



St. Andrew's news for May 29 2020

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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! Posted every day is a reflection from Forward Day by Day. Please check in and comment!

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The bishop has released his guidelines for the reopening of churches in

Concerning the Odds and Ends Sale: It is with regret that the vestry has determined that it is not in the best interest of the parish to hold the Odds and Ends sale this summer due to the danger of spreading the coronavirus amongst the public and the inability to disinfect items for sale, not being able to appropriately social distance, and the vulnerabilities of the volunteers to become infected by the general public by asymmetric persons.

Arts and Crafts Faire---We have not officially resumed our Thursday Morning workshops and there has been a suggestion that we have an evening workshop when we resume activities from time to time for those who are unable to come during the day. Any interest in that possibility? We are always looking for new ideas for projects especially ones that can be worked on at home during this pandemic. We are always open to suggestions. Maybe It's something you have purchased or seen and think would be a good addition to our Faire. If you have creative abilities and can do something while staying safe, please let us know. We hope to have the Faire this fall and will need items to sell. If you don't feel creative, donations to the Faire are always welcome. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Noreen Witty. (Fr. John's note - it has not yet been determined if the sale will be held. It depends on the status of our situation as regards Covid-19 in September/October)

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday! it's the end of our Easter season 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.

A FUN activity for all! Thanks to Loree MacNeill for putting this together!
[Click here for a fun SPARK activity!](#)

Your continued support of St. Andrew's is appreciated! Please continue to 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](#)

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:

Consider joining even if you never have before. It's a good way to connect with our church members for an informal conversation.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/496764969>

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**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!!



**REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN
SITZMAN May 31 Pentecost**

As a science educator and one who is curious about the details behind headlines, talking points and click-bait, I try to keep up with current science news. But there are many topics where the discipline-specific research is written in what seems like a different language. Just recently, I stumbled around a series of articles with research titles like “Crystal structure of SARS-CoV-2 main protease provides a basis for design of improved (alpha)-ketoamide inhibitors,” abstracts describing the use of “a global metapopulation disease transmission model to project the impact of travel limitations on the national and international spread of the epidemic,”

and the description of the role of “nose linings rich in cell-surface receptors called ‘angiotensin-converting enzyme 2’” as the functional receptor for the spiked virus. I see columns describing challenges with hygiene in refugee camps in Europe and the Middle East, and another article describing attempts to overcome social distancing to sustain vaccinations for polio in Africa and Asia.

While not trending on social media or the focus of our Zoom conversations, all of these articles are relevant to the cross-discipline, interconnected global issues we face related to the novel coronavirus. Granted the text are written for a narrow audience of epidemiologists, biochemists, mathematicians, economists, and others searching for solutions. The specialists in these fields have training and experiences while continuing to build upon their own understandings and applications of this knowledge. For those of us not versed in the technical vocabulary and details, we must rely on experts and journalists to translate into a format and language that is meaningful to us and for policy makers---as long as we are paying attention and open to building upon our understandings.

As we celebrate Pentecost, whether we are challenged in understanding the short-term and long-term impacts of COVID-19, striving to improve our compassion for others, or seeking a deeper relationship with God, may the Holy Spirit provide the patience to listen, the focus to pay attention to what is important, and the ability to find unity with those who speak in ways that are difficult to comprehend.

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