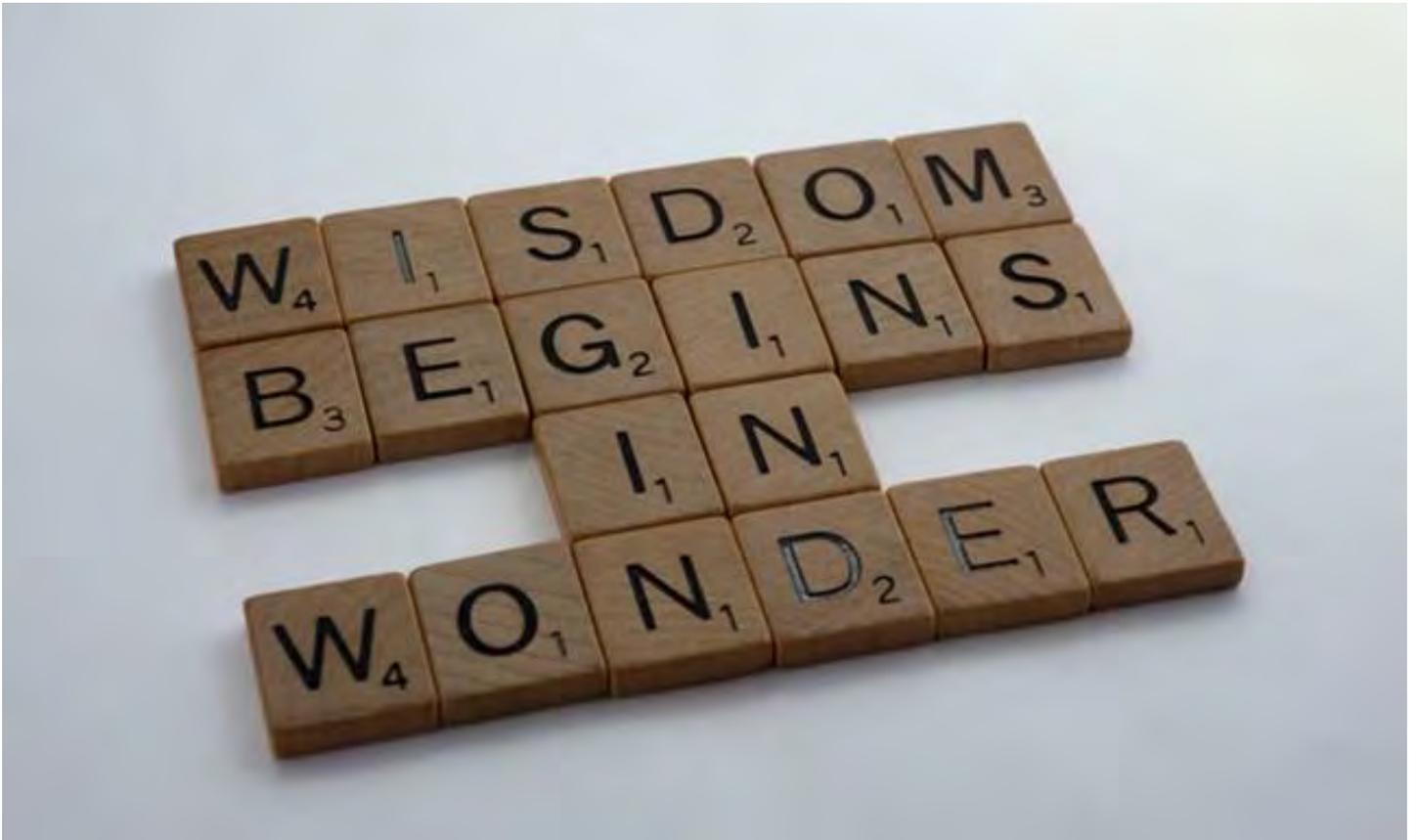




Saint Andrew Parish

GATHER • LEARN • LOVE



“Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.” *Wisdom 6:12*

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.

Support the Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree program which has had great success over the years has been modified for 2020. This year, Saint Andrew families will have the opportunity to support Saint Mary of the Lake and Saint Thomas of Canterbury students directly 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. Visit www.standrew.org/givingtree to learn more and make your gift today!



As a reminder, our current schedule for Mass is 9:00am on Sunday morning. Reservations are required to attend Mass. Please visit www.standrew.org/reopening to make your reservation or call 773-525-3016. Reservations need to be made 24 hours in advance.

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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



"If we don't get to vote, then why bother?"

It was a summer leadership camp in high school when my belief in democracy came crashing down. A staunch patriot and struggling to escape the early adolescent phase of life that the psychologist Piaget would label "concrete operations," I was attached to the strict narrative that "votes counted." This attitude was probably reinforced by the myopia of adolescence to believe that justice and fairness was determined primarily by how it affected "me" and it was reasonable to assume that I could convince everyone to vote the way I wanted them. (*I suffered from youngest-child syndrome.*)

The summer leadership institute lead by Sr. Mary Ellen and her team of youth ministers tried to introduce me to a different way of thinking about group decision making - the notion of building a consensus through community leadership. The goal was to find creative solutions to problems that most people can agree with, others can tolerate, and any remaining minority will at least feel like their concerns have been addressed. There was "voting" but not in the same way. I resisted, but eventually, Sr. Mary Ellen's approach reshaped my worldview and I began to see that there are benefits to different governing structures for different situations.

Coming off an election, I would still venture to guess that voting is the best way to govern a state. Democracy has seemingly worked better than various other autocracies throughout history but there is still something unsatisfactory about the rule of the majority. There is a tension and bitterness that remains when the one side doesn't get their way. It makes it difficult for people to get along.

You might think that I am setting myself up to comment more deeply on the recent presidential election but I have a different aim in mind. I've recently had the privilege of being part of Saint Andrew Parish's discernment team for Renew My Church. In the process, we were reminded from the beginning that there is only one person voting – the Archbishop of Chicago. Appeals to the Vatican are possible but costly and there is no known mechanism to trigger a recount.

So what's the point? If we don't get to vote, then why even bother?

That's where I find a sense of gratitude for the training on community-based leadership that I received from Sr. Mary Ellen and her team years ago. Their goal wasn't to instill a method for governance as much as a means of being a Christian community. When the process making a decision in a community involves listening to all the members and this process is done in love, the result is a strong foundation for long term success built comprehensively on empathy for each other. We hope to do the same with Renew My Church. (*Continued on page 4*)



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In January 2021, the Archbishop will decide about the structural changes to the Catholic church in our geographic area. Some may like the decision, a few others will find the decision somewhat tolerable, and still others in our four-parish grouping may dislike the decision all together. We must embrace everyone's reaction and work through it as a community. Change will be difficult but must happen because four parishes remaining independent in our geographic area will only lead to a cumbersome collapse as buildings break down, priestly resources run out, and people's needs fail to be addressed. We can do better.

In the process of Renew My Church, one of our team members recently said, "I came into this process believing it was my job to make an argument for why Saint Andrew Parish needs to stay unchanged. After listening to other Catholic churches and their members, I'm now thinking, 'with the resources we have and the needs we have, how can we help each other out?'"

The comments echo other experiences on the team as well. Instead of entering a false sense of "survival of the fittest," the team is experiencing a sort of transformation. We are looking to how we can best advise Archbishop Cardinal Cupich to respond to the needs we have. By being in dialogue with each other, we hope that the final decision will not be about the awkward rule of the majority of one, but a loving response to the difficult decisions we face.

And if this way of governing ourselves happens to spill over onto "how to treat one another" in the aftermath of whether the political candidate for whom I voted won or lost, then that's a good thing too.

We are still looking for your feedback. If you haven't had a chance to review the materials, talk with one of the team members, or to complete the Saint Andrew Parish survey for Renew My Church, please do so before **Monday, November 9, 2020**. Visit www.standrew.org/rmc to find out more.

God bless,

David Heimann, M.Div

Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Saint Andrew Parish's Advent Speaker Series will be virtual this year and done via Zoom call.

Meet Jesus – Virtual Pilgrimage to Bethlehem.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:00pm to 8:30pm via

Zoom call. Take a virtual pilgrimage led by bible scholar and veteran of Holy Land Pilgrimages, Sr. Sallie Latkovich, CSJ. She will be offering a personal tour of the places where Jesus was born and guiding participants in a reflection about the meaning of Christmas during the pandemic.

A complete list of events in our speaker series and the form to register for the Zoom calls can be found at www.standrew.org/Christmas2020 There is no cost to participate.



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 www.standrew.org/sundaymass
Let us keep one another in prayer!

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, December 19, 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.

Broadcast with Us

Saint Andrew Parish has begun to offer a live stream during our special events in the church. That means we are in need of additional volunteer support from parishioners who have worked in broadcast media (or are willing to learn). Skills in how to use audio, visual, and live streaming equipment can be used to share our parish's message of hope and healing. If interested in joining this new ministry at Saint Andrew, please contact David Heimann at david@standrew.org.

Sunday Mass Live Stream

Sunday - 9:00am



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Jesus, Savior and Brother

Our knowledge of Jesus's earthly life is limited in scope. We learn about his ministry through the Gospels, but the majority of his life remains in shadow. Ask children to tell you about Jesus, and it's likely that they will focus on his birth and death: Christmas and Easter.

If we accept that Jesus truly lived among us, we begin to understand the marvelous relationship we have with him. Jesus experienced frustration (John 2:15-16), temptation (Mark 1:13) weariness (John 4:6), disappointment (Luke 13:34) and ridicule (Mark 15:19). He was a child and a teenager. He grew into a man who was frequently an outsider, who chose to do the right thing, even when it meant suffering.

We also profess Jesus as our Savior. He is the new covenant - the one who conquered death, the sign of our salvation. A "salve" is an ointment that heals and soothes. Jesus's most significant miracle was not to raise Lazarus from the dead or give sight to the blind, though these are the miracles we seem to remember best. Jesus's most significant miracle was in the healing of our woundedness. We participate in this incredible gift of reconciliation through our Baptism, when we go to Confession, in the Anointing of the Sick, and at the celebration of the Eucharist.

Jesus is more than just Christmas and Easter, more than birth and death - he is in the living of our lives. As fully human, he sees and understands the messes we get into because he's been there. And as fully God, he can help us put things back in order... all we have to do is ask.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

NOVEMBER

Saturday Vigil 07	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Wis 6: 12-16 1 Thes 4: 13-18 Mt 5: 25: 1-3
Sunday 08	Mass Intentions	Lotgardo Pagalunan +Rosita Pagalunan
Monday 09	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2: 13-22 +Fernando Vinzons, Jr.
Tuesday 10	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14 Lk 14: 15-24 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ti 3: 1-7 Lk 17: 11-19 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 12	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Phmn 7-20 LK 17: 20-25 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 13	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Jn: 4-9 Lk 17: 26-37 Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Vigil 14	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30
Sunday 15	Mass Intentions	+Sylvia Collazo

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

October 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	5,656
Automated Giving	23,357
Loose Cash	365
Total Offertory	29,378
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	71,692
Amount Paid	55,825
Balance Due	15,867

