

# St. Andrew's news for May 22 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? <u>E-mail</u> Father John

Daily meditation: Forward Day by Day

Read through the bible, click here for a daily resource.

Please send prayer requests to <u>Fr. John</u>. 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.

### <u>Facebook</u>

Many thanks to all who have continued to send contributions to St. Andrews. The church is in good financial shape at this time. Please continue to support our parish as we await the time when we can re-open for public worship.

It may be a while before that occurs and church service won't look like they did back in February. When we know more about opening up, the parish will be informed, along with any requirements we need to implement to keep everyone safe. Remember, the coronavirus has not gone away and there is always the possibility of flare-up of infections. Please join us in saying the simple prayer that follows for an end to this difficult time for all of us.

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 seventh 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.

A FUN activity for all! Thanks to Loree MacNeill for putting this together! Click here for a fun SPARK activity!

Thanks again for your support of St. Andrew's! 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 <a href="PayPal">PayPal</a>

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 <u>Fr. John</u> 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

Questions to ask yourself for spiritual reflection during this time of pandemic. There are no right or wrong answers. This document is simply a way for you to access your own spiritual life as a basis for reflection.

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 <a href="https://zoom.us/i/496764969">https://zoom.us/i/496764969</a>

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

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Find your local number: <a href="https://zoom.us/u/aoLtwdKqT">https://zoom.us/u/aoLtwdKqT</a>

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 24

The Beatles first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show The Apollo 11 moon landing The last episode of M\*A\*S\*H The 1995 Orange Bowl 9/11

Every generation over the last century has a moment that creates a shared experience around the radio or TV. And while many of us may remember where we were for these events during our lifetime, there are those who were not included or did not have the capacity or interest at the time. I recall a college assignment that had me interview a parent about their memories of the late 1960's. My father's reply was something like "I had three kids in diapers, so I don't remember much about those years."

Our current situation is a shared experience, yet we are experiencing it in so many different ways: a loss of routine, separation from loved ones, cabin fever, decreased income, home projects getting done, home projects delayed, cancelled events, rediscovering forgotten activities. There is no iconic image for us to gather around either, unlike photos of first responders standing with the flag in smoking rubble or a sprinting Tommie Frazier raising his index finger, to encapsulate the moment.

As we approach the feast of Ascension Day, (It was on May 21) we hear in this Sunday's lesson from the Acts of the Apostles how they asked Jesus "Is this the time?" To which Jesus replies, "It is not for you to know the times....but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

Considering the many different situations our community members find themselves in, we can find unity in the hope and different ways to love provided by the triune God.

Lord, do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen

us.

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