



Saint Andrew Parish

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“If you wish, you can make me clean.”

“I do will it. Be made clean.”

Mark 1:40;41

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.

Instructions for Observing Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Abstaining from Meat

Different than fasting. The penitential act of abstaining from meat does not restrict the quantity of food eaten, only the type. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs – all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden.

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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“Lent may very well
be the salve that
soothes our collective
craving.”*

The forecast for the week ahead includes cold temperatures significantly below freezing (*surprise*) and more snow (*surprise*).

We are in one of the longest cold snaps in a Chicago winter since 2007. The heaps of snow from the twin blizzard event in late January have not lessened and the piles keep getting bigger. With new snow being added every week, we are reminded that indeed, winter has won. Yes, there is beauty in the snow (*I am actually someone who has an odd preference for winter weather*) but I will characterize our uninvited hoary climate in a way we can all agree, it is monotonous.

The weather similarly seems to be an embodiment of our current public health crisis. COVID has beset us with an endless string of days that repeat the same tempered refrain. “Wear a mask. Stay at home. Keep social distance.” The dull drone of this belabored ostinato has sapped color and mystique from daily living.

Lent stumbles into our lives in the week ahead with the arrival of Ash Wednesday on February, 17, 2021 (*see page 5 of the bulletin for times of distribution, Mass, and our live streaming support for prayer*). Usually, Lent feels somewhat like an invitation into monotony. The communal withholding of some pleasures is meant to heighten our human sensitivity to the spiritual. I must admit, the notion feels a little like grey on grey as the danger of adding misery on top of drudgery feels like a bland fantasia in the stunted metric of nihilism.

Yet in the scriptures this weekend we hear the voice of the leper crying out “If you wish, you can make me clean.” It is a cry to the Lord to which we can all relate as we all seek a remedy from the bleak deafness of a COVID winter. The sick and infirm yearn for healing. The tattered soul yearns for hope. We all yearn for something different. The Lord responds to the leper and to us by saying “I do will it.” But how are these words made manifest?

Lent may very well be the salve that soothes our collective craving. Lent is miscast if we only view it as a time of stark asceticism. Lent literally means “Spring” and it is a demarcation of hope. It is a season that invites us to dig in a little deeper and strengthen our grit, because a better future awaits. We soon will be free of the monotony of the moment and will be cloaked in a vibrant joy as people raised from the grave along with their Savior. This is the great prospect of Easter and it is the destination of the Lenten journey.

So this Lent, above all other years, make time for prayer. Join us for the Stations of the Cross. Commit to abstinence and fasting, not because it is good to suffer - it is never good to suffer - but because discipline sharpens our resolve. These practices are meant to foster the God-given strength within us so that we can persevere through truly difficult times. We need that encouragement now more than ever.

In the end, Lent is a season that reminds us that hope is coming. New life is near, and on the horizon we can see a once monotonous world coming to life in dazzling glory.



Ash Wednesday - Lent Starts February 17

Celebrate Ash Wednesday with Saint Andrew on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at these services:

- 6:30am - 8:30am - Distribution of ashes
- 1:30pm - 3:00pm - Distribution of ashes
- 6:30pm - Public Mass, *reservation required*

Mass reservations for Mass on Ash Wednesday are limited and can be made at www.standrew.org/ashwednesday. Special anti-COVID-19 precautions will be taken this year when distributing ashes. Please visit the above website for more information about in-person and at-home prayer services.

Join Us for Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Saint Andrew Parish prays the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm on Friday evenings beginning this Friday, February 19.

Due to COVID limitations of opening the church, the general public will not be admitted to pray the Stations of the Cross in person this year.

Instead, we invite you to join the live stream of the stations being prayed from Saint Andrew Parish which can be viewed at www.standrew.org/stations

REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality

Saint Andrew Parish is hosting its popular "REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality" during LENT. This six week program is designed for adults and will invite you into a new and vibrant adult faith through weekly conversations. Sessions will begin on **Monday, February 22, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** and will be held via Zoom video call. It's the perfect way to make the most of your Lent. To sign up, visit www.standrew.org/reboot





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and bring hope to
the world

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

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For our parishes, schools, ministries
and communities throughout Cook and
Lake counties and around the world.

The Archdiocese of Chicago proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and carries on his mission. Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal fosters the faith formation of people of all ages in the Church and includes parish life, Catholic schools and religious education programs, formation for ministry and throughout life, and Catholic Relief Services.

Moved by Christ's call for us to live as disciples, we come together through the Appeal to care for our Church. Once your parish meets its goal, proceeds return to the parish to carry out the healing mission in your own local community.

THE APPEAL ALSO SUPPORTS MINISTRIES, SUCH AS...

Kolbe House Jail Ministry, which serves individuals and families affected by the criminal justice system and seeks to promote restoration and reconciliation through outreach, support and accompaniment.

Lifelong Formation, which aims to lift, form and empower parishes and their leadership, ministries and parishioners, enabling a lifelong process of formation that inspires and deepens faith and a relationship with Christ.

Respect Life Ministry, which seeks to transform society in to a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected as a child of God, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Immigration Ministry, which fosters the Church's leadership role by building bridges and communion between immigrants and non-immigrants as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry, which helps to develop parish-based teams of local leaders and empower them with training and formation resources to reach youth and young adults effectively.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

"Catholic schools provide undeniable benefits to children, families and communities. Our schools help each student grow in the faith and values they need to positively change the world around them. Your support allows us to continue this vital ministry as we spread the hope of Christ to the next generation."
Jim Rigg, Ph.D., superintendent, Catholic Schools

PARISH-BASED INCENTIVES

"Historically, parishioners have been generous to the Annual Catholic Appeal, so, after meeting our yearly parish goal, the rebate from the archdiocese allows us to pay for necessities, freeing up other funds for our outreach efforts."

Father Bob Cook, pastor, Sts. Rita and Thomas of Canterbury Parish



With Heartfelt Gratitude

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past year we have faced many challenges in our nation, our world and our Church. We have struggled with devastating illnesses, the destructive effects of prejudice and natural disasters sparked by the degradation of our environment. Still, we move forward as people of faith who have hope in the Lord who leads us. And this year's Annual Catholic Appeal theme renews and reinvigorates us. We hear Jesus say to us, "Come follow me ... and bring hope to the world."



Your support of the Appeal means bringing hope to the world. Hope comes alive in our parishes and schools, religious education programs, ministry formation and initiatives to address violence and foster justice, peace and respect for life. Hope reaches around the world through the Appeal's support of Catholic Relief Services. Your support makes all this happen.

God bless you for keeping hope alive. And may the good Lord keep you and your loved ones together and united with hope in Jesus Christ who makes all things new.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Blase Cupic
Archbishop of Chicago

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

FEBRUARY, 2021

Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

From Palms to Ashes

One of the most memorable days of the year for Christians is Ash Wednesday - this year, celebrated on Wednesday, February 17. Even though it is not a day of obligation, we see many people at masses and prayer services lined up to receive ashes. Have you ever wondered where the ashes come from?

The instructions of the Roman Missal indicate that ashes should be made from last year's palm branches, distributed on Palm Sunday. They are burned and ground into a fine powder, and in the United States are then mixed with holy water and chrism to form a light paste, as they are spread on the forehead.

Some parishes burn their own palm branches, both those leftover from the previous year, as well as those collected from parishioners in the weeks leading up to Lent. However, it can be very tricky to get ashes of a super-fine quality this way! Parishes may also not have enough palm branches to turn into ash for the great number of people who arrive on Ash Wednesday. For these reasons, some parishes elect to order their ashes from religious supply stores.

Because of COVID-19, ashes will be dispensed either by having sprinkling on top of heads or with application by individual Q-tip - Saint Andrew will be employing the Q-tip strategy, in case you are curious! We will collect these Q-tips afterward to - can you guess? - burn them. Because they will have blessed ashes on them, it is the most proper way to dispose of the Q-tips.

Isn't it nice to know that the beginning of Lent is tied to the beginning of Holy Week? Perhaps it will make these 40 days seem shorter, as we look forward to the coming of Jesus!

Sunday 14	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Lv 13: 2, 44-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11:1 Mk 1: 40-45 +Catherine Martin
Monday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 4: 1-15 Mk 8: 11-13 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 16	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10 Mk 8: 14-21 Our departed Parishioners
Ash Wednesday 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	JL 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 +Irvin Yoder
Thursday 18	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Dt 30: 15-20 Lk 9: 22-25 +Robert Joseph
Friday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 58: 1-9a Mk 9: 14-15 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 21	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 9: 8-15 1 Pt 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15 Our departed Parishioners

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

December 2020 Offering

Envelopes Collection	10,911
Automated Giving	26,333
Loose Cash	1,639
Total Offertory	38,883
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	75,992
Amount Paid	64,887
Balance Due	11,105



The Lenten Season is upon us with Ash Wednesday falling on February 17. Due to COVID, Saint Andrew Parish will not be hosting our annual Fish Fry's... But check out our restaurant partners for some great fish and non-fish dinner options during the Lenten season! (February 17, 2021 – April 3, 2021)



Fat Cat Bar – www.fatcatbar.com

Piazza Bella –
<https://www.piazzabellachicago.net/>

Cozy Noodles and Rice –
<http://www.cozychicago.com/home/index.asp>

Mrs. Murphy's & Sons Irish Bistro –
<https://irishbistro.com/>

Commonwealth –
<https://www.commonwealthchicago.com/>

Bojonos – <http://www.bojonospizzatogo.com/>

GT Prime –
<https://www.exploretock.com/gtoyster/experience/161975/gt-fish-and-oyster-to-go>

Chicago's Pizza – <https://www.chicagos-pizza.com/>

Jet's Pizza –
<https://www.jetspizza.com/stores/illinois/chicago/2811-n-ashland-ave/>



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