

Ascension of the Lord May 24, 2020

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

Parish Mission Statement

On the Easter Journey

+In the first reading today from Acts, two men dressed in while ask the disciples, Why are you standing there looking at the sky?

It might be safe to assume that the Apostles were overwhelmed by what they had just heard and seen. In a few short weeks, they had witnessed the torture and death of their beloved friend, who they believed was the promised Messiah. They were trying to comprehend - and believe – that He was no longer dead after seeing Him, touching Him, and eating with Him. And in today's Scripture, He tells them that He will send the Holy Spirit and that they will be his witnesses, not only to the Jews in Jerusalem, but to the ends of the earth. And then, He is lifted up, on a cloud, and disappears from their sight. Standing motionless, staring up at the sky – probably with their mouths gaping – seems understandable!

It is reasonable to think that the Apostles were still reeling from their thoughts and feelings about recent events. Matthew's Gospel confirms this. When they met Jesus in Galilee as He instructed them, they worshipped [him], but they doubted. Yet Jesus has confidence in them.

His response to the doubting Apostles is firm and immediate: All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded. He has total trust in the Father and in his plan for the world. He commends that plan to the Apostles. He entrusts his power to them to be his witnesses to all the world – to go and make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach them all He commanded.

But He doesn't leave them — or us — alone, staring up at the sky to question and doubt whether we can accomplish this great task. He remains with us as we accept and embrace his mission, guiding and empowering us through the Holy Spirit. He remains with us, nourishing us and sustaining us for his mission. He remains with us, teaching and encouraging us in the community He established — his Church, the Body of Christ.

Just as He entrusted the doubting Apostles, He trusts us to believe in Him and his mission — no matter what storms (or pandemic) come our way. Jesus trusts us to believe that He is the way, the truth and the life that leads and guides us until his return. And He trusts us to believe that He is with us — ALWAYS — until the end of time. Let us work to be his witnesses no matter what in our daily lives!

+By now, most are aware of efforts to restart public masses in our churches. BUT PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE MANY ASPECTS THAT HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED FIRST BEFORE THAT CAN HAPPEN. The staff team is busily working on those issues, and



* IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES *

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Weekday

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there will be STRICT guidelines that will need to be followed: things like wearing masks, where you can sit, controlled exiting, rules for receiving communion; limiting the number of people in church (probably not more than 150 or so) and not going back to a full schedule of masses so as to give time for cleaning in-between each mass. Please be patient with us as we fulfill all the requirements that have been placed upon us to make it all a safe experience for people. And remember, those who are weak and elderly, should not attend if you are feeling ill in any manner. We want people to stay healthy! Watch for guidelines that will be issued for our parish. And while we might not be happy with all the directives, PLEASE FOLLOW THEM!

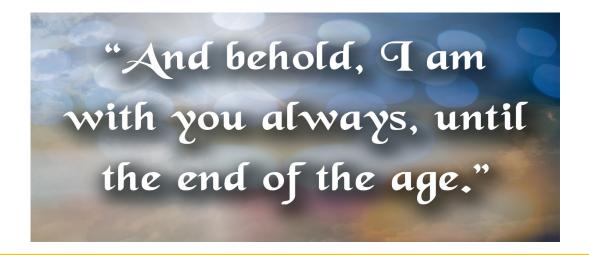
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN WE WILL BE READY TO OFFER PUBLIC MASSES, BUT WITHIN A SHORT TIME FRAME. Details are being worked on daily; by the time you read this article, those times may be set, but I am writing early because of my tests on Tuesday earlier this week. Maybe things will be better set on Tuesday/Wednesday. There won't be mass every day, but a schedule will be published. As I am still not strong enough to do mass in public, we will work somethings out.

+My continued thanks and prayerful gratitude to all your support in this time of my recovery. By the time that you are reading this, I should have gone for my colonoscopy last Tuesday. Hopefully that will help shed some light on the overall health situation for me. I AM NOT CERTAIN WHEN I WILL RETURN TO THE ALTAR; AS THE SAYING GOES, FOR EVERY DAY IN THE HOSPITAL, IT'S A WEEK OF RECOVERY/REHAB TIME. That means there's still some time for me to go before coming back publically.

+Your continued financial support of our parish family is MOST appreciated. As we all struggle financially, we are working our best at the parish to keep an "even keel" as best as possible – and we can only do that with your sacrifices. My prayerful gratitude for your help!

+We continue to pray to our Lord for continued help during this time, and ask Our Lady, Blessed Solanus and St. Andrew for their special aid and protection and guidance. God bless us all! Looking forward to seeing you in church....!

-Msgr. Mike (with thoughts from FAITH Catholic Publishing)



The Ascension of the Lord

The Holy Spirit connects today's Scripture readings. In St. Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist shares when Jesus proclaims to His followers: *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*. What a powerful message from Christ to evangelize. This *Spirit of wisdom and revelation*, stated in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesian community, results in knowledge of the Father and Son. In this true gift of the Holy Spirit, we learn that evangelization is what we do and stewardship is how we do it. With the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we, as faith-filled stewards, have unlimited ways to evangelize — to share our faith with those we meet. Seek out the Alpha and ChristLife programs in your parish to draw closer to Christ.

Reminders as we return to Church

Those 65 and older or with compromised health conditions or caring for the sick in any way are encouraged to remain at home. The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all the faithful through Sunday, September 6, 2020. As an act of justice to the whole community if you are not feeling well, have a fever, cough, etc. STAY HOME.

- Wear a face covering/mask All of the faithful are reminded that those 2 and over MUST have a face covering
 from the time that they leave their vehicle until they return to their vehicle, with the exception of when they
 receive communion.
- 2. **Follow Social distancing** Please make sure that you maintain a six foot distance between yourself and others. Follow the directions of those who are seating you. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
- Distribution of Communion Receiving in the hands is highly recommended. Use of personal hand sanitizer
 before and after communion is also recommended. Those receiving on the tongue will be asked to receive
 last.

I know that many people have missed the opportunity to be together to celebrate the Liturgy and I know that you have missed members of your church family and that there will be the tendency to want to say hello and "catch up" with each other. We are NOT at a point where we are able to do that yet. I know it may seem like we are placing all of these rules on you and you may not agree with them. The steps we are taking are to ensure your health and safety. We are beginning slowly and will adapt our times and procedures as the situation necessitates or allows. Your cooperation in following the procedures will help in maintaining the health and safety of all.



Saint of the Day - May, 29 Pope Saint Paul VI

Born September 26, 1897 in Italy, he was ordained in 1920. During World War II, he worked to find shelter for persecuted Jews and refugees. In 1954 he was appointed Archbishop of Milan and four years later was made a cardinal by Pope Saint John XXIII. He was elected pope on June 21, 1963. Continuing the work of his predecessors, he brought Vatican Council II to its completion and began many initiatives for the church and contemporary world. During his Supreme Magisterium, he favored peace, the progress of peoples, inculturation of the faith, ecumenism, and liturgical reform. He died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978.

The Ascension of Our Lord - Observed on the seventh Sunday of Easter or on the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter

This feast is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the elevation of Jesus into heaven by his own power in the presence of his disciples. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

In March 2000, the Catholic bishops of the Wisconsin province transferred the Feast of the Ascension to the seventh Sunday of Easter, one week before Pentecost Sunday. The Vatican, at the request of the bishops of the United States, granted permission for the date change, giving ecclesiastical provinces in the United States the authority to make the transfer. Observing the Ascension on the seventh Sunday of Easter allows for heightened celebration and an increased opportunity to educate people about the meaning of the feast.



Do you need help?

St. Andrew is here for you! St. Andrew Parishioners who need help getting groceries or prescriptions, are encouraged to call the parish office or visit http://bit.ly/COVID19assistance.

Serve Together

- La Casa Amiga Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is working hard to serve those in need in our community and is in need of in-kind donations for its La Casa Amiga Food Pantry in Pontiac. This program allows low income immigrant families to receive basic food resources during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information, on how to get involved please visit https://ccsem.org/covid-19-outreach-and-resources/ways-to-get-involved/.
- Covid-19 Emergency Fund Our friends over at Neighborhood House, a non-profit which provides food, clothing, and other essential items for our neighbors in need, is in urgent need of donations and food! Please consider donating via our personal St. Andrew Parish Donation Page at https://bit.ly/3fpExfE/ For more information on how to donate items, please visit https://www.ranh.org/ coronavirus-updates. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far!
- Pick up groceries & prescriptions for St. Andrew Parishioners
 ioners 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 bit.ly/COVID19Volunteer.

Take Action

TAKE ACTION: Covid-19 As Catholics, we believe that every life matters. Contact your representatives to make sure that immigrants and refugees have access to the lifesaving treatment and testing regardless of their immigration status. For more information, please visit https://bit.ly/3cMAMzh.

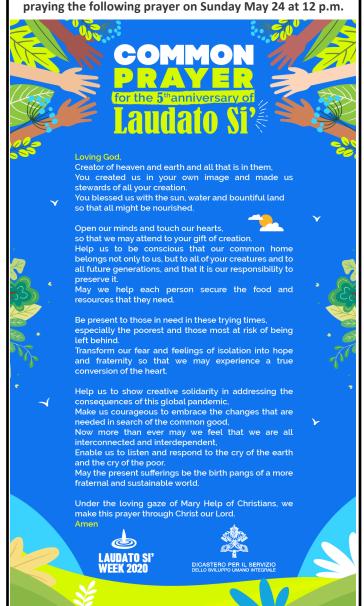
For additional resources on how you and your family can serve, act, learn, and pray during the month of May please visit standrewchurch.org.



WEARING A
FACEMASK
IS AN ACT OF
SOLIDARITY.

Laudato Si' Week Today marks the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical on the environment and climate change.

- Take the St. Francis/Laudato Si' Pledge to care for creation and the poor By taking the pledge, you (re)commit to living out the vision of the encyclical and our Catholic faith through prayer, concrete action, and advocacy. Get started on your journey to care for creation and the poor now! https://bit.ly/2LGJYcz
- Global Day of Prayer May 24 Be part of the highlight for Laudato Si' Week: a Global day of Prayer on May 24 at Noon (wherever you are,) including prayer cards and other resources from the Vatican. For more information or to register please visit https://laudatosiweek.org/prayer/.
 Join Pope Francis and Catholics from all over the world by





ROCKY RAILWAY JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH VBS 2020 AT-HOME VERSION

Add to your fun this summer with VBS-in-a-Box! Use the form below to register. We know that Jesus' Power will pull us through these uncertain times!

Name	Date of Birth	_
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Name	Date of Birth	
(Please list additional names on back.) AGES PK (4		
Parent Name	Phone	
Email		

- ✓ Fee: \$25 per child. Cash or check (made out to St. Andrew VBS) can be dropped off in the Parish Office or mailed to St. Andrew, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester, MI 48307.
 - ✓ Registration form and fee due by June 1. We must receive the fee to process your registration and place our order.
 - ✓ VBS-in-a-Box pick-up will take place the week of June 22 (day and time to be determined) in the St. Andrew parking lot.
 - ✓ All aboard for fun!

Confirmation Preparation

The May Teen Sessions for Confirmation have been postponed and will be rescheduled. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, you can still be thinking about your service experiences. Do you like to sew? Maybe you can make masks to donate. Are there elderly neighbors for whom you could do yard work? Get creative!



Stay safe and healthy. You are all in our prayers.

Blessings, Maureen Schreffler Director of Faith Formation

ANDREW YOUTH



The Great Commission

Before Jesus ascended, he called his disciples together and he told them about their mission—go and make disciples, baptize and teach them to obey.

Jesus had given them a job, to be His witnesses in all the world.

Every follower of Jesus has this as their mission. That means you and me! Sometimes we're afraid to go out because you may think it's the wrong time, you may not be ready, or you may not know what to say. Stop asking God—do you still want me to do this, do you still want me to go.

Don't let fear control you. Remember that Jesus Sent us a helper—the Holy Spirit. He is always with us as we go out and do our mission. So, tell your friends about Jesus! As you spread the news to your friends and they pass it on to their friends, our Kingdom will grow.

We have a lot to do... better get busy! Go out and make disciples. Tell your witness story.

ZOOM NIGHTS

Bibleproject.com ~ How to read the Bible

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



PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH

In case your family missed last Sunday nights Season Finale of Projectym, 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

"YOUTH NIGHT"



MARGARETK@STANDREWCHURCH.ORG

OR

TEXT THIS MESSAGE @STAY2020 TO NUMBER 81010

MAY & JUNE

24th ~ Virtual "Youth Night"

26th ~ Zoom Night

28st ~ Zoom Night

31st ~ Virtual "Youth Night"

2nd ~ Zoom Night

4th ~ Zoom Night



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

Don't forget to check out the website standrewchurch.org/faith-formation/stayg/ for activities to do with your family.

Take photos while doing the activities and send them in to margaretk@standrewchurch.org

Please know that 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



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

St. Andrew Graduation Recognition Photos

While Covid-19 has certainly changed how those graduating are recognized this year, St. Andrew Parish is proud to recognize those members of our parish community who are graduating from high school, college or other professional programs. This year, graduates are invited to submit a wallet size photo for a special page in the June 7, 2020 bulletin. Photos can be submitted electronically to

chrisk@standrewchurch.org

Please include the graduate's name and school.

To ensure having photos in the parish bulletin, please submit your photos as soon as possible, but no later than May 29.





Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen —from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

protect.aod.org

The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing.

To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable and we are sorry.

In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org. This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information - already available on aod.org - more visible, transparent and clear.





Holy Family Regional School



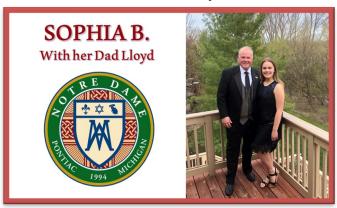
JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

ACCREDITED BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS www.holyfam.org

VIRTUAL FASHION SHOW

We presented our first ever Virtual Fashion Show in lieu of our traditional way of doing things. We normally honor eighth grade students at our Annual Mothers' Dinner ,but this year the Class of 2020 has lead the way for change. We were privileged to share the Eighth Grade student's favorite memories and plans for the future through an online format that highlighted each student who chose to participate. It was an exciting event for all and we wanted to share a few of the presentation slides.















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What is Memorial Day?

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have lost their lives in our nation's service. Though some form of Memorial Day has been celebrated in various areas of the country beforehand, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed by General John Logan on May 5, 1868 and was observed later that month on May 30 when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried at Arlington Cemetery.



Readings for the Week of May 25

May 25

St Bede the Venerable St Gregory VII St Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33

May 26

St Philip Neri Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11a

May 27

St Augustine of Canterbury Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11b-19

May 28

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 John 17:20-26

May 29

St Paul VI Acts 25:13b-21 John 21:15-19

May 30

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

May 31

Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS MAY 24 - MAY 28* CLOSED

Emails and voicemails will be monitored

WATCH FOR EMAIL AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR POSSIBLE HOURS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING REGULAR HOURS

* as of May 13



Prayer Requests & Mass Intentions

Prayer Requests

All men & women in the military

& family members

Debra Aouate

Laurie Hasselwander

Tarik Dinha, Sr

Mary Richards

Msgr. Mike

Doreen Valente

Kenneth Beattie

Donna Christie

Patrick Beattie

Louise Carlson

Mark Kuiawski

Ken Kwiatkowski

Sally Dupack

Mary Grace

Elias Agirokastritis

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 Gieselman

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 24

(Intentions are still being prayed for by our priests)

SUNDAY May 24, 2020

8:00 am For the People of St Andrew

10:00 am Anthony Ferrara Family

♦ Rick Ekleberry Nowinski Family

♦ Al Koluch Kathy

12:00 pm For the People of St Andrew

5:00 pm For the People of the Pontiac Area Vicariate

MONDAY May 25, 2020

9:00 am For the People Of St Andrew

TUESDAY May 26, 2020

8:15 am ♦ Kenneth Stack Family

WEDNESDAY May 27, 2020

8:15 am ♦ Vicenta Merelos Thet Family

THURSDAY May 28, 2020

FRIDAY May 29, 2020

8:15 am ♦ Gerald & Irene Speck Ken Speck & Krista Skalski

SATURDAY May 30, 2020

5:00 pm For the People of St Andrew

SUNDAY May 31, 2020

8:00 am For the People of St Andrew

10:00 am

James Kaufeld Wife, Louise

Mark Wagner Family
Mary L. Jennings Paurazas Family

12:00 pm For the People of St Andrew

5:00 pm For the People of the Pontiac Area Vicariate

PANDEMIC PRAYER

(from catholiccompany.com)

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet.
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.