



St. Andrew's news for June 12 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.

A pastoral note. Mother LaClaire is on a leave of absence from St. Andrew's for the time being. She is taking some much needed rest and reflection and you may not see her for a while. As part of her absence, she has fully disengaged from her duties at St. Andrew's. In order for her to stay disengaged, I ask that you do not contact her during her time away. - Fr. John

Thanksgivings and prayers for this coming week:

Birthdays: Rob Johansen, Alex Nelson, Sara Rider, Cameron Trofholz, Lisa Hammond, Robert Teichmeier

Anniversaries: Lee and Lisa Hammond, Fr. John and Margaret , and Kelly and Robyn Caverzagie

Prayers: John Mabry

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Many of us hope and pray that we can gather together again in public worship. It is natural and normal for all of us to pray and worship with each other. The coronavirus has upended everything we have done previously and it's normal to want to go back to the way things were before Mid-March. We are all getting impatient to one degree or another.

I share in the desire to gather together, make no mistake about that. I have found that I am losing touch with people as time goes on and I'm sure many of you feel the same way too. Especially when we see businesses start to re-open and even some churches hold public worship, it's tempting to just want to rush back into what we consider normal.

Unfortunately, the virus is just as much present, if not more so with the recent rise in cases we've seen across the country. And we have no idea if it would make one very sick or hardly sick at all. Death is a possibility as we've seen. It's invisible and highly transmittable.

We have diocesan guidelines in place to follow in order to re-open and we will follow them. There is no reason to risk the health and well being of our fellow parishioners if we don't have to. Our conservative approach is an acknowledgment that we, as follows of Jesus, love one another and will protect one another to the best of our ability. We have a committee that has already met to access the steps to re-open in the safest way we can given diocesan guidelines. I know it's frustrating for some, but we must hold fast to safe practices. I assure you, we will re-open again as soon as we can given the requirements placed upon us. In the time being, be in prayer that this pandemic will end quickly. - Father John

This Sunday we begin the long season of the Sunday's after Pentecost. It's a reminder that Pentecost is not a day, but a time to be fully present to the Holy Spirit and to do all such good works as God has given us to do. 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.

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](#)

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.

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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 June 14**

In September 2018, ICESat-2 was launched into orbit around the Earth with the ability to map the height of glaciers and sea ice within millimeters, important data in monitoring the impact of climate change. However, during the first days of the mission, with the satellite flying over the Bikini Atoll in the tropical Pacific, the mission scientists looked closer at surprising data being collected. Adrian Borsa, a geodesist (someone who measures and monitors the earth to determine the exact coordinates of any point) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, said rather than just seeing the coral islands peaking above the water surface, “We were seeing this huge reef system underneath it.” The satellite’s green laser was designed to study the thickness of ice up to 130 feet under the water’s surface. But the data collected also is allowing sea floors less than 15 feet deep, including many reef systems, to be mapped in detail for the first time, something that is impossible to do from large research ships with sonar beams. On nautical charts, the shallow stretches around coastlines appear on maps as blank spaces and are called a “white ribbon” by sailors. “The fact that there’s a term for it tells you how prevalent that data gap is,” says Christopher Parrish, a geographical engineer on the project from Oregon State University.

Sometimes, scientific opportunities and discoveries are unexpected. Curious researchers who recognize a different take on their intended research can fill in part of the unknown. Sometimes, the events in one’s own life or in society as a whole present an opportunity to address issues with centuries of gaps of knowledge and neglect.

In this Sunday’s passage from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus challenges his disciples to go to the lost sheep and to give without payment, even if their efforts result in actions by those in power to counteract and halt their influence. “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as

doves.”

Lord, grant me the strength and wisdom to use new and surprising insights to better understand what is unknown to me.

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