

Saint Andrew Parish

a vibrant and caring Catholic community

*Christmas Day
December 25 2011*



A Christmas Time Welcome!

Welcome to our parish and the celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. If you are a visitor or do not regularly attend Mass, you will notice some changes since the last time you were here. That is because we are now using a revised English translation of the Mass, as are all Roman Catholic churches in the United States. You will find the revised words in the tan and red pew cards in each pew. This revision of the words we pray and sing is an opportunity for all of us to join in this renewal by attending Mass each week here at our parish. For additional information, please visit www.RevisedRomanMissal.org.

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Parish Staff:

Pastor: Reverend Sergio Romo
Associate Pastor: Reverend S. Arokiadoss
Pastor Emeritus: Reverend John Farry
Pastoral Associate: Rachel Caron
Coordinator of Ministries: Nathaniel Stubblefield
Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Vincent Lacey
Accountant: Lynda Combes
Events/Drews Dollars: Julie Richards

Parish Receptionists: Ali Donnelly, Joanne Signa,
Danielle Scardina

School Administration:

Principal: Allen Ackermann
Assistant Principal: Sarah Casavechia
Director of Curriculum: Maribeth Lynch
Administrative Assistants: Anne Japsen & Trini Mahadeo
Athletic Director: Matthew Pope

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Liturgical Ministries for Dec. 31-January 1, 2012

Mass	Sat. 4:00 PM	Sun. 8:00 AM	Sun. 10:00 AM	Sun.11:30 AM	No 5:30
Altar Servvvers	Maya Clary Kathryn House Luke House	Raisa Javan Vincent Costello Faith Costello	Julia Frank Claire Voss Lauren Voss	Isabelle Spingola Ava Lugo Ani Lugo	
Lectors	John Alessi Marcelline Blake	Cheryl Mondì Kathy Sellman	Tim Duet Cathy Keller	Colleen McFarland Rosann Parra	
EMs	Presider-H1 Teresa Andrade-C1 Molly House-H2 Marty McDermott-C2	Presider-H2 Johanna Andrade-C2 Jim Howe-H1 Rainer Woosmann-C1	Presider-H1 Kim Penich-H1a Pam Scardina-C1 Vida Vinzons-H2 Emily Zender-H2a Kelly Johnson-C2	Presider-H1 John Staller-C1 Katie Hushek-H2 Renee Lugo-C2	
Sacristan	Jennifer Smith	Jim Howe	Kathy Minneci	David Saunders	
Greeters	David and Joan Carrigan	Phil and Mary Jo Costello	Lourdes Serranilla Phyllis Wright	Dan and Kristina Stafford	

Mass Times

Daily Mass in the Chapel (Addison/Hermitage)

Monday - Friday **9:00 am**

Saturday **8:00 am**

Vigil Mass Saturday **4:00 pm**

Sunday Mass **8:00 am**

10:00 am

11:30 am

5:30 pm

Sacramental Schedules

Confessions Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm or by appointment

Baptism 1st and 3rd Sunday at after the 11:30am Mass in Church
Preparation Classes last Sunday of the month at 11:15am in Chapel

Marriages By appointment with Pastor six to nine months in advance

Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges 2011

Pledge envelopes returned	339
Current total pledged	\$82,251.50
Total received	\$73,266.50
Total balance due	\$ 8,985.00

Financials for December 11, 2011

Envelope, Check, EFT Count: 225	\$9,932.00
Loose	\$1,525.37
Actual	\$11,457.37
Year-to-Date 07-01-11 to 06-30-12	\$163,081.93
Fr. Matthias Ministeries	\$7,204.41
Christmas	\$1,990.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 564.00
Religious Retirement	\$2,282.74
Campaign for Human Development	\$2,737.17
World Missions	\$1,846.69

New Totals will be added January 1, 2012

Please pray for World Peace

Our Men and Women in Military Service
and their families:

Joey Brown	Tim Brown
Michael Rosales	Tim Chambers
Chad Kozar	Casey McDonald
Jerome Zwick	Eric Herrera
Alex Wilscke	Louis Martinez
Charles Wilson	Victor Torres
Jon Miller	Joshua Cordoba

To add a name to the list of those serving, please call the parish office at 773-525-3016

Events This Week

Date	Location	Time	Activity
Monday 12/26	Rectory	All Day	Closed
Thursday 12/29	Downtown	4-7pm	Ice Skating at Millenium Park
Thursday 12/19	Social Hall	5-8pm	Hot Chocolate & Cookies
Friday 12/23	Church	7pm	Decorating
Monday 12/26	Rectory	All Day	Rectory Closed

Dec 26-Jan 1	Time	Mass Intention	Readings
Monday	9:00	Mary Jane Scott	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	9:00	Cecilia Vinzons	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	9:00	John Murphy	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	9:00	Edward Knuth	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday	9:00	Ginny & Alan Roberts	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 2:22-40
Saturday	8:00	Ann & Bjorn Fure	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18
Saturday	4:00	Feast of Mary,	Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday	8:00	Mother of God	
Sunday	10:00	World Day of Prayer	
Sunday	11:30	for Peace	
Sunday	5:30		



Birthday Celebrations

Agnes Marcum
 Alex Gonzalez
 Bernadette Sippel
 Cheryl Shuttleworth
 Christopher Jansen
 Dennis McHugh
 Dona Filippelli
 Eric Fisher
 Eufrosina Serranilla
 Evelyn Auro
 Frederick Lorence
 Hailey Huser
 Haley Schaefer
 Hans Flynn
 Henry J Lewis
 Henry Paxson

Jack W Lewis
 James F. Haderlein
 John Fitzgerald
 Joseph A. Tuccini
 Josephine Connolly
 Kaitlin Totaro
 Karen Davern
 Kathryn Broderick
 Lena Hellmann
 Lucy Flynn
 Madalyn McCarthy
 Madison Korosec
 Margaret Murphy
 Margarita Marino
 Marianne Philbin
 Marilyn Simpson

Michael Campione
 Molly Flynn
 Nancy Kelly
 Nicole Arrigoni
 Patrick O'Malley
 Paula Milhizer
 Raymond Corral
 Rebecca Markovich
 Richard Wrzesinski
 Ronan King
 Sandra Gonzalez
 Suzanne Voss
 Taylor Korosec
 Vida Vinzons
 Yamari Gonzalez
 Yvette Gonzalez

Parish News & Activities

Introducing a Parish Prayer Line

We are starting a new ministry in the Parish, a prayer line. The concept is simple: Parishioners can volunteer to be 'Pray-ers' i.e. anyone who wishes to, can join the prayer line as someone who prays for the intentions of the Parish. Once a week we will email you or call with a list of prayer intentions that Parishioners have requested. If you would like to volunteer as a 'Pray-er' please email prayerline@saintandrewchicago.com or call 872 588 1016 (a local call) with your name and phone number and preferred contact method, i.e. phone or email.

To request prayers or submit an intention, anyone in the Parish can contact the prayer line at the previous email address or phone number. When you call/email the choice is yours as to how much detail you provide. Example prayer requests are:

Prayers for a successful surgery.
That John Doe gets a job.
Thank you for prayers answered.
For the repose of the soul of Jane Doe.
Thank you from the Doe family for x, y or z.
Anonymous intention.**

**If may wish to remain anonymous or have your intention remain anonymous, simply state when you call/email that you have an anonymous intention for us to pray for. We'll do that and let God sort out the details.

If you have any questions please use the contact info above. Thanks for your help and support in launching this new ministry opportunity in the Parish.

TEEN CLUB

ATTENTION ALL TEENS!

Saint Andrew Parish is getting ready to re-start our Teen Club in January 2012! We'll begin the year with a kick-off event on January 15th, and participate in many cool activities around the Archdiocese, including an overnight ski-trip on February 3rd -4th!

Interested in getting involved? Please contact Rachel Caron or Nikki Loomos for more information!

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

Want your teen to be involved in the Parish Teen Club? Contact Rachel Caron or Nikki Loomos to get on our email list to stay up to date with what's going on with Teen Club! Please note that all teens must have a permission slip signed by their parents to participate in Teen Club events!

Rachel Caron – rachelcaron@saintandrewchicago.com

Nikki Loomos – nikkiloomos@saintandrewchicago.com



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RCIA

As we celebrate Christmas, we hold in prayer all the Inquirers in the RCIA Process who through their prayer and study are preparing for Christ to be born in their hearts through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation this coming Easter. May the Christ Child, born in Bethlehem, be borne in all of us anew this Christmas!

If you are interested in learning more about RCIA, please contact Rachel Caron at rachelcaron@saintandrewchicago.com or (773) 525 – 3016.



UCAN CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the UCAN Christmas Wishlist program. Your generosity is truly appreciated.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Very Merry Christmas to our CCD Students & Families!

There is no CCD on Christmas Day (Dec. 25th), January 1st, or January 8th. We will kick off the New Year with our Opening of the New Year Party on January 15th. Please read the CCD Parent Newsletter (email) or contact Rachel Caron at rachelcaron@saintandrewchicago.com for more information!

FEED THE HUNGRY

Saint Andrew volunteers are needed Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to help with sorting and repackaging food. The Chicago Food Depository gathers and distributes this food to those in need throughout Cook County. The work is not difficult, requiring only some light lifting and bending at most, and the process is interesting, and even fun.

If you can help, please contact Kathy Sellman at (773) 929-2333 or kmsellman@yahoo.com.



Options available online at www.saintandrewchicago.com for online/electronic giving. Questions? Contact the Parish Office!

One of the great things about the Christmas season is the multitude of ways that families and individuals choose to celebrate. There are office parties, family celebrations, cultural traditions, special meals, and countless other activities that we partake in at this time of year. With all the choices available, we are delighted that you have chosen to include our parish's liturgical celebration of Christ's birth as part of your own celebration.

Perhaps you are a long time parishioner, or you're new to the neighborhood. Perhaps you are a former parishioner who decided to come home to Saint Andrew this year. Perhaps you have been away from the church for a while, but felt compelled to come to church this year. Wherever you may find yourself, WELCOME! May you find in today's most Holy Eucharistic celebration the true and eternal Prince of Peace, inviting you to ponder the awesome mystery of the Son of God becoming human.

On this day, the Eternal Word became flesh and was born into a human family, not unlike our own families. As a member of the Holy Family, Jesus would have had his own family celebrations, cultural traditions and even special meals. By Christ's partaking in these activities, he has forever blessed families and all the family traditions and celebrations that go with them.

In that spirit then, the members of the Pastoral Staff of Saint Andrew Parish wish to share with you the various traditions from our own families that make this time of year so special to us. We share these reflections with you with two goals in mind. It is our hope that you may find the God incarnate in your own family celebrations, just as much as we do in ours. And, we hope that you will find in us, Saint Andrew Parish, a new family to call your own, with which to build new traditions and celebrations.

May God Bless You!

Fr. Sergio Romo

Pastor

NAME: Fr Sergio Romo

POSITION: Pastor

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS FOOD: Mom's homemade tamales



THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS DRINK: Grandma's homemade fruit punch

FAVORITE FAMILY CHRISTMAS TRADITION: Doing the Posadas (reenactment of Mary and Joseph looking for lodging for Christ's birth) and singing to and rocking the baby Jesus crèche figure to sleep before laying him in the manger.

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY: One Christmas Eve my grandparents had us kids convinced they had heard Santa rumbling outside our house. They helped us look out the window, all the while, keeping us between the closed heavy drapes and the window. We looked and looked but saw nothing. When we came out from behind the drapes we were stunned to find our Christmas gifts had magically appeared under the tree!

WHAT I ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

I enjoy spending time with family and friends by sharing in cherished family traditions and exchanging gifts.

Name: Allen Ackermann
Staff Position: School Principal
Favorite Christmas Song: All I Want for Christmas (Mariah Carey)
Favorite Christmas Food: Kathy Ackermann's Spinach Balls
Favorite Christmas Drink: Bailey's Irish Cream with coffee
Favorite Christmas Tradition: Ice Skating
Favorite Christmas Memory: Christmas morning-watching my kids open gifts
What I enjoy most about the Christmas Season: Seeing excitement and anticipation in the eyes of children

Name: Father Jack Farry
Staff Position: Pastor Emeritus
Favorite Christmas Song: "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
Favorite Christmas Food: Rutebaga: A tradition...
Favorite Christmas Drink: Egg Nog or Irish Creme
Favorite Christmas Tradition: Midnight Mass (Snow helps!)
Favorite Christmas Memory: Finding a "missing " gift under the couch two days after Christmas.
What I enjoy most about the Christmas Season: People calling, visiting, remembering. The days after Christmas are quiet times.

Name: Nathaniel Stubblefield
Staff Position: Coord. of Ministries, Dir. of Technology
Favorite Christmas Song: Oh Holy Night
Favorite Christmas Food: Kielbasa
Favorite Christmas Drink: Earl Grey Tea on Christmas Morning
Favorite Christmas Tradition: Christmas Eve Dinner
Favorite Christmas Memory: They have all been great!
What I enjoy most about the Christmas Season: The quiet.

Alvina (Ali) Donnelly, Parish Receptionist, would like to share some of her favorite things with fellow parishioners. My most favorite memory was when I was 5 years old in Feilnbach, Germany. Coming back from Midnight Mass (Church-Sacred Heart was 2 miles walking distance in the snow from my grandparents home) I was given the honor to light the first candle on the Christmas tree. 3 inch candles were clamped to the branches. My aunts and uncles were musical and we all sang Silent Night in German (favorite). While we were at Mass, Chris Kindle came and left presents under the tree. Tangerines were the best present. When coming to America, I brought traditional memories from my grandparents and incorporated them to my family to date. Around the dining room table, we would all say thank you to God. Food-sauerbraten with potato dumplings or pork roast with sauerkraut with a Weiss beer. Before exchanging presents, we all would sing-Silent Night in English. Christmas season is a time when we reflect on families near and far. My only wish is that we would reflect more often and not just at a certain time of the year. If you know me, my problem is that I like too many food and refreshments. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ali

Name: Vincent Lacey
Staff Position: Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry
Favorite Christmas Song: Wonderful Christmastime (that Paul McCartney song that no one likes--so much synthesizer!)
Favorite Christmas Food: The roast beast
Favorite Christmas Drink: Whiskey in my eggnog?
Favorite Christmas Tradition: Decorating the tree and setting up the Nativity scene with my family.
Favorite Christmas Memory: There is a picture of my little sister opening a gift with my mother in the foreground and they have the same excited expression. It captures the joy of Santa Claus perfectly.

What I enjoy most about the Christmas Season: Getting to be with my family and friends in a place warmer than Chicago

Name: Lynda Combes
Staff Position: Accountant
Favorite Christmas Song: O Holy Night (sung by choir) & This Christmas
Favorite Christmas Food: "Polk A Dot Cake" (Sandwich loaf made once a year for Christmas, which highlights the Christmas celebration from other family gatherings.)
Favorite Christmas Drink: Diet Coke
Favorite Christmas Tradition: Family and close family friends going to midnight Mass and then everyone having the "Polk A Dot Cake" afterwards.
Favorite Christmas Memory: When I was younger, my dad would drive the whole family around the suburbs to look at the Christmas decorated houses. I remember one specific family that had a 2-story house and they always made it look like their Christmas tree was so tall, that it came out of the roof.
What I enjoy most about the Christmas Season: Secretly shopping for my daughters and niece.

According to the 2001 census Hinduism accounted for 80.5% of the population of India. Islam (13.4%), Christianity (2.3%) and Sikhism (1.9%) are the other major religions followed by the people of India. This diversity of religious belief systems existing in India today is a result of, besides existence and birth of native religions, assimilation and social integration of religions brought to the region by traders, travelers, immigrants, and even invaders and conquerors. Christianity was introduced in India in 1st Century by St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. Christianity is the first foreign religion in India which was introduced to natives after being initially introduced to the Jewish Diaspora in Kerala. Christianity in India has different denominations, like Roman Catholicism, oriental Orthodox Christianity and Protestantism.

Roman Catholic is a denomination practiced by over 17.3 million people in India which represents less than 2% of the total population. Most Catholics reside in South India. Goa is home to Roman Catholics. The state known for its Christian population. Christianity was introduced to Indians twice. Possibly in the 1st century by St. Thomas, and by Europeans. Europeans brought Catholicism in the 13. Century (Portuguese) and Protestantism in the 18. Century (British and American missionaries). It became popular following European colonisation and Protestant missionary efforts.



Christian community in India celebrate Christmas with pomp, gaiety and devotion. Celebrations of Christmas festival begin on the eve of Christmas on 24th of December and continue till New Year's Day. Christians across the country mark the birth of Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day by participating in special masses organized in churches. Celebrations of Christmas are marked by carols, cakes, candles and decoration of Christmas Tree. In several parts of India, especially in metropolitan cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai, Christmas Festival has assumed secular overtones and is joyfully celebrated by people of all religions and communities. Christmas Day called 'Bada Din' (Big Day) in Hindi is a national holiday in India and people from all religions join their Christian friends to make the most of the joyous celebrations.

Preparations for Christmas. As a priest wherever I worked as a pastor with the help of parish youth our preparation is to make sure that the poor children should get the new Clothes and the widows get the new saris and food for the whole village people. In Christian households, preparations for Christmas begin at least a month in advance. People get their homes whitewashed and indulge in spring cleaning of the house to give it a fresh new look. Ladies start preparations for the traditional Christmas cake which is anxiously awaited not just by the entire family but also by the neighbors!! Hectic shopping activity takes place as everyone buys new clothes for the festival. Christmas Gifts are also bought for friends, relatives and kids in the family. Biggest festival for Christians - Christmas is also the time for family reunions. People staying in different cities for job or higher studies rush back to their homes to celebrate Christmas with their near and dear ones.

Christmas Celebrations I belong to the Religious order known as the Holy Spirit Fathers. We mostly work in the rural villages where the parishes will have more than 10 substations. The Parish priest (Pastor) has to celebrate more than ten masses starting 24th afternoon till next day afternoon. Christians light clay lamps on the rooftops and walls of their houses, the same way as Hindus decorate their homes during the Diwali Festival. Besides, in several states of India a popular custom is to decorate banana or mango tree instead of traditional pine tree. Since it is the Public holiday the people make use of the day to cook delicious meals like Chicken brainy and mutton brainy. On 25th afternoon the small children in the village go door to door to perform dances and to sing Christmas songs. They will be given food and sweets. This Christmas what is miss is the dancing, singing and the expression of joy during the liturgy, and the different village people and children. Fr. Doss

Name: Julie Richards

Staff Position: Events coordinator

Favorite Christmas Song: O Holy Night

Favorite Christmas Food: My Grandma Panucci's ravioli

Favorite Christmas Drink: Hot cider

Favorite Christmas Tradition: 12 Days of Christmas as Del Rio restaurant with friends

Favorite Christmas Memory: Waiting in my brothers room as kids anticipating what Santa brought. The rule was we couldn't go downstairs before 7am on Christmas morning!

What I enjoy most about the Christmas Season: Watching my kids open presents

Name: Rachel Caron

Staff Position: Patoral Associate

Favorite Christmas Song: *Gesù Bambino (When Blossoms Flowered 'mid the Snows, # 486)*

I first heard of this song when my externally patient but probably internally very exasperated piano teacher tried one last time to find a piece of music that I would *actually* learn and practice. Sometime in early September, she pulled a simple arrangement of this piece from her music bag and suggested that I work on it so that I'd be able to play it in time for the holidays. I had never heard the song before, but after hearing her play it once through, I instantly fell in love with the melody.

Favorite Christmas Food: Aunt Claire's Peanut Butter Fudge

Up until the year she died, my maternal grandmother's sister, Claire, used to cook up batch after batch of decadent Peanut Butter Fudge for all her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces & grandnephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. She would stuff tin after decorative tin with this amazing goodness cut into perfect square inch cubes, and lovingly label every tin, one for each family. To this day, I am not sure how she managed it! All I can say is, she must have made an astronomical amount of fudge!

Favorite Christmas Drink: Mulled (Spiced) Wine

While working in Campus Ministry at a large Midwestern state school in Ohio, a group of students from the University Parish at which I worked knocked on my door late one cold, snowy night and said, "Hey, we're going to go Christmas caroling at a bunch of nursing homes. Want to come?" I didn't have much planned for the evening, and so I went along. We visited pretty much *every* nursing home in the city- going from one to the next, bringing cheer to all the residents. The joy of the students – despite the heightened levels of stress which I know they must have been under given that it was final exams week – caught me off guard. Afterward we gathered back at the Parish

Kitchen to enjoy some mulled wine and chocolate chip cookies.

Favorite Christmas Tradition: Midnight Mass

I think it started when I was 12. Since as long as I can remember, we had always been regular 8am Mass goers. Every Sunday, my poor parents had to nearly drag me out of bed to get to Church on time. Christmas was no different. But that particular Christmas, I begged, and begged, and begged to go to the Midnight Mass. I had heard how beautiful it was, and also, had thought about the added double-bonus of getting to stay up long past my bedtime and not have to get up early the next morning! What started as an adolescent plot to avoid getting up early has become for me one of the most beautiful traditions and most contemplative moments in the year for myself and my family.

Favorite Christmas Memory: Christmas at my Grandmother's

I grew up in a small town in southeastern Connecticut, where four of my mother's ten siblings also live, with most of the others only a few miles away. Every Christmas up until the year my grandmother passed away, we would gather at her house for Christmas lunch and presents, and, if it was a white Christmas, sledding! My many cousins and I would quickly eat our lunch, and then begin the process of distributing gifts to everyone in the family. The gifts were always piled into a mountain around the tree, filling almost an entire room.

What I enjoy most about the Holidays: Being Home with Family

Being home with my family! Although I've been in the Midwest now for almost ten years (first Ohio, then Indiana, & now Illinois), I always look forward to traveling back to Connecticut on the holidays to visit with my family- parents, sister & brother-in-law, aunts, great-aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmother, and friends.

SAINT ANDREW PARISH CAPITAL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Friends,

Last week at all the Masses, I announced our upcoming capital project – the long awaited culmination of years of planning, research, assessment and prayer. Thank you for your patience while these efforts took shape. I am confident that this will be a blessed experience that enables us to grow as a people of faith. Thank you to the many parishioners who have worked to advance this project. You have prepared the way for us and our entire faith community will benefit from your dedication. The capital projects include...

Life Safety and Accessibility	Early Childhood Education	Worship/Spiritual Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Roof • Gym Handrail • Convent Walls/Roof • Hermitage Elevator • Parking Lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermitage Renovation for PreK, JK, Transitions • Annex Demolition • Green Space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel/Gathering Space • Baptismal Font • Altar • Social Hall

Most of these funding priorities are born not of ambition, but of necessity. You all know what happens if your house’s roof needs repair and it is ignored. It never gets better. And St. Andrew has a really big roof. The longer we wait, the more it costs. This is true for many of these items; they are quite fundamental in nature and it is our responsibility to care for the parish campus that was entrusted to us by earlier generations. Facility repair, renovation, upgrading may not be inherently exciting, but these spaces and places allow for our vibrant faith life and community spirit to flourish. There is not a single member of our community who will not benefit from this effort. And THAT is exciting.

The projected cost is \$4 million, although we expect some value engineering will help lower that amount. Sketches of the proposed concepts are on display in the narthex/vestibule for your review. Of course, we will have to conduct a campaign to raise these funds and we intend to start that process this spring, after the Wearin’ of the Green. Before that, of course, we’ll need to recruit lots of volunteers, develop materials, finalize costs, and of course, pray.

Can we do it? We most assuredly can IF we are all willing to prayerfully consider this undertaking, as well as the many blessings in our lives, and make a thoughtful and proportionate pledge as a measure of gratitude for all that we’ve received.

Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come and please keep this endeavor in your prayers.

With gratitude,
Fr. Sergio Romo, Pastor



"Pathway to Light" Series: Spiritual Practices for Contemporary Men

This yearlong series of five 90 minute sessions on Sunday nights includes discussion and ritual. Join us as we explore everyday spiritual practices and habits that lead to meaning and purpose. We'll use models from James Fowler, Teresa of Avila, Ken Wilber, and others. This five part spiritual series will not only inspire but challenge men to open their minds and hearts to the call of the Spirit, with the hope and promise of walking the Pathway to Light each and every day.

Pathway to Light Sunday Night Series

Spiritual Practices
for Contemporary Men

Sunday Nights (Various dates listed below)

TIME: 6pm - 7:30pm

LOCATION: Mayslake Ministries

COST: \$15 each or \$60 for all 5 sessions

*** You may attend any or all of the sessions.**

Topics Include:

10/9/2011 - Where are you Going?

Exploring Stages of Growth for deeper happiness.

11/13/2011 - Images of God and Creation.

Your view of God affects you and all around you.

12/4/2011 - Where have you been?

Mapping out your Faith History.

1/15/2012 - Jack be Nimble.

Our Propensity for Happiness and the Spirituality of John the Baptist.

3/4/2012 - Guidelines for Discernment.

Our gifts and how to use them.

About our facilitator



Phil Jackson is the Director of the Institute of Spiritual Companionship and Coordinator of Contemplative Outreach of Chicago, the organization for promotion of Centering Prayer. He attended Catholic Theological Union and the Institute of Spiritual Companionship, and currently serves in Adult Faith Formation at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish. Phil is a Teaching Elder and Mentor in Fr. Richard Rohr's, "Men as Learners and Elders," program. Married and the father of four young adults, Phil is the facilitator of Mayslake Ministries' men's program, "Pathway to Light."

Three Easy Ways to Register:

- Online: www.mayslakeministries.org - Paypal
- Phone: 630-268-9000 - Master Card/Visa
- Mail: Send your full name, complete mailing address, phone number and email address along with the date and name of the program you wish to attend with your check payable to:
Mayslake Ministries
450 East 22nd Street, Suite 170
Lombard, IL 60148

DREW'S DOLLARS

NOW INCLUDING WHOLE FOODS!!

Fundraising while you shop!

Thank you for your participation in the Drew's Dollars gift card program! Orders are once again due on Monday mornings. You can drop them off at the RECTORY or SCHOOL offices. You can pick up your orders on Thursday mornings at the RECTORY or SCHOOL office. We will continue to have the usual Jewel, Target, Dominick's, Starbucks, Walgreens, CVS and Dunkin Donuts on hand at the rectory for purchase. Please email Julie Richards at julierichards@saintandrewchicago.com if you have any questions. Thanks for making this program so successful!

A complete packet of information is available about **DREW'S DOLLARS** as you enter the Church. Also, please see the Saint Andrew website for additional information or call Julie Richards at 773-525-3016 at the Parish house.



Looking for something to do with the family over Christmas Break?



SAINT ANDREW PARISH ICE SKATING OUTING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th

Meet at 4:00pm in the Social Hall
to take the "L" Downtown to
Millennium Park's Ice Skating Rink

Return to Saint Andrew Parish anytime from
5:00pm -8:00pm

For free Hot Chocolate & Cookies in the Social Hall!