



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Do not ignore this one fact beloved
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.”

2 Peter 3:8

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.

Attending Mass in the Advent and Christmas Season

Mass continues to be said by our parish priests on a daily basis for the needs of our community and the needs of the world. Public attendance at Mass is limited to Sunday mornings at 9:00am. A reservation is required to attend and may be made at <http://www.standrew.org/mass-reservations/>

The obligation to attend Mass has been suspended during the pandemic including Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**. While the public cannot attend this Mass, there will be a live stream of the Mass available at 9:00am on Tuesday found on our website at www.standrew.org

The parish's schedule for Christmas Masses is as follows

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020 – 3:00pm* and 5:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25, 2020 – 9:00am and 11:00am

**Indicates a Mass that will be live streamed.*

Attendance at Christmas Masses will be limited. To be as equitable as possible for persons wishing to attend, the reservation system for Masses will open for everyone at the same time on **Friday, December 11, 2020 at 6:00pm**. Please visit www.standrew.org/christmas to register for Christmas Masses.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



“By Saint Nicholas’ example of generosity to those in need, especially children, he is a model for the compassionate life that we all aspire to lead.”

That's another thing. Where do you come off calling me Nick?

—It’s A Wonderful Life, 1946

In an alternate universe, my name would be Nick, not because of the 1946 Frank Capra movie, but because today, December 6, is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, and it also happens to be my birthday. My mother, on many occasions, bemoaned that she didn’t consult the calendar and give me the proper Saint’s name, but I’ve grown comfortable being called Mark, so I’m planning to stick with it at this point.



Saint Nicholas, a bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is remembered as a man of great faith and compassion. Bishop Nicholas was known for his generosity to those in need and his love for children. Legends surrounding him include stories of returning captured children to their parents, saving people from famine, and freeing innocent prisoners. He was also a favorite patron of sailors, and they carried his stories of favor and protection far and wide.

Bishop Nicholas preferred to do his many kind deeds in secret, and even today, especially in central Europe and Russia, secret gifts are exchanged in his memory. One ancient tradition in Germany and Poland had children dress up like bishops and go out begging for alms for the poor on the Feast of Saint Nicholas!

Through the centuries, remembering Saint Nicholas has brought to light the best of ourselves. He teaches that our Christianity makes us all responsible for one another. By his example of generosity to those in need, especially children, he is a model for the compassionate life that we all aspire to lead. And in the festivities surrounding his feast day, we are also reminded to celebrate each other, working to bring bits of joy into the world around us.

Being called Nick? It would be an honor. Saint Nick is a shining example of caring for others. Happy Saint Nick Day!

-Deacon Mark



Advent Speaker Series

The Saint Andrew Advent Speaker Series will be held virtually and starts the first week of December! Parishioners are encouraged to be part of both of these remaining events. They will take place online, via Zoom and are free of charge, but participants must register. Goto www.standrew.org/Christmas2020 to sign up for one or more of the following sessions.

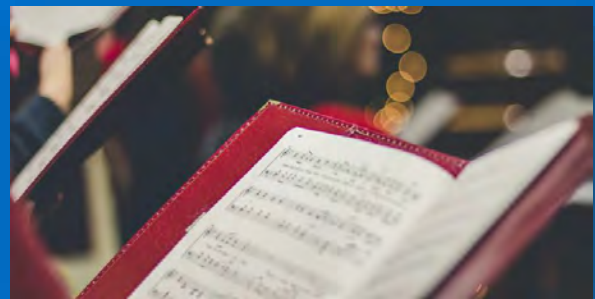
See Jesus – How Do We Image Christ?

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7:00pm to 8:30pm via Zoom call. The aftermath of shootings against unarmed persons of color this past summer has led to greater recognition of the role implicit bias plays in our lives. This effects how artist image Christ and how viewer interpret sacred art. Take a visual journey through discovering who Christ is and how he has been portrayed. Presented by Fr. Sergio Romo. Register by completing the form below.



Praise Jesus – Lessons and Carols.

Monday, December 14, 2020, 7:00pm to 8:30pm via Zoom call. We give praise to the newborn Jesus through the Christmas Carols we sing. Take a moment to learn more about the history of some famous Christmas Carols and sing along (from at home). This final evening in our Advent Speaker series will prepare participants for singing during our “Come to the Manger” and ultimately Christmas. Presented by Megan Daigle and parish musicians.



Come to the Manger - Outdoor Service

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 through Wednesday, December 23, 2022 5:30pm, 6:00pm, and 6:30pm on the corner of Addison and Paulina. To provide a chance to show devotion to our savior in this important time of year, parishioners are invited to tie ribbons on the railing in front of our outdoor manger representing their petitions, thanksgivings, and prayers. This will be accompanied by brief prayer services on select evenings starting December 15. To help us ensure social distancing, please sign up to attend. Sign up begins on *Friday, December 11, 2020 at 6:00pm* through our website at www.standrew.org/christmas



Christmas Vacation Bible School

Make sure your child hears the story of Christmas this year in a fun and dynamic way!

The Light of the World Vacation Bible school will be a virtual program for children (open to all but targeted for children grade K-4) held on **December 21, 22, & 23 at 9:00am** via Zoom call. Every morning children will pray, dance, sing, learn about the story of Christmas, and have crafts to prepare at home.

Register by December 6, 2020 at www.standrew.org/vbs

Cost is \$20 per family.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the Catholic Church that was started in 1969 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. CCHD has two objectives: empowering the poor and educating others about the root causes of poverty. This weekend, we take our annual collection to support this fund and support those who are on the margins of society.

Make a donation to support the CCHD at the following link
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/26889>

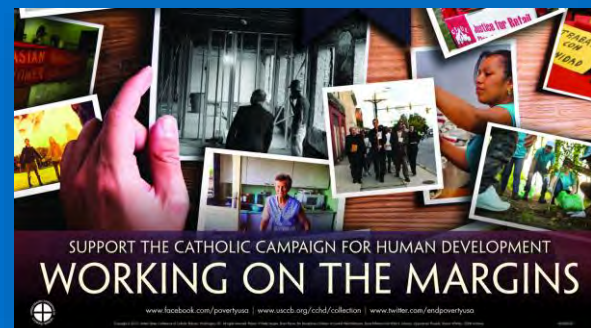
Support Parishioner Owned Restaurants

The pandemic has been tough on restaurants in Chicago which has affected a number of parishioners who own restaurants.

To give them a boost, parishioners are asked to patronize some of these restaurants. Each week one restaurant is selected and often times they have responded by giving Saint Andrew Parishioners special deals.

Up next is **Fat Cat** on **Monday, December 3, 2020**.

See the full list at <http://www.standrew.org/post/parishioner-owned-restaurants/>



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Celebrating Advent Together

Ask a typical first grader about the liturgical year, and you will likely hear about Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary (or “oh, ya know.. just the *regular*”) time. There is usually some confusion about the difference between Advent and Lent. What is very clear to these young people is that both are a period of intense waiting... particularly when it comes to Christmas.

Lighting each candle of a family's advent wreath indicates that the weeks are ticking by. Advent calendars are all over grocery stores, containing scripture passages or small treats, giving us a foretaste of the sweetness of Christmas.

Significantly, Advent is a season of Hope. The coming of Jesus in Advent is bound up with the reason for his birth - to be Savior of the World. The coming is threefold: We await Jesus's coming in the Nativity, live in joyful expectation of his Second Coming at the end of time, as well as rejoice in his presence in our midst as risen Lord.

This Advent, allow yourself to live in the reason for THIS season.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Last year at this time we included an announcement about the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which we celebrate this year on Tuesday, December 6.

Due to the pandemic the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday and Holy Day Masses for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Chicago remains in force.

Our school children will celebrate with a private mass on December 6 at 8:45am. You can join them in worship by watching the livestream! Follow this link:

https://youtu.be/wYMd2kS_hdk

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

DECEMBER

Sunday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1: 1-8 +Fernando Vinzons, Sr.
Monday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 35: 1-10 Lk 5: 17-26 Our departed Parishioners
Immaculate Conception December 08	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 09	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 40: 25-31 Mt 11: 28-30 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 10	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 41: 13-20 Mt 11: 11-15 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 11	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 48: 17-19 Mt 11: 16-19 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 13	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5: 16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28 +Caroline Lupori

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	1,705,490
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	71,692
Amount Paid	55,825
Balance Due	15,867



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Saint Andrew School



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

**December 8th
January 12th
February 9th**

**March 9th
April 13th
May 11th**

**Join us for a
Virtual Admissions Session!
(773) 248-2500
www.GoSaintAndrew.com**

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

