. Your volunteer time and help feed hundreds of people!

Contact Nancy Holland at <u>neh213@gmail.com</u> to express interest.

Volunteers must be 11 years of age and up. 11-15 year olds must be accompanied by and parent.









#### **REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality**

If you are feeling that the things you were taught years ago about God and faith aren't holding up as an adult living through COVID-19, you're not alone! *REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality* is Saint Andrew's 6-week adult spirituality course that invites adults to have a deeper conversation about faith as adults. REBOOT will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:30pm via Zoom starting September 15, 2020 and ending on October 2020. Find out more and register at www.standrew.org/reboot



#### Join our Golf Outing - September 26, 2020

Sign up to play golf as a foursome, threesome, twosome or single along Chicago's beautiful lakefront!! The more the merrier! Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Sydney Marovitz Golf Course (3600 North Recreation Drive, Chicago, IL 60613) 1:00pm first tee time followed by scheduled tee times thereafter every 10 minutes. Boxed dinners available to order from GT Prime – delivered to your door Sign up at <u>http://www.standrew.org/gather/upcoming-</u> events/fall-fling-2020/

#### **Religious Education Grades K-8**

Looking to pass the Catholic Faith on to your child? Saint Andrew has a program for your family! The Saint Andrew Religious Education program is now accepting new registrations for the 2020-2021 academic year. Be sure to review the schedule, become familiar with the approach and schedule, and register at <u>www.standrew.org/re</u> Thank you for your interest in teaching your child about God's love for them!

The first session start this coming Sunday, September 13, 2020.







## Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

#### Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work

Every September we celebrate Labor Day. This holiday emerged at the end of the 19th century during the Second Industrial Revolution, when large factories employed thousands of workers who operated in unsafe conditions and without fair pay. Labor Day provided an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of workers, which also happens to be a Catholic Social Teaching!

These days, we talk less about "labor" and more about "the state of the economy." News agencies report incessantly on the stock market and trade wars. What happens when we do this? We stop seeing people and start seeing statistics, margins, profits.

The word "economic" comes from the Greek word *oikonomia*, meaning "household management." So what if we consider modern economics less of a numbers game and more as the functioning of a well organized family unit? In an ideal family, each member helps as best they can with the gifts they have. All contributions are appreciated and valued.

Just as it is easy to feel underappreciated by family members, imagine how it might feel to be undervalued by an entire community? For workers who are paid less than minimum wage, who work multiple jobs without benefits, who face discrimination because of creed, color, or gender... this is a daily reality. Upholding the dignity of work means seeing everyone around us as important and valued.

Take a few minutes to watch this video from Catholic Relief Services on <u>the Dignity of Work and</u> <u>Rights of Workers.</u>

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

#### SEPTEMBER

Saturday Vigil 05 Sunday	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ez 33: 7-9 Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20 +Robert Ledvina		
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Monday	First Reading Gospel	1 Cor 5: 1-8 Ps 5: 5-6, 7, 12		
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners		
Tuesday September	First Reading Gospel	Mi 5: 1-4a		
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08	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioner		
Wednesday	First Reading Gospel	1 COR 7:25-3		
	Mass Intentions	LK 6:20-26		
		Our departed Parishioners		
Thursday 10	First Reading Gospel	1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13		
	Mass Intentions	LK 6:27-38		
		+Our departed Parishioners		
Friday <b>1 1</b>	First Reading Gospel	1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27		
	Mass Intentions	LK 6:39-42		
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners		
Saturday Vigil	First Reading Second Reading	Sir 27: 30-28:7		
12	Gospel	Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35		
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Sunday				
13	Mass Intentions	+Deceased of O'Malley Family		
For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org				

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#### 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 <u>www.standrew.org/prayers</u> 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

August 2020 Offering

## 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

Envelopes Collection	10,745
Automated Giving	24,558
Loose Cash	671
Total Offertory	35,974
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

