



Saint Andrew Parish

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“After this, I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue.” *Revelation 7:12*

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.

Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died – November 2, 2020

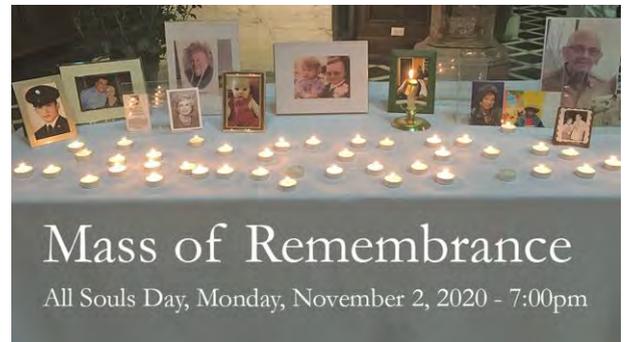
When a loved one passes away, it is always difficult. When a loved one passes and we cannot mourn with friends and family, it adds another layer of grief.

Mindful that many of us have experienced the loss of a loved one during this past year without easy facility to grieve, you are invited to participate in our annual All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance in the following ways:

1) Submit a name and photo of your loved one. Their name will be read out loud during our prayers, their photo placed on our altar of remembrance, and a candle lit in

their memory. Please submit names and photos to info@standrew.org

2) Watch the live stream of the Mass of Remembrance on **Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm**. The Mass will be available from our website (www.standrew.org) or directly on Youtube at https://youtu.be/Wx26k6Wdf_k



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Pastoral Letter

by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



Dear Parish Family,

In my last few letters I wanted to focus on sharing joyful insights and moments of light. After all, if we were pen pals and all I ever wrote to you were formal, sad letters, you might stop opening my envelopes!

But the events of the past week and the liturgies we celebrate this weekend have brought me to a somber place. As COVID cases rise around our nation, it is fitting that the Catholic church pauses to remember the lives of our departed loved ones. This Sunday is the Feast of All Saints, and on Monday evening we will live stream a Mass of Remembrance to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. (You can watch the live stream here: [http://www.standrew.org/post/all-souls-day-2020/.](http://www.standrew.org/post/all-souls-day-2020/))

Remembering those we have lost is an important part of our Catholic traditions. Funeral liturgies and memorial masses bring us together as a community, to publicly celebrate the life of the deceased and commend their soul into the hands of Our Lord. I have witnessed several funeral liturgies over the past few months, and although they have been heavy with grief, I am always struck by how much love is present at each celebration.

Mourning is life giving. It is a therapeutic process that helps our hearts, bodies, and minds come to terms with the circumstance of loss. My resistance to talk about things that are sad simply delays what can be a very healing moment. Of course, it won't benefit me to wallow in this place of distress, but taking the time to acknowledge the pain allows me to give myself permission to move forward, with gratitude for the love I have been blessed to share.

Although we are far from the season of Easter, I am reminded of the resurrection. Jesus dies, is buried, and the disciples mourn his loss, while they are confused, angry, and scared of the future. But Jesus does not remain in the tomb - and neither should we. He demonstrates for us that death is not the end. We have hope in life everlasting among the saints and host of heaven.

In sincere love,
Megan

"Mourning is life giving."



A Prayer for This Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Make Your Voice Heard! – Go Vote!

It is considered a moral obligation of Catholics to vote. While the Church cannot and should not tell anyone which political party or person to vote for, the Church exercises its responsibility by asking Catholics to vote the dictates of their conscience and to examine one's conscience through the values revealed to us by God. As an assistance in developing your conscience the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the resource of [Faithful Citizenship](#) which can be found on their website at www.usccb.org

Help Feed the Hungry

The parish can now send volunteers as a group to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Join us on **Saturday, November 7, 2020 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 neh213@gmail.com to express interest.

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



Giving Tree 2020

For the past five years, Saint Andrew parishioners and school families have generously participated in a Christmas Giving Tree project -- providing personalized gifts of hats, scarves, mittens and socks to each student at Saint Mary of the Lake and Saint Thomas of Canterbury schools, which are located in the Uptown neighborhood in Chicago. Saint Andrew will continue this festive tradition this holiday season but in a different way to better meet the needs of Saint Mary of the Lake and Saint Thomas of Canterbury families during this extraordinarily difficult year and to comply with coronavirus safety requirements within all our communities.

This year, Saint Andrew families will have the opportunity to support Saint Mary of the Lake and Saint Thomas of Canterbury students through a monetary gift. Both the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus have devastated these communities, which is comprised of many newly immigrated and refugee families.



If you are able during this challenging time to provide a gift to support these families, Principal Christine Boyd will see that the gift supports her students and families in the most impactful ways possible; food, clothing, household supplies, life's essentials, etc.

To make the greatest impact during the holidays, we are moving the Giving Tree project several weeks earlier. You can give at this dedicated link www.standrew.org/GivingTree through Monday, November 23rd. As has been customary, we put a spending limit of \$25 on each student. For this year, your monetary donation is neither too large nor too small. This year has presented extraordinary challenges and we are so grateful for the generosity and engagement of the Saint Andrew community during this difficult time. A huge thank you in advance if you can give to the Giving Tree for 2020. Thank you and happy holidays!

Renew My Church – Parish Reconfigurations

Renew My Church is the organized effort for the Archdiocese of Chicago to align its pastoral resources to better serve its mission. This sometimes calls for the closure, merger, and reorganization of parish structures. www.renewmychurch.org

Saint Andrew has begun this process with our parish grouping of Saint Benedict, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Mary of the Lake parishes. Representatives from each parish are meeting and discussing the strengths, weaknesses, and needs of the Catholic Church in our area.

Please visit www.standrew.org/rmc to read about and watch videos on the process of Renew My Church and to take the survey voicing your thoughts on the proposed restructuring of our local parish grouping.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

October is Respect Life month. The phrase “from conception to natural death” may be a familiar one to you, and while moral issues surrounding birth and death are important to address, we sometimes make the mistake of neglecting the “to” of that phrase... the “in between.”

We hold as precious each and every life God creates: A sister living with disabilities. A co-worker diagnosed with a terminal illness. A teenager addicted to drugs or alcohol. Our neighbors. Strangers. Each person is holy and valuable beyond measure, and should be celebrated as such. We are also more powerful than we know, because we can lift up in thanksgiving and praise each life we encounter if we choose to see others as God sees us.

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For many of our sisters and brothers, home is not a place of safety and certainly not a place where their life is treated with dignity. If you suspect you may be experiencing abuse, please contact one of the following hotlines for immediate help:

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) ([Link](#))

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline

1.877.863.6338 ([Link](#))

Love is Respect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

1-866-331-9474, 1-866-331-8453 TTY
([Link](#))

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network

1-800-656-HOPE (4673) ([Link](#))

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Saturday Vigil 31	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a
Sunday 01	Mass Intentions	Justine Orillaza-Birthday Blessings +Robert Ledvina
Monday 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Wis 3: 1-9 Rom 6: 3-9 Jn 6: 37-40
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 03	First Reading Gospel	Phil 2: 5-11 Lk 14: 15-24
	Mass Intentions	+Sergio Romo, Sr.
Wednesday 04	First Reading Gospel	Phil 2: 12-18 Lk 14: 25-33
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 05	First Reading Gospel	Phil 3: 3-8a Lk 15: 1-10
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Friday 06	First Reading Gospel	Phil 3: 17-4: 1 Lk 16: 1-8
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil 07	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Wis 6: 12-16 1 Thes 4: 13-18 Mt 25: 1-13
Sunday November 08	Mass Intentions	+Lotgardo Pagalunan and +Rosita Pagalunan

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 Sandra Burns, Loretta Ferenzi, Robert Ledvina, and Antonio Seranilla

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	1,699,010
Interest on Income	28,167
Total Income	1,727,177
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	915,230

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	5,804
Automated Giving	20,386
Loose Cash	430
Total Offertory	26,620
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	71,692
Amount Paid	55,825
Balance Due	15,867

