



Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020

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Moving St. Andrew Catholic Community closer to
Jesus Christ through growing in
Faith, Service and Welcoming.
Parish Mission Statement

From Fr. Tom

Happy Easter Season to all!

The readings for this Sunday serve as a reminder that so much of our faith isn't individual. It is looking out for one another, praying for one another, praying *with* one another.

It is communal.

Look at the scriptures from Easter onward. Christ didn't appear to his followers one by one. The encounters with the resurrected Jesus all happened in groups: the two women at the tomb; the many disciples gathered in the upper room; and the two disciples traveling on the road to Emmaus. That last meeting leads not only to communion – the breaking of the bread – but to a deepening desire, a need, to spread the news to the community of believers. The disciples who met Christ couldn't continue on their way, they couldn't just pick up where they left off on the path they'd been following. They had to go back and tell others.

So much of the resurrection story is about telling the story of the road to Emmaus – spreading the word.

I know, you might say because of the pandemic we cannot come to church, we cannot celebrate physically be present together in the church and break the bread, BUT we can still spread the message, we can still tell others that Jesus is alive, that He is the Lord of the whole Universe, that he conquered death so He can conquer COVID 19 as well, that nothing is impossible for Him. Use your phone, use the internet, use different kinds of communicators and share Jesus' message of Hope with others! Do not stop being joyful missionary disciples even during this difficult time.

The good news that He is Risen has to be shared even now, or especially now!

With prayers Fr. Tom



...he was made
known to them in
the breaking
of bread.

Readings for the Week of April 27

April 27

Acts 6:8-15
John 6:22-29

April 28

St Peter Chanel
St Louis Grignon de Montfort
Acts 7:51—8:1a
John 6:30-35

April 29

St Catherine of Siena
Acts 8:1b-8
John 6:35-40

April 30

St Pius V
Acts 8:26-40
John 6:44-51

May 1

St Joseph the Worker
Acts 9:1-20
John 6:52-59

May 2

St Athanasius
Acts 9:31-42
John 6:60-69

May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

2 St. Andrew Staff Directory, Councils & Commissions

Weekend			Weekday	
Masses: Saturday Suspended Sunday Suspended			Masses: Suspended Chaplet of Divine Mercy:	Rosary:
Reconciliation: Suspended			Anointing of the Sick <i>please contact the Parish Office 248.651.7486</i>	
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Prayer to the Risen Christ

From Christian Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours

Heavenly Father and God of Mercy,
 We no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
 for He is alive and has become the Lord of life.
 From the waters of death you raise us with Him
 and renew your gift of life within us.
 Increase in our minds and hearts
 the risen life we share with Christ
 and help us to grow as your people
 toward the fullness of eternal life with you.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

I came across the following reflection in preparation for this weekend's readings. I wanted to share it, as the message at the end is so true for us today as we continue to navigate this Coronavirus, Jesus is on the journey with us and in that we should have great hope and comfort.

Gospel Reflection for the 3rd. Sunday of Easter- Jesus walks with us

This Sunday we experience another appearance of the risen Lord to two of his friends and followers.

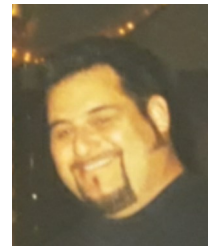
These two disciples are walking to Emmaus. They are leaving Jerusalem and have their back to place where their dreams were shattered. They have just experienced the betrayal, denial, condemnation and death of their close friend, Jesus. As they walk along, they are talking about all the events that have just happened. Perhaps they are asking each other, *'Where did it all go wrong?' 'Why did we put so much hope and trust into this man called Jesus?' And so, with a sense failure and disappointment they leave Jerusalem.*

As they carry on their journey a stranger comes alongside them and asks them a simple and polite question; *'What are you talking about as you walk along?'* They ask if he is the only one who does not know all things that have happened in Jerusalem. Again, this stranger asks them another question; *'What things?'* He is interested in all the things that have happened to them. As they walk and talk, the stranger simply listens to them. He wants to hear their story. Only when they have told him all the things that have happened to them does reveal his identity; he is the Risen Lord! Their eyes and hearts are opened at they listen to him speak and when see him at the breaking of the bread.

This is an image and symbol of the Pilgrim Church which we are all part of. We are walking along with each other as members of the Body of Christ. We are not alone. Jesus too, walks with us our journey as individuals and as a church. Jesus is deeply interested in our story. Through this gospel, he asks each of us what our own personal experience and story is. As we walk along on our journey through life, Jesus walks by our side as he walked along the road to Emmaus. He asks us to tell him our story and waits for us to share with what is deepest and most important to us. Having asked us to share our story with him, he walks by our side and listens. Each of have personal, unique and sacred story. Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says, *'Each of us have a story; a story of grace, a story of sin, a story of journey, many things. It is good to pray with our story.'*

As we continue our journey through this Easter Season, we pray that we will know that Jesus is walking by our side as our friend and companion. He is also with on our journey and pilgrimage through our daily life.

-Michael Moore, OMI



John Perez, 58

Died on
April 2, 2020



Rosemary Quasarano, 94

Died on
April 9, 2020

St. Andrew Parishioners Are Reaching Out!

These are most definitely unprecedented, unique and unusual times. And it is for times such as these that we are called to come together as followers of Christ to love our neighbors, care for them, and ensure they are safe and well. Here at St. Andrew Parish we are doing that by ensuring our own faith community is safe and well. A team of 20 warm, loving and dedicated volunteers have assembled to call, pray, and even run errands if needed for our parishioners and to let them know St. Andrew Parish cares about everyone during these difficult times.

If you receive a call from one of these parishioners, please feel free to ask questions to be comfortable that this is not a scam. They will not be offended. They are not calling to ask for gift cards, money, or to request any information from you. They are simply asking if you are well; if you need anything from the Parish; and if you wish to be prayed with. You can also request prayer from the Intercessory prayer team via the Virtual Prayer Basket: prayer@standrewchurch.org

Please stay well, stay safe, and may God grant you His blessings and His peace. We look forward to the time when we can all be together again as one parish community at the Eucharistic Table of Our Lord.

— Susan Kowalski, RCIA & Evangelization



Do You Need Help?

St. Andrew Parishioners who are at higher risk from Coronavirus, including older adults and those with chronic medical conditions, are encouraged to call the parish office or visit <http://bit.ly/COVID19assistance> to sign up to receive assistance including grocery and prescription delivery.

Want to Help?

If you are a parishioner in good health and 59 years of age or younger, please consider volunteering to help deliver groceries and prescription medications to parishioners at higher risk for serious illness from COVID19. Those interested can sign up by calling or emailing Sam Jennings at samj@standrewchurch.org or visiting <http://bit.ly/COVID19Volunteer>

• **Neighborhood House: Urgent!**

Our friends over at Neighborhood House, a non-profit which seeks to help our neighbors experiencing hardship, is in urgent need of food! Please consider donating food, or grocery store gift cards. For more information please visit <https://www.ranh.org/coronavirus-updates>.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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| • Peanut Butter | • Cereal |
| • Jelly | • Oatmeal |
| • Canned chicken | • Pasta |
| • Canned tuna | • Pasta sauce |
| • Beef Stew | • Juice |
| • Kidney Beans | • Juice boxes |
| • Garbanzo beans | • Lunch box |
| • White beans, | snacks |
| • Black beans | • Personal hand sanitizers |
| | • Toilet paper |

THANK YOU!!

Please bring your donations to the Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church at 1315 N. Pine Street Monday through Thursday or Saturday from 10am to noon.

Join us for a virtual NextStep gathering!

St. Andrew Catholic Church invites you to:



by Dr. Edward Sri

Responding to Relativism with Love and Logic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now offering a virtual alternative to our usual face-to-face gatherings.

Scheduled Virtual Gatherings:

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

7:00-8:30pm via Zoom

(See below on how to join)



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To join the Zoom meeting visit: <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 469 451 501 • Password: 032651

Contact Ann Sliney at 248-703-8402 or amcsly@aol.com for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation Asking for Your Continued Prayers



Our RCIA Catechumen (Ryan) and Candidates (Jacqueline, Donna, Charlie, Adam, and Carl) have been diligently and spiritually preparing to enter our Church at the Easter Vigil. Unfortunately, they will have to wait until a future date that has not yet been determined. Please continue to pray for these individuals that God may give them the grace to continue to persevere in faith and this additional time of prayer and preparation will lead them into a greater joy when they finally enter into full initiation of the Easter Sacraments.

Susan Kowalski—RCIA Coordinator

Third Sunday of Easter

In St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist shares how, on the day of His Resurrection, Jesus encounters two of His disciples on their way to Emmaus. While He opens their hearts to the messianic passages that refer to Him in the Scriptures, they do not realize it is Christ until He breaks bread with them that evening. In this encounter, Jesus lays down the basic format of the Mass we celebrate today: Liturgy of the Word, a homily (Jesus' explanation of the Scriptures), and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (breaking of bread with these disciples). In the Acts of the Apostles and his First Letter, Peter likewise encourages us to acknowledge Jesus as our Savior. As Christian stewards, where do we meet our Lord? Our most significant encounter is in the Eucharist. In partaking of Holy Communion, we receive Jesus truly present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We can also encounter our risen Lord and Savior through attending Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

On the Road to Emmaus

Imagine how the followers of Jesus must have felt that Saturday, after they had witnessed their friend and Lord dying on the cross the day before. They were certainly sad, bewildered, anxious, maybe even angry. They expected Jesus to be with them longer. They were left thinking, "Well, now what?" Perhaps they forgot the part about resurrection on the third day. All hope seemed lost.

On the road to Emmaus after the resurrection, two disciples excitedly talked about all the events which occurred, when Jesus approached and walked with them. They didn't realize at first who was in their midst. But they welcomed him and invited him to sit down and eat with them, just as Jesus taught. It was when Jesus broke the bread that their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

A reflection in my Holy Week readings reminded me that all of our Good Fridays, the struggles in our lives, are followed by resurrection. When hope seems lost, we can open our eyes to the presence of God who helps us make sense out of the mess, just like the disciples in today's Gospel.

The reality of Covid19 presents many struggles. People are in isolation. Those who must work, such as those in health care and food service, are very vulnerable. When we or those around us experience a loss, we are not able to gather to personally provide comfort. But I have also seen positive aspects of this current situation. Family, friends and neighbors seem to check in on each other often and are more connected than ever before. People are protecting themselves and others by wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

We must be Jesus for each other in the world today. May your Easter season be filled with resurrection moments!

Blessings,
Maureen Schreffler
Director of Faith Formation



First Eucharist Celebrations For April 25 and May 1

have been postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as we get word from the Governor's office and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

In the meantime, you can go to the home page of our website at standrewchurch.org and click on the First Eucharist box for a review you can do with your child. Please know that you are in our prayers at this uncertain time, and hope you are able to enjoy time with your family.

We invite all our parish families to pray for all those preparing for sacraments. Thank you!



Confirmation Preparation

The April Teen Session is now on our website. Go to standrewchurch.org and click on the Confirmation box on the home page. We are confident that we can keep our candidates on schedule by providing this session in a Stay-at-Home format. The entire family is invited to take part in this session. We will be rescheduling the May session and will keep you posted. Our candidates and families are in our prayers.

ST ANDREW YOUTH

BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Jesus says "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock." *Matthew 7:24*

What kinds of "storms" might we encounter in our lives?

Why are these things difficult? How can we handle it when they come up?

Jesus says that we are to hear his words and put them into practice.

How do we do that? Read the Bible, pray, participate in Mass and the sacraments, obey parents, etc.... The more we know and love the Lord, the more stable and reliable our faith—even in hard times it will hold firm.

What Are You Building Your Life On?

Log on to St. Andrew Youth webpage for some more information on a



Lego Challenge ~ solid foundation

Gratitude Challenge ~ finding all your blessings

ZOOM NIGHT

Please email or text me through remind for login information to our zoom meetings.



PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH

In case your family missed it last Sunday night, I wanted to share the link to the replay. If you have a few minutes (sixty actually), go to the link below to learn, worship, and pray along with us.

The link below also has a PDF you can print out with some discussion questions and prayer to encourage family conversation and prayer based on the content from last Sunday night. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to faith share and grow closer together as a family spiritually.

ACCESS THE REPLAY HERE: [PROJECTYM.COM/REPLAY](https://projectym.com/replay)

"YOUTH NIGHT"

6:00 to 8:00 pm
In the Activities Building unless otherwise noted
Some ice cream and fun.
Friends are always welcome!
For more information please contact me.

MARGARETK@STANDREWCHURCH.ORG

OR

Text this message @stay2020 to number 81010

April & May

26th ~ Virtual "Youth Night"

28th ~ Zoom Night

30th ~ Zoom Night



3rd ~ Virtual "Youth Night"

5th ~ Zoom Night

7th ~ Zoom Night



Sunday Night 8 to 9

[PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH](https://projectym.com/watch)

Events may change or others may be added. Sign up for REMIND to get the most up to date information

As we continue with social distancing -- I am here for your teen and your family.
Please reach out with prayer requests, concerns, just to say HI!, or to share funny stories.

Miss you all! Praying for your whole family!

Blessings, Margaret Kozak

8 Prayer Requests & Mass Intentions

Prayer Requests

All men & women in the military
& family members
Ursula Ryan
Mary Richards
Doreen Valente
Kenneth Beattie
Donna Christie
Patrick Beattie
Louise Carlson
Mark Kujawski
Tony Wojcik
Ken Kwiatkowski
Sally Dupack
Mary Grace
Elias Agirokastroitis
Joanne Landry
Karen Holland
Mary Ellen O'Connor
Cameron Kostiz
Tina Denison
David Dehn
Diane Fayle
Caterina Basile
Norman Rosinski
Rebecca Nowakowski
Mary Abraham
The unborn child of Antonio
Walter Gieselmann
Paul Yezback
Sharon Nowakowski
Jordan Baker
Jack Waters
Gary J. Rogers
Aaron Edward Kurmas
Pat Fiorini
Alexander Fabian
Lucas Fabian
William J.H. Smith
Paul Maxwell
Russ LaBruzzy
Mary Pearsall
Mary Ann Ranger
Mike Helms
Ryan Mele
Mary Ziaja
Janet McGarry
Thomas Whitlow
Mary Louise Kaufeld
Therese Tyll
Norine Brum
Patty Miller

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 26 (Intentions are still being prayed for by our priests)

SUNDAY	April 26, 2020	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
10:00 am	✦ Rick Ekleberry	Ekleberry Family
	✦ Mark Wagner	Family
	✦ Couveir Family	Neil & Mary Racette
12:00 pm	✦ Frank Buchanan	Mary Buchanan
	✦ Greg Marchenia	Rosanne Marchenia
	Ursula Ryan	Jody Bennett
5:00 pm	For the People of the Pontiac Area Vicariate	
MONDAY	April 27, 2020	
8:15 am	✦ Anne Whedon	Family
TUESDAY	April 28, 2020	
8:15 am	Caterina Basile	Family
	Ursula Ryan	Family
WEDNESDAY	April 29, 2020	
8:15 am	✦ Marilyn McMillan	Family
	✦ Manny Yasso	Yasso Family
THURSDAY	April 30, 2020	
8:15am	✦ Joan Roslyn Boes	Fr Tom
FRIDAY	May 1, 2020	
8:15 am	✦ Mark Wagner	Family
SATURDAY	May 2, 2020	
5:00 pm	✦ Cecilia H. Trebnik	Family
	✦ Judy Relf	Corteville Family
SUNDAY	May 3, 2020	
8:00 am	✦ Aldo Terenzi	Wife, Tina
10:00 am	✦ John Tyll	Family
	✦ Ben Migan	Family
	✦ Anthony Potestivo	Family
12:00 pm	For the People of St Andrew	
5:00 pm	✦ For All Those Buried at Guardian Angel Cemetery During the Last Month	



Pray for