



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
that they had cut from the fields.” Mark 11:8

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Please join us in-person or online for the liturgical events of Holy Week. Reservations and links for live streaming for all Holy Week events can be found at www.standrew.org/holyweek

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 4:00pm Blessing of Palms, pick up of palms from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Sunday, March 28, 2021 - 9:00am and 11:00am Palm Sunday Masses

TRIDUUM & EASTER

Thursday, April 1, 2021 - 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper, Adoration from 8:00pm to 10:00pm

Friday, April 2, 2021 - 3:00pm - The Lord's Passion, Veneration of cross on steps of church till 7:00pm

Saturday, April 3 2021 - 10:00am - Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, April 3, 2021 - 8:00pm - The Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4, 2021 - 9:00am and 11:00 am Easter Sunday Masses

Please note the opportunities to connect with Holy Week without entering the church building including the ability to pick up blessed palms on Saturday, March 27 and the ability to offer veneration to the cross on Good Friday until 7:00pm and the outdoor blessing of Easter Baskets on April 3. Adoration on Holy Thursday is offered to anyone who attends the Mass of the Lord's Supper or anyone who signs up for a 1 hour slot. Attendees can come anywhere within the hour reserved. The overall number of attendees will be monitored and limited to under 50 persons in the building at a time. .

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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



“Without traditions, who are we? How can we have any significant growth or movement in our lives if we do not have something to help us navigate our way, something to plant our feet on?”

Forgive me delving into one of my personal passion, but as an undergraduate who majored in Music Theater Performance, I am often drawn to express myself through musicals. It is a condition from which I suffer with no known available cure.

As we start Holy Week in the year 2021, I am thinking a great deal about Fiddler on the Roof, the 1964 musical about life in a Jewish village in the Pale Settlement of Imperial Russia at the turn of the 20th Century. If you’ve ever seen the musical, you would easily recognize the thunderous opening which has the full ensemble singing “Tradition... Tradition!” It is an homage to the steady and sometimes stubborn drumbeat which sets the tempo of life in the village.

The opening invocation to the musical intones a chorus that is familiar to our own experience. Without traditions, who are we? How can we have any significant growth or movement in our lives if we do not have something the help us navigate our way, something to plant our feet on? Of course, the allure of the musical is how traditions are challenged, blighted, and even change a little through both its comical ups and tragic upheavals. Even the as the Russian Tsar orders the expulsion of the cast of characters from their home in the still and pitiful Anatevka, one thing remains.... Tradition. Well... sort of.

For many Catholics, tradition’s allure has been felt deeply as we have journeyed through the pandemic. Church has been a touchstone which provided some sense of constancy in a world that often felt inconstant. Without it, we may have felt robbed as many did last year when there was no access to the rituals of Holy Week. No palm branches, no severe moment of silence at the reading of Christ’s crucifixion and no rush of joy as we returned to singing “Alleluia” after 40 days of its reprieve. Tradition.

But tradition can also invoke limitations which can be painful. I am not shocking anyone when I say that the Church has struggled in recent years to be a place that gathers the entire family of God when the social norms of our daily lives have shifted. Women who have awakened from the oppression of a patriarchal mindset do not always see their liberation reflected in the governance of the Church and thus they refrain from coming. Others leave because they recognize that preference seems to have been given to church authorities who have committed crimes rather than to the victims of those crimes.

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And as Fr. Sergio wrote in his pastoral letter last week (www.standrew.org/post/when-our-children-ask), many members of the LGBTQ community feel disenfranchised from the Church for both its policies and the language it uses to defend those policies. Instead of the sensitivity that should accompany such struggles, how have our church leaders defended themselves through all these weighty matters? The often give a bland retort by responding, “That’s the way that we’ve always done it.” Tradition.

Returning to the Fiddler on the Roof for a moment, I knowingly admit that it is a fictional account and not precisely the lived history of a person, but I have no doubt it echoes a real experience from which we can learn something in real life. The show’s arc follows the lead character, Tevya, who like everyone in the town of Anatevka, must struggle with his own traditions in the course of the play. The climax of Tevya’s conflict is when his daughter marries someone outside of the Jewish faith and he disowns her. It is a tradition for a father to behave in such a manner and therefore it must be so. Obstinate, Tevya remains inconsolable yet unchanged, that is until the end. After being worn and broken and eventually carrying the last of his possessions on a cart bound to America (*almost a parallel to carrying a cross on the way to Calvary*), the finale of the show arrives when his disowned daughter comes to say “goodbye” possibly for the last time. In that moment of desolation and uncertainty, he mutters to her a quiet sign of personal change and reconciliation as he says, “God be with you.” Some might say his words were a blessing.

All religious traditions, whether Catholic, Buddhist, Jewish, Native American, or other have changed over time. They change because in the lived experience of people, when the tradition no longer engenders a rhythm to which the people may dance, God seems to intervene a little and alter the tempo. And so instead of coming to Mass every Sunday during a pandemic, we might read the readings and pray at home and nurture the domestic church. Instead of seeing bureaucratic priests flood the chancery with the allure of an ecclesial posts, we have a lay woman as the Chief Operating Officer of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Even if the edicts of the Church limit which relationships can and cannot receive a blessing, we can still acknowledge the inherent goodness of all healthy relationships and like Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, say “God be with you.”

The Catholic Church is rife with traditions, especially in Holy Week. We practically bathe ourselves in them as ritual after ritual we seek to align ourselves closer to the experience of Christ and thus be transformed. Let us never forget that the deepest tradition we have is to die with Christ so we can emerge on Easter with new life and maybe new traditions. God be with you.

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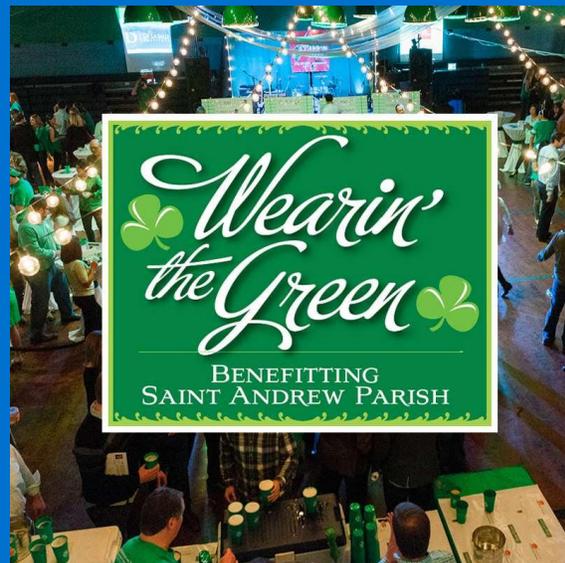
Wearin' the Green - May 1, 2021

The parish's annual fundraising party The **Wearin' the Green** will take place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**.

The event will be held virtually. Tickets are now on sale!

Information about the evening's entertainment, take-home meals and cocktails, as well how to purchase tickets can be found at www.wearinthegreen.com

Please make plans to join us and purchase your tickets now!



Join Our Safety Team

Our Safety 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. We are in need of additional members of the team as we expand our available Masses for public worship. Especially if you may have the benefit of receiving a vaccine, please consider volunteering for this important ministry in 2021 so that others can attend Mass safely. Contact our coordinating team at liturgy@standrew.org



Help End Hunger in Chicago

Join us on **Saturday, April 24, 2021** from 8:30am to 11:15am at the Greater Chicago Food Depository 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.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Forty Days of Lent

The Bible is filled with significant numbers, like 3, 7, 12, and 40. Have you ever wondered why Lent is connected to the number 40?

In the bible, the number 40 is mentioned quite a bit. During the flood, it rains for 40 days and 40 nights on Noah's ark. Moses spends 40 nights on Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people wandered for 40 years in the desert. Goliath taunts the Israelites for 40 days. Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert. So, consider: What do these events have in common?

They are times of waiting, testing, suffering... and they are all followed by a time of rejoicing. After the flood, the world has been given fresh to humanity. God gives Moses laws of love. The Jewish people are brought to their promised land. David beats Goliath. And Jesus begins his ministry.

Whenever we hear the number "40," we might want to focus on the time of suffering, but God is using this time to prepare us for some "glorious unfolding." We have certainly had our fair share of waiting in the last year, and wonder what God may have in store for us at the end of this pandemic. What might God be asking you to consider, change, or examine as we prepare for that glorious unfolding? And what marvelous calling may the Holy Spirit move us toward when we arrive in that place?

Things to Do at Home:

Pray: Take the 40 second challenge: Start with 40 seconds of daily prayer, and increase the same amount every day.

Do: Establish a new tradition to countdown to Easter with your family. Design a special calendar for kids to mark off, or light a candle each night at dinner to mark the days.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

MARCH/APRIL, 2021

Palm Sunday 28	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14: 1-15: 47 +Marte Vinzons, +Maureen Stailey and +Phyllis Kafka
Monday 29	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is: 42: 1-7 Jn 12: 1-11 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 30	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 31	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 4-5 +Lorraine O'Malley
Holy Thursday 01	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15 Our departed Parishioners
Good Friday 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 52: 13-53: 12 Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 Jn18: 1-19, 42
03 Holy Saturday	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Gn1:1-2: 2 Gn22: 1-18 Mk 16: 1-7
EASTER Sunday 04	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 10: 34a: 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9 +Stephen Lewis Wilson +Julia, Les, Bruce and Maureen Stailey and +Rosy Zarvajhal

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	1,733,758
Interest on Income	31,086
Total Income	1,764,844
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,947
Balance	952,897

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	9,682
Automated Giving	21,473
Loose Cash	493
Total Offertory	31,648
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	78,092
Amount Paid	68,522
Balance Due	11,105

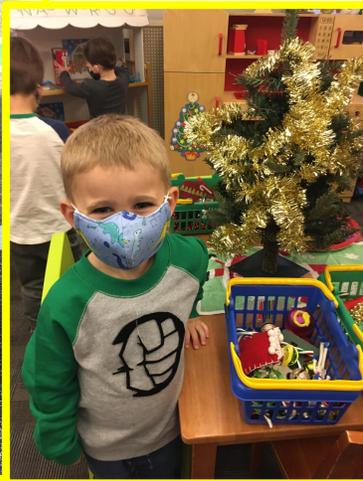


Saint Andrew School



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

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