



# Saint Andrew Parish

GATHER • LEARN • LOVE



“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

*Colossians 3:12-13*

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# 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.

## Christmas Continues! Merry Christmas!

Noting the need for light and joy in the world, many people put their Christmas decorations up early this year.

Knowing we could all use continued cheer, there's no reason to take them down just yet! The liturgical season of Christmas in the Church continues through to the Baptism of the Lord (January 10, 2021).

So keep up your decorations! Keep the Christmas spirit! Stop by the corner of Addison and Paulina and say a prayer, tie a ribbon, and know that Christ is with us, even in the darkest of times.

Mindful that the Christmas season continues, please know it is not too late to make a donation to Saint Andrew Parish's annual Christmas Appeal. The annual appeal is essential for continuing our mission. Please go to [www.standrew.org/give](http://www.standrew.org/give) or directly at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/6048>



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# Pastoral Letter

by Megan Daigle



*“It is the dynamic nature of life we celebrate in the Christmas season.”*

Dear Parish Family,

Sometimes I like to go back to old bulletins and read what was happening a year ago in our parish. In 2019 I wrote a scriptural reflection on the Feast of the Holy Family, which we celebrate today. I mentioned how my father likes to poke me during the gospel reading at “Children, obey your parents in everything.” How much has changed in a year! Instead of my dad, I am now getting poked by a little girl who is growing inside me. She hasn’t heard the gospel message yet, so I’ll have to give her a break.

While my husband and I are celebrating our expanding family this Christmas season, others are experiencing incredible grief as their families get smaller. A friend of mine lost her mother just before Christmas. All I wanted to do was give her a hug, but social distance kept us apart. Many families in our community had to make the decision to stay home over the holidays, breaking family traditions that may go back decades. Perhaps you formed some new traditions at home, and experienced a mixture of joy and sorrow.

The Holy Family experienced highs and lows, just as we do. In the long form of this week’s gospel reading, a holy man named Simeon comes into the temple just as Mary and Joseph present Jesus to the Lord. In the same breath with which he blesses the parents, Simeon warns: “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:34-35).

It is the dynamic nature of life we celebrate in the Christmas season - Jesus comes as Savior of the World, but that same gift also requires his sacrifice as the Paschal Lamb. Our lives, our loved ones, our friends and neighbors... all these things we may take for granted at other times of the year are suddenly precious to us around the holidays, perhaps because we sense that their love is the best gift of all.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Megan



## Broadcast with Us – Help Needed.

Saint Andrew Parish needs additional help with our live stream ministry. Volunteers who have worked in broadcast media (or are willing to learn) are needed. 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 ministry at Saint Andrew, please contact David Heimann at [david@standrew.org](mailto:david@standrew.org).



## Stream Mass on January 1, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is celebrated every year on January 1. This year, the obligation to attend Mass has been suspended due to the pandemic.

There will be Mass celebrated on January 1, 2020 at 9:00am but this Mass is not open to the public. We ask that the faithful participate in the Mass by watching our live stream of the Mass from our website or at the following link:

[https://youtu.be/\\_WV3Nw4Pjlg](https://youtu.be/_WV3Nw4Pjlg)

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

Mary, Mother of God  
Solemnity Mass

Friday  
January 1, 2021  
9:00am



## 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, January 9, 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](mailto:neh213@gmail.com) to express interest.

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





# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## The Twelve Days of Christmas

Imagine this: A close friend or family member has been waiting nine months for the birth of their first child, and in the weeks leading up to the birth, songs about the child are played on the radio, images of the newborn baby and their parents are put up in homes, people greet strangers with a merry word regarding the coming day, and on December 25th, the whole town erupts in joy!... but then everything is forgotten in 24 hours.

Decorations come down. Trees are thrown out. The music stops. What happened? The child has been born! That's what we have been waiting for! This year, challenge yourself to realize an epiphany ("a new understanding") of the Christmas season.

Perhaps you have been following our wise men on Instagram and Facebook, who are visiting special places around Chicago. If you have three wise men of your own (or perhaps you can make some!), set them off on a journey around your house and place them in a special location each day leading up to Epiphany (January 6).

The wise men can visit our kitchens where we make nourishing food. Perhaps they will take up a position in the entryway where we come safely home each night. And yes - you may even discover them in the bathroom where we have access to clean water for bathing. We can give thanks for these blessings that many people around the world go without on a daily basis.

Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child by marking in a special way those simple gifts we take for granted. These gifts are not wrapped in colorful paper and placed under the tree, but their presence in our lives are beautiful reminders of God's love for us.

Merry Christmas!

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

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

## DECEMBER/ JANUARY, 2021

The Holy Family Sunday <b>27</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14</b> <b>Col 3: 12-21</b> <b>Lk 2: 22-</b>  +Deceased of the Vinzons Family and +Kathleen Schwaitalla.
Monday Holy Innocents <b>28</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Jn 1: 5 - 2:22</b> <b>Mt 2: 13-18</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>29</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Jn 2: 3-11</b> <b>Lk 2: 22-35</b>
Wednesday <b>30</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Jn 2: 12-17</b> <b>Lk 2: 36-40</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Thursday <b>31</b>	First Reading Second Reading  Mass Intentions	<b>1 Jn 2: 18-21</b> <b>Jn 1: 1-18</b>  +Catherine Walsh
Friday The Solemnity of Mary January <b>1</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 6: 22-27</b> <b>Gal 4: 4-7</b> <b>Lk 2: 16-21</b>  <b>All Parishioners</b>
The Epiphany Sunday <b>03</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Isa 60:1-6</b> <b>Eph 3 2-3a, 5-6</b> <b>Mt 2: 1-12</b>  +Kim Heffernan

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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](http://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	1,705,490
Interest on Income	28,917
Total Income	1,734,407
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	922,460

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### November 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	14,482
Automated Giving	24,843
Loose Cash	1,013
Total Offertory	40,338
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	75,992
Amount Paid	64,887
Balance Due	11,105



# Saint Andrew School



## Saint Andrew School Introduces Full Day Pre-School for 3 and 4 Year Olds, With Options for Half Day Programs!

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