



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Behold, Magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem.”

Matthew 2:1

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.

Participate in Mass through Our Live Stream

Sunday Mass is broadcast live every Sunday morning at 9:00 am and the recording is viewable throughout the day and week.

Visit, www.standrew.org/sundaymasss to watch our live stream.



Update on Renew My Church

In December, the team of parishioners who were meeting with counterpart teams from Saint Benedict Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Mary of the Lake Parish presented to the executive committee of Renew My Church the feedback received during the discernment phase.

We are now awaiting Cardinal Cupich to make a decision later this month about the new parish structures that will serve our local neighborhoods for the coming years. Please pray for the Cardinal as he makes this decision.



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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann



“There always were and still are people who can see a greater light and lay down their gifts in the service of a higher power.”

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, the celebration in which we recall the coming of the Magi (the Three Kings) to pay homage to Jesus. They were the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to recognize Jesus as the Christ and thus for many centuries and for many cultures (all of whom are non-Jews), today is a more important holiday than Christmas. It is when they recall that Jesus is a light to all nations, not just the Jewish people.

It is also just after New Years and many of us have a tradition of making a New Year’s Resolution. For me, my resolution for 2021 is based on an epiphany that I had just a few weeks ago.

In relaying the story that I am about to tell, I’ll be intentionally vague because I know the details could potentially trigger somebody. As I thought about it, I came to realize that the details didn’t matter. The story is universal to all of our experience and starts with the often-upsetting reality of social media. I have a habit of being friends with people on both sides of the political aisle and at the same time, I have very little patience for ignorance.

A friend of mind has been had a habit of posting opinions that I found vitriolic. They were divisive, contrary to regularly accessible facts, rooted in radical disregard for other’s feelings, and just rude. I had been thinking about unfriending him for months and never could do it. If nothing else, I enjoyed his role in my life of supplying me with an opposing point of view.

Then, in a rare moment of self-revelation that was contrary to his typical maelstrom, he wrote a post in mid-December that crystallized the impetus for his antipathy. His mother died. And the things he rails against in society are the factors that kept him from being the son he wanted to be for her when she was dying. The situation was tragic and it touched my heart.

This was the moment of my own personal epiphany, to recognize that vitriol and anger are not fostered in a vacuum. They come from a legitimate place of unattended pain that litters the soul with rancor. What results is a festering shadow of a human being and endless alienation from one another.

And so, my resolution is to remember that every pain comes from a pain and to grant those who act out of anger a moment of forbearance. 2020 was rough, but let’s be honest, 2021 is not going to be easy either. There is no magic wand that has been waived to make all our problems disappear.

No magic, but yes... magi (notice the absence of the “c”). There always were and still are people who can see a greater light and lay down their gifts in the service of a higher power. The choice to make a better world is inspired by Christ and implemented by us. If we can begin by recognizing the woundedness in others, we stand the chance of understanding them and then forgiving them. This is a kindness we can show that will not only keep us from being wounded in the process of their rage, but it may help all of us heal as well.

Here is to 2021 and epiphanies that continue to transform us all of us!



Volunteer with Us – Safety Team

Our Safety Management Team helps to ensure that we can continue to hold public Masses by safeguarding our pandemic protocols including, set-up, greeting/ushering, and clean up. This includes our Sunday liturgies as well as funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

Please consider volunteering for this important ministry in the New Year so that others can attend Mass safely. Contact Megan Daigle at megan@standrew.org to express interest.



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 to express interest.

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



Support the Christmas Appeal

Saint Andrew relies on the generosity of friends and parishioners to fulfill its mission. While the most important support comes from the stewardship of those who contribute weekly and monthly, the appeals that happen during the holidays are critical to supporting our mission.

If you have not had a chance to make a financial offering to our annual Christmas appeal, please take a moment to donate today. Give directly through Give Central at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/299/event/6048>

Or go to www.standrew.org/give. Thank you for your support!



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Blessing Your Home on Epiphany

Perhaps you are familiar with an Irish New Year's Eve tradition: opening the back door of your home to let the old year out. But do you know about the Catholic household blessing? It's one our youth group has carried out at Saint Andrew for the last two years!

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

Considering the year we are leaving behind, we may strongly desire to have God bless us in the year ahead!

Suggested Format for a Blessing

All: [make the Sign of the Cross]

Leader: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: [read Matthew 2:1-12, then] The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Using chalk, write one of the following on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance:

+20 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 21+
+20 Caspar Melchior Balthazar 21+
+20 C M B 21+

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house, all who live here, and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JANUARY, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 03	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12 +Kim Heffernan
Monday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 3: 22-4:6 Mk 4: 12-17, 23-25 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 7-10 Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 11-18 Mk 6: 45-52 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 07	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	1 Jn 4: 19- 5:4 Lk 4: 14-22 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Jn 5: 5-13 Lk 5: 12-16 Our departed Parishioners
Baptism of the Lord Sunday 10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mk 1: 7-11 Our departed Parishioner

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

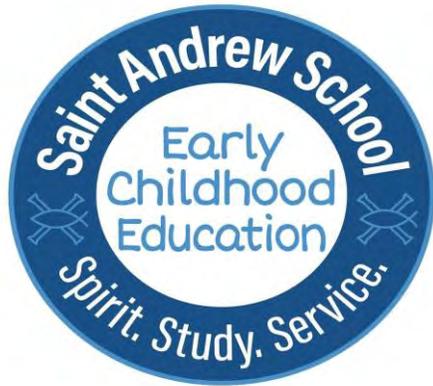
Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,705,490
Interest on Income	28,917
Total Income	1,734,407
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	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	75,992
Amount Paid	64,887
Balance Due	11,105



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