



ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE

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CHURCH HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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455-7071, ext. 223

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WEBSITE POLICY

The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY

The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS

Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS

1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN

Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. A solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann).

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

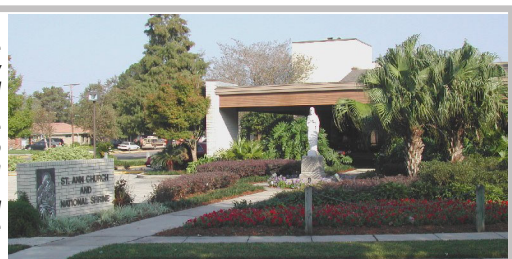
Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
5:00 to 5:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28



"Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

A teacher! Do you remember that special teacher? Of course you do. Why? There was something sincere about them, and they believed that you were greater than yourself. I share some interesting thoughts about teachers:

- A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.
- A good teacher is a doctor who heals ignorance and an artist who inspires creativity.
- We are not just teachers. We are managers of the world's greatest resource - children!
- Teaching is the profession that teaches all other professions.
- A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others.

Mindful of today's Gospel, I feel that any of the above might well speak of Jesus the Teacher. He taught people **with authority** and not like the scribes. A good teacher speaks and shares from experience. Therefore, a good teacher speaks from within and not from without like a spectator reporting on something. Jesus speaks with authority because he has roots in the authority of God himself.

These days we have a glut of words from public figures because too many are not willing to make real what they speak about. Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Do not say things. What you are stand over you and thunders so loudly that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary." That shared, I think of the powerful words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." There is nourishment for our lives in the words and teaching of Jesus, but it's not enough to listen to them; we have to do them. **Ideally words should always be preceded by deeds.** When people who have done something begin to speak, people listen.

*Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips,
 we may believe with our hearts and practice with our lives.*

Lent is but a few weeks away and we will be reminded on Ash Wednesday of who we are and our need to turn away from sin and return to the Gospel. Like the man with the unclean spirit in the Gospel, let our being be *quieted* by Jesus' invitation to change. We are not beyond the mercy of God no matter what we have done. Look at the crucifix - God's mercy is bigger than any of our sins!

To be a Christian means to forgive the INEXCUSABLE because God has forgiven the INEXCUSABLE in you.

Reflection by Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday
4:00 pm
Vigil

January 28

Robert McGinnis, William Shaw, Jr., Frank Mason, Charles Abercrombie, Francis Dutilh, Sr. & III, George Sanderson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Vincent J. Liuzza, Jr. (S.I.), Vincent J. Liuzza, III (S.I.), Mr. Frank Stuart (S.I.), Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Glenda McMahon, Sr., & Family (S.I.), Gardner & McClelland Families, Mr. & Mrs. Karim SeBusi (S.I.), Haifa Mosto Hamide (S.I.), Amina Hamida (S.I.), Giorgio Gurtner (S.I.), Saverio & Anna Lauto, Patrick & Nora O'Riordan, Verna & Ken McElrath, Patricia M. Carter, Mrs. August C. Murphy, Sr.

8:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am

Patrick O'Riordan
 Parishioners
 Alva Reisgen, Mr. & Mrs. G. Cox (S.I.), Rodney P. McIntyre, Frank Mason, Patrick O'Riordan, Christopher Alessi, Medary Boudreaux, Rau Family (S.I.), Donald J. Trump (S.I.), Keith John Pepiton, Dorothy Moncado
 Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

5:00 pm

Monday
6:30 am
8:45 am

January 29

Willie Sonnier
 Beverly & Sam Maggio (25th Anniversary)

Tuesday
6:30 am
8:45 am
7:00 pm

January 30

Sean G. A. (S.I.)
 Gloria G. Liuzza
 Patrick O'Riordan

Wednesday
6:30 am
8:45 am
2:00 pm

January 31

Joe Cervantes
 Clarence Deichmann
 Patrick O'Riordan School Mass 2-7

Thursday
6:30 am
8:45 am

February 1

Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Watermeier
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard P. Puccio

Friday
6:30 am
8:45 am

February 2

Floyd Halligan
 Francisco Nunez

Saturday
7:30 am

February 3

Msgr. W. Wendell Sontheimer



January 28 – February 3, 2018

*"Sanctuary Candle "
 In Memory of Carol Dares*

Parish Calendar

- 1/28 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: LEARN, SERVE, LEAD, SUCCEED
- 1/29 9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN
- 1/30 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
5 PM RCIA/ST. JOHN PAUL II
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAF. & CLASSROOMS
- 1/31 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
2 PM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS (2-7)
7 PM SECOND GRADE RECONCILIATION/CHURCH
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
- 2/1 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
3 PM BEGINNER CHOIR REH./CHURCH
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 4/CAF. & CLASS
7 PM ST. ANN FAITH SHARING/JPII
- 2/2 9:30 AM ADORATION/CHURCH
1:15 PM GIRL SCOUT MARDI GRAS PARADE
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPERBOWL PARTY
IN THE GYM AND CAFETERIA
- 2/3 7:30 AM MEN'S CLUB & KC MASS ROSARY FOLLOWING

ATTENTION:

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Families of children who are making their **First Communion** this year are asked to contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your family to **bring up the Gifts**. You can contact Debbie at 504-455-7071 ext 221 or e-mail dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org.

ATTENTION: ALL HOMEBOUND

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANYONE WHO IS BRINGING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN FITZPATRICK AT 504-495-5494 SO SHE CAN UPDATE HER RECORDS. THANK YOU

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

Vocation Weekend for

High School and College Age Men

Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend for high school juniors and seniors, and college-age men will be held March 23-25, 2018, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, Louisiana. This is an opportunity for men who are interested in the priesthood and who would like to find out more about seminary life. There is no cost for the weekend, but availability is limited on a first come, first served basis. For more information or to register, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 504-861-6298

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish office before March 3, 2017)



St. Ann Lenten Mission
Save the Dates!
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
March 5, 6, & 7, 2018
Times: 10 AM and 7 PM (NO MASS)



Fr. James Kubicki was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1971 and was ordained in 1983.

From 1984-88 he served as the Vocation Director and from 1995-99 as the Director of Formation for the Jesuits of the Wisconsin Province, a seven-state region in the upper Midwest.

From 1989-95 he worked at the Sioux Spiritual Center, a retreat house for Native Americans in western South Dakota. During that time he was also the Assistant Director of the Diocese of Rapid City's deacon and lay ministry formation program.

Since 1986 he has given preached retreats around the country, including at Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat House in Convent, LA.

In 2003 he became the national director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer), a position he held for fourteen years. In 2017 he moved to the Rosebud Reservation in western South Dakota where he currently serves as the director of St. Francis Mission which was founded in 1886.

Fr. Kubicki appears regularly on Catholic radio shows around the country. His book "A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," was selected by the Catholic Book Publishers Association as among the three best spirituality books in 2012. His latest book is "A Year of Daily Offerings."



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 – February 3
#CSW18

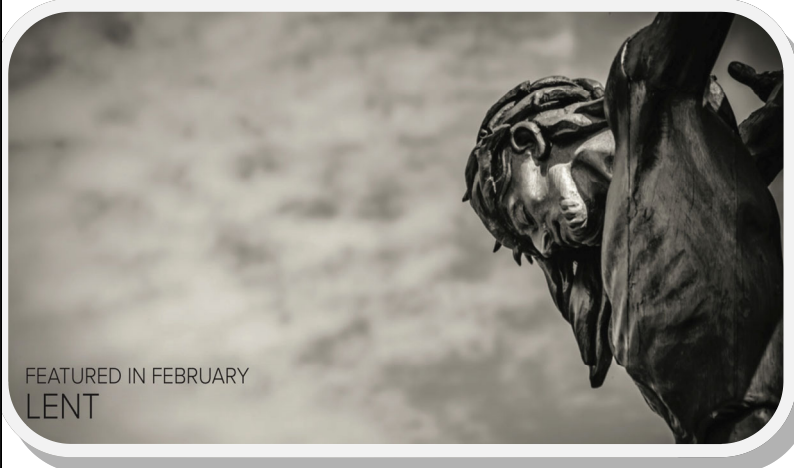
School NEWS

The Beta Club Induction was Friday, Jan. 26th. We are proud of our many sixth grade students who qualified for this distinguished organization. We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week. The theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead”.

Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office will host our third annual Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat at Camp Abbey on February 23-25, 2018. The retreat is open to anyone in grades 5-7. The theme for this retreat is *ALIVE*. We will focus on what it means to be fully alive and to recognize Christ living in each person. The weekend will include a variety of activities, talks, prayer experiences, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, music, and games. Young people may register individually. They do not need to have chaperones from their parish or school in order to register. The total cost for the retreat is \$100. Payment is due to the CYO Office, along with the registration by February 9, 2018. There are limited scholarships available. Please call the office to inquire. If you have any questions, please contact Brigitte Burke at 504-836-0551 x3226.

February 2018 Monthly Feature on FORMED.org



“And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry” (Matthew 4:2). The devil perceived Jesus’ hunger as weakness and tried to tempt him in the desert; however, Jesus’ fasting armed him with a clarity of mind that strengthened his refusal of worldly things. This month, we have the opportunity to make ourselves hungry, to remove distractions and pleasures, that we may clearly understand that only God can truly fulfill.

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We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others.

To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: stannchurchandshrine.formed.org.



Knights of Columbus Hosts Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Free Throw contest for all students ages 9—14 years old. You do NOT have to be a parishioner or St. Ann school student, this is open to all boys and girls! The date is Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.

There is no cost to enter and winners of the local contest advance to district, regional and eventual national competitions. For more info, contact Lynn Boudreax at 504-421-5955



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Well.. Grace to you buddy!



"Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19)

Super Bowl Dance Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Our local Knights of Columbus council presents their 1st annual Super Bowl Dance on Friday February 2 from 8:00 pm —12:00 am. Music will be by DJ Russel and the Crossroads. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple. Tables can be reserved with purchase of 8 tickets. Drink set-ups will be provided. Tickets can be purchased from the church office or by calling Coach Bob Stevens at 454-3421 or email coachbob03@hotmail.com or Lynn Boudreaux 421-5955 or kc3465@gmail.com. Don't Miss the fun! See you there!



High School CYO News

St. Ann CYO

is open to ALL 8th through 12th graders. Our youth group meets each Sunday evening following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Youth House located at 4909 Loveland Street. If you are interested in participating in any CYO event, feel free to call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 or attend any of CYO events listed below. Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows.

February 4—CYO Topic Night with Food in Youth House

February 11—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m.

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7pm

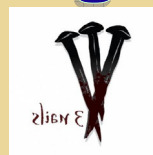
CYO Spiritual Night in church with snacks.

February 18—CYO Sports Night in gym with food

February 25—Service Night in Youth House with snacks

**Adult Help Needed to work
with our CYO program
Call 455-7071, ext 225**

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4 given**



Vacation Bible School Seeks Adults!

No! It's not near summer yet! However, as we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School, our team is looking for several adult **paid** volunteers to assist with the production of the event. Adults are needed to coordinate each station as well as a VBS coordinator also. Each position receives a stipend for time worked. This is easily, one of the BEST events we host each year! If you'd like to be a part of the program give us a call at 455-7071, ext. 225. We'd LOVE to have you join us this summer! Planned dates are July 2—13th.

**Vacation
Bible School**

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