



St. Andrew's news for May 15 2020

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St. Andrew's Vision Statement

**We are a Christ-centered community,
joyfully making a difference by....**

Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting

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Have something you want in this electronic newsletter? [E-mail](#)

[Father John](#)

[Daily meditation: Forward Day by Day](#)

[Read through the bible, click here for a daily resource.](#)

Please send prayer requests to [Fr. John](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here, starting next week.

Follow St. Andrew's on social media! It's also where you will find all our recorded Sunday services. A quick note: It is unlikely that public worship services will occur anytime in the near future even if other businesses or churches are opening up.

[Facebook](#)

Omaha Gives is May 20 this coming Wednesday. If you can give an extra donation in addition to what you normally give, this is a great way to do it. We have the chance of receiving matching funds through this charitable day. [Click her for our page here to schedule your donation](#)

**Please Join the Family of St. Andrew's
In Omaha, Nebraska
For 1 minute of Prayer from Anywhere
Every Monday at 12:00
A simple, sincere, short specific prayer**

**Gracious God, guide our scientists to develop a vaccine for
Covid- 19 Amen.**

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!!

This Sunday is the sixth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday's complete service [can be found here.](#)

To view our service online [go to this link](#) and look for the word video on the left hand side. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Also, the service is recorded, as are all of our services, and can be viewed at any time. We do hope you will join us for the live service that starts every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Please remember that the church's expenses continue even when we can't meet together. You may mail in a check, set up bill pay with your bank, call the office and have your donation taken out automatically each month and/or donate through [PayPal](#)

Did you know? Parishioners are willing to help with basic tasks like grocery

shopping, etc, for those who might need the help. There are also financial resources available to those in the parish who may need extra assistance during this time. Please contact [Fr. John](#) if you require assistance.

Looking for spiritual nourishment during the week? A variety of online services are offered by various Episcopal churches around the diocese from Morning Prayer to Compline. Enrich your soul! [Click here for a complete list](#)

Sunday School for Children begins at 11:30 am for children 6-9 years old We will use the same link as for the Virtual Coffee Hour. See immediately below for the link. **This will be the last Sunday for Sunday School for the summer.**

Each Sunday from 9 AM to 10AM we host a virtual coffee hour. This is a chance to reconnect with people at St. Andrew's. There is no particular agenda, other than to reconnect and see one another. Here is the information you need:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/496764969>

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

You do not need these numbers below unless you intend to use a telephone.

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aOLtwdKqT>

A reminder!, Of course, you don't need to use videoconferencing to stay connected. We strongly encourage you to call, text, e-mail, and send notes to the people to whom you are connected at St. Andrew's and we encourage you to do so! We're in this together, and for the long haul.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

May 17

“I didn't think that I'd give up this much during Lent!”

I saw the photo of a church message board as I scrolled through social media last month. It made me chuckle, then reflect. Lent, with the loss of the “alleluias” in church services, as well as the tradition of giving up chocolate or ice cream or beer, has always ended for me with a burst of joy. But as the physical distancing continued, the Easter season extended doubt and confusion about the future. I think that I better understand the hesitations and uncertainty experienced by the disciples after Jesus' resurrection.

In this Sunday's Gospel from John, we hear Jesus reassure the disciples that even if the world cannot see him, they will. I wonder what they thought, as they were still understanding the resurrection of Jesus, to hear Jesus imply that he was going away.

To think that 6 weeks ago, when I saw a few people wearing face masks in the grocery store, I felt startled. Wearing a face mask in public was for odd people like Michael Jackson. But now, I have several face masks to choose from as I gather my wallet, car keys, hand sanitizer, coupons and shopping list to head to get groceries. But there are still challenges all around us. In a city where people who a few weeks ago were donating to the Food Bank are now obtaining food from there, when we hear of churches re-opening but know that now is not the time for St. Andrew's, when we want to do many things that are no safer now than two months ago, many of us seek reassurance about the future.

In the Epistle from First Peter this Sunday, we hear from an apostle who once was uncertain, but now speaks with confidence as he encourages those suffering religious persecution : do not fear, do not be intimidated; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

As the pandemic continues, we may have given up and continue to give up more than we thought we would, but we can continue to grow in our love of God and for others.

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