Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Bulletin for October 11, 2020



Saint Andrew Parish

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"On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples" *Isaiah 25:6*

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.

Please Pray for Our Parish Groupings - Renew My Church

Renew My Church is the organized effort for the Archdiocese of Chicago to align its pastoral resources to better serve its mission. This process at times requires the closure, merger, and reorganization of parish structures. <u>www.renewmychurch.org</u>

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.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 1:00pm for parishioners of Saint Andrew Parish to learn about the needs and offer input toward proposals for the future of the Catholic Church in this neighborhood.

Please keep Al Ackerman, Tia Ghattas, David Heimann, Kelly Lowry, and Robin McCue, who serve as the representatives from Saint Andrew Parish during the next several weeks of meetings in the Renew My Church process.

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Pastoral Letter by Megan Daigle, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



"Our experiences have been richer because of these relationships." The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

Dear Parish Family,

Although we have known for some time that Renew My Church would come to Saint Andrew, the decision that our parish had been activated this fall came as a surprise to our community, staff, and teachers. Father Sergio shared the announcement along with a letter reflecting on the Renew My Church process, and you can <u>read it here</u>. While there may be fears about what Renew My Church means for Saint Andrew, there is also much joy to be found in joining together with other parishes for mutual support. We know this from experience, as Saint Andrew is no stranger to interparish collaboration!

For years we have benefitted from sharing a Parish Mission with our neighbors down the street at Saint Benedict, coming together for prayer, reflection, and faith sharing. Our Youth Group was made that much merrier as we traveled to Indianapolis last fall with students from two neighboring parishes for the National Catholic Youth Conference. And just this summer our Religious Education program co-hosted at Virtual Vacation Bible School along with several other parish programs to share the friendship of Jesus with our children. These are only a few of the ways we have collaborated, and our experiences have been richer because of these relationships.

The talents and gifts of other parishes also increase our experience of diversity and culture, which is more reflective of the world we live in. Historically, Chicago has found much pride in neighborhood parishes, particularly those that were founded by immigrant groups as both places to worship as well as gather for community events. While we continue to celebrate those traditions, our understanding of "home" has expanded beyond those initial cultural boundaries.

A phrase you'll hear frequently around Saint Andrew is, "All are welcome." We now have the opportunity to live out that spirit of welcome as we enter into deeper relationships with Saint Benedict, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Mary of the Lake.

May God bless us with one heart and mind.

Cheerfully in Christ, Megan

Come See What Educational Excellence Looks Like!



Saint Andrew School



Pre-school to 8th Grade Virtual Admissions Sessions 9 am



November 10th December 8th January 12th February 9th March 9th April 13th May 11th

Spirit. Study. Service.

Saint Andrew School is known for:

- •Pre-School for 3 year olds
- Junior Kindergarten for 4 year olds
- •Full day Kindergarten program
- •Small class sizes
- •A rigorous core curriculum tailored to each student
- •Art, Music, Spanish, Technology and PE
- •Catholic values for life: Spirit. Study. Service.
- •Dedicated teachers who love children
- •A strong athletic program
- •Before + After school care
- •A vibrant family community



Live Stream Sunday Mass

Saint Andrew has invested in the video and audio systems necessary to live stream Mass. We did this because we knew we would have guests from around the country and around the world who would not be able to attend first communions, funerals, weddings, baptisms and confirmations. Now that the equipment is in place, we are also glad to provide live streaming of our Sunday Mass.

Every week, you can find the current live stream of the 9:00am Sunday Mass at <u>www.standrew.org/sundaymass</u> Let us keep one another in prayer!

Support our Sister Parish - Uganda

The pandemic has been hard on everyone. In the United States, we are fortunate that we have many resources to maintain our hospitals, churches, and schools. Those resources are harder to come by for our sister parish in Uganda who is pastored by our long time friend, Fr. Matthias Kakooza.

We will hold our annual collection for them on Sunday, October 25, 2020. You are invited to make a generous donation to support Fr. Matthias' mission through Give Central at the following link.

https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/6050

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 http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/ to find out more.

Sunday Mass Live Stream

Sunday October 18, 2020 9:00am









Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

God, Our Father and Creator

When we think of God, we may think of a Father, Provider, or Creator. As the triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist in a beautiful, mysterious relationship. We participate in this relationship too! Our connection to God as part of creation not only compels us to rely on God's love for our very existence, but also calls us to participate as stewards of the earth, in caring for the gift of our planet - the earth, the skies, the water, and all living creatures who live among us.

In Genesis 1:28, God instructs humanity to "Have dominion over [...] all the living things that crawl on the earth." Dominion in this sense does not mean domination - we are not to use and abuse the earth purely for our own pleasure and profit. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also made to reflect God's mercy, grace, love, and respect for all living things. God places humanity in creation as part of a larger plan, both as members of creation and as trusted guardians. How are you helping to take care of creation?

Do At Home

<u>Watch</u>: Swap your TV shows for a documentary on God's creation.

<u>Read</u>: Writings of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit priest and poet. Try "God's Grandeur" or "Pied Beauty."

<u>Do</u>: Put on gloves and take a trash bag out to clean up your neighborhood with your family or a couple of friends.

<u>Pray</u>: There are two beautiful prayers at the conclusion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home.* Scroll to the bottom of <u>this website</u> to find the prayers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

OCTOBER

Saturday Vigil 10 Sunday 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 25: 6-10a Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 222: 1-14 +Sandra Burns,+Loretta Ferenzi, +Robert Ledvina, and +Antonio Seranilla		
Monday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31, 5:1 Lk 11: 29-32 +Our departed Parishioners		
Tuesday	First Reading Gospel	Gal 5: 1-6 Lk 11: 27-31		
13	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners		
Wednesday 14	First Reading Gospel	Gal 5: 18-25 Lk 11: 42-46		
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners		
Thursday October	First Reading Gospel	Eph 1: 1-10 LK 11: 47-54		
15	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners		
Friday 16	First Reading Gospel	Eph 1: 11-14 Lk 12: 1-7		
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners		
Saturday Vigil 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	ls 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21		
^{Sunday} 18	Mass Intentions	+Loretta Ferenzi		
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 wisdom among our electorate to choose leaders who will lead with integrity and justice.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Benjamin F. Smith.

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

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

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	71,267
Amount Paid	51,587
Balance Due	19,680

