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Saint Andrew Parish
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August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor
Rev. Hyginus Agu
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence
Deacon Alix Africot
Deacon Roland J. Blier
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552
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MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to schedule.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



August 7, 2021—August 15, 2021

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| Sat. 7 | 4:00 PM | Frank Crebis |
| Sun. 8 | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Angela, Maria & Josephine Sanita Maria & Ernesto Mastronardi |
| Mon. 9 | 9:00 AM | Dorothy Krusinski |
| Tue. 10 | 9:00 AM | David Futrell |
| Wed. 11 | 9:00 AM | Giovannina Verrelli |
| Thr. 12 | 9:00 AM | Ernest Rastelli |
| Fri. 13 | 9:00 AM | Ernest Rastelli |
| Sat. 14 | 4:00 PM | Mafalda & Fred Baldino, Jessica Kozlowski |
| Sun. 15 | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Jana Petracek Sante & Adalgisa Bracaglia |



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**Register for our new and exciting program,
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**Monthly Religious Education classes for
the entire family!**

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**First Penance/First Holy Eucharist for children, who are
eligible, over the age of 7**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
For those over 18 who wish to be fully initiated in
The Catholic Church**

**Junior High Youth Ministry
and High School Youth Ministry**

Contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171



We remember all those we have been asked to pray for during their time of illness.

We remember all those who have gone home to the Lord.

We especially remember all those listed in our Prayer Request book.



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory
of Dorothy Krusinski**



**American
Red Cross**

**The Knights of Columbus thank all who participated,
donors, Red Cross, and helpers!**

**Next Blood Drive
Saturday, August 28, 2021
Parish Hall
Donors please register with the Red Cross**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of August 1, 2021

Offertory—\$5,055.00

On-line—\$272.00



If you would like to become an online giver and schedule your donations to the parish any day, any time by using your computer or smart device.

Please go to the parish website, www.standrewchurchbpt.org and click on-line giving.

Credit Card Donations

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 19, 2021

12:00—4:00 PM

Can you volunteer for one of our committees?

**Call the Parish Office
203-374-6171**

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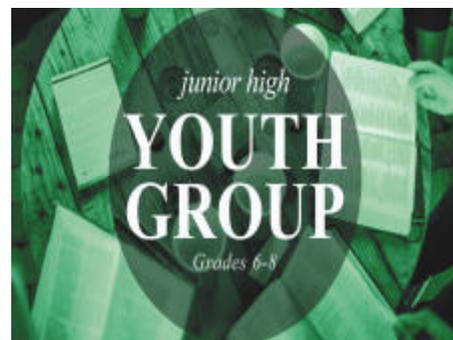
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10:30 AM OR 1:00 PM

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Calling all students in grades 6, 7, 8!

Our new Junior Youth Group begins in September please join us for prayer, service, and fun!

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:41-51

PUZZLE

Find and circle eight things that are different.



MISSION

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.



KID'S CORNER



The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

Please come and see what it's all about!



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.

A thought
TO START
YOUR WEEK

*Lord help me when I fall.
The falling I can do myself!*



Rosary Group

Monday evenings
7:00

in the Outside Chapel
(Church if weather is inclement)
Please join us!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15



THANK YOU!

***Monsignor Bernelli and your assistant, Sonia,
for brightening up our entrance!***

We are grateful for all that you do for our parish!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Psalm Response: Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the LORD with me,
Let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading 2

Eph 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters:
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.
All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling
must be removed from you, along with all malice.
And be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in
Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in
love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Gospel

Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,
"I am the bread that came down from heaven,"
and they said,
"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?
Do we not know his father and mother?
Then how can he say,
'I have come down from heaven'?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"Stop murmuring among yourselves.
No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They shall all be taught by God.
Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him
comes to me.
Not that anyone has seen the Father
except the one who is from God;
he has seen the Father.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;
this is the bread that comes down from heaven
so that one may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
world."

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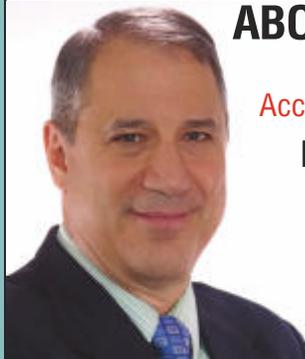
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