



Saint Andrew Parish

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ARISE IN HOPE

“If then you were raised with Christ,
Seek what is above.” Colossians 3:1

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.

Pray in Person - Pray at Home

During the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass in person has been lifted by the Archbishop of Chicago. This lifting does not resolve our need for the spiritual nourishment that come from encountering Christ. Saint Andrew Parish encourages participation in the following ways:

Attend Mass in Person - Mass for the public is held every Sunday at 9:00am. Reservations are required to attend. Make a reservation at www.standrew.org/mass-reservations

Pray the Your Sunday Connection - Gather with your household to read the readings and prayers assigned to each Sunday of the year. Watch a homily/reflection by a pastoral leader of the parish. Find this week's Your Sunday Connection at www.standrew.org/ysc

Live Stream Mass - Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed to watch in real time and it is saved as a recording for parishioners to watch throughout the day. Witness other parishioners read the word of God, the consecration of the Eucharist, and the beauty of Saint Andrew church. www.standrew.org/sundaymass

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Pastoral Letter

by Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! May God’s grace abound in you on this feast of the rising of Jesus, the Christ! So much has changed as we look back on the experiences of this past year. When the pandemic began our lives came to an abrupt halt, but we were encouraged by the thought that we were only facing a brief interruption. Since then, many more days have passed.

But, in the midst of hardship we have also witnessed people reaching out to others in compassion and generous charity. This is the spirit of the Resurrected Jesus at work. Neighbors have looked out for each other. Young people have assisted the elderly through an unfamiliar online world to find vaccine appointments. Car parades celebrated birthdays and other milestones when we couldn’t do so safely indoors. Essential workers risked their own health and safety so that we could still get groceries and receive packages and deliveries. And countless, doctors, nurses and hospital staffs took on herculean tasks to treat the sick and dying. In all these ways and many others, we have risen in hope.

Our faith is based on the hope that just as Jesus rose from the dead, so shall we rise to new life. This, however, is not only a hope for the future. It is our hope now. In the midst of this pandemic, we rise in hope; the hope that God never abandons us, the hope God comforts and cares for us, and the hope that God’s healing touch will restore our world, our lives, and our hearts.

Even though the pandemic will continue to make it a challenge for many to join us for our Easter celebrations, please know that I hold every parishioner in my heart and in my prayers. I pray that our Risen Lord will help us all to rise in hope and lead us to true and everlasting joy.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Sergio Romo
Pastor



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 Paschal Candle

If you ever had the opportunity to attend the Easter Vigil mass, you witnessed one of the most spectacular liturgical celebrations of the Catholic church. It begins with the lighting of a fire outside, symbolizing the new life given to us in the Resurrection. The priest lights the Paschal Candle, and carries it into a dark church as Christ overcomes death and dispells the night.

Let's take a closer look at that Paschal Candle. It is made of pure beeswax, symbolizing the sinless nature of Christ. The wick represents Christ's humanity, while the flame is his divine nature body and soul, God made Man.

The priest inserts five star shaped spikes into the candle, which each hold a grain of incense. The number five represents the five wounds of Christ, in his hands, feet, and side, while the incense reminds us of the aromatic spices used to prepare his body for the tomb. Additionally, you will see the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, as Jesus is both the beginning and the end. The year is inscribed on our Paschal Candle, which is a sign of our continuing participation in this universal celebration.

We'll mention one more detail: After the procession into the church, the Exsultet is sung. It is the Easter Proclamation, and sets the story of Easter in the context of salvation history, praising God and making a solemn offering of our candle. A particular phrase may bring you joy and comfort this year, as we celebrate Easter in different places, united by the light of Christ...

*But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,
a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

APRIL, 2021

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
Monday 05	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Mt 28: 8-15 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 06	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 3: 36-41 Jn 20: 11-18 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 07	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 3: 1-10 Lk 24: 13-35 +Lorraine O'Malley
Thursday 08	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 3: 11-26 Lk 24: 35-48 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 09	First Reading Gospel	Acts 4: 1-12 Jn 21: 1-14
Sunday 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31 +Frank Battendorf and +John and Virginia Kaufman

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

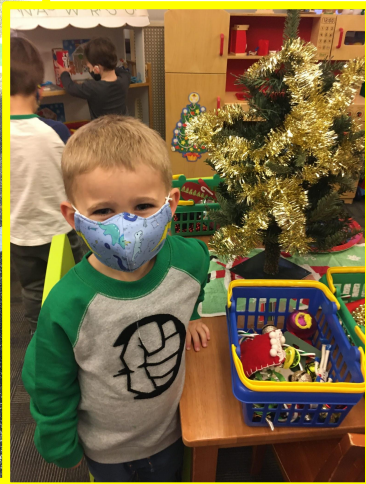


Saint Andrew School



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

Contact Anne Japsen in
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