Humbly regard others as
more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3–4

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER
27
2020

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WEEKDAY
CHURCH HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Pray with us on Saturdays!
Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 3:00 PM
Rosary at 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM

WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 AM Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass (**Live-Stream**)
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM, 9:30 (**Live-Stream**),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday:
6:30 AM
8:45 AM (**Live-Stream**)

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00
Tuesday 6:00 PM

Updates on parish activities with regard to coronavirus precautions can be found on our website:
stannchurchandshrine.org/coronavirus-updates

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PARISH CALENDAR

Any meetings on St. Ann Parish campus must be cleared through the parish office and scheduled on the calendar to assure you have ample space to respect social distancing. If your ministry has a meeting, please wear masks out of Christian charity for the good of others around you.

If you have fever or any symptoms at all, please STAY HOME.

27	Priesthood Sunday
	Family Sunday following 9:30 Mass Drive-Thru Schoolyard
	6 PM CYO
28	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
	7 PM RCIA Inquiry Session - St. Raymond Room
29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
	6 PM Confessions - Church
30	St. James, Priest & Doctor
	9:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond
	1 PM Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond
10/1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
	School Pictures - Gym (K-7)
	5 PM Rosary for Election and Country - Church
	6 PM Deacon Michael Lay Support - St. Cecelia
	7 PM Adult Faith Formation - St. Cecelia Room
2	The Holy Guardian Angels
	School Pictures - Gym (PK2, PK3, PK4)
	9:30 - 10:30 AM First Friday Adoration - Church
	11:30 AM Blessing of "Pets" - Church (K)
	5 PM Rosary for Election and Country- Church
3	3 PM Confessions - Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	**September 27**
4:00 pm Vigil	George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Aline Richards, Elaine Boudreau, Charlene & Ken Lawson, Verna & Ken McElrath, Audrey Desselles, Ernie Becnel, Owen J. Lacour, Sr., Faye Tranchant, Arthur Brewster, Harry Connick Sr., (SI), Gay & Pearl Everett, Gladys Danahay, Edith & Earl Schmidt, Toni Benoit (Health), Tony Witter, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Healthy Birth, Agustin "Gus" Guitart, Marion Joseph Loisel, Pat Quintini (Health), Laura Dicharry, Erwin LaBorde
8:00 am	Parishioners
9:30 am	Eugene Hickey
11:00 am	Elizabeth R. Bruno, Frances Blanke, Dolores Kepner, Gladys Donahay, Floyd Joseph Krennerich, RoseMae Orgeron, Enola & John Hoppe, Baptiste DeBroy, Rion Loisel, Irwin LaBorde, Agustin Guitart, Dennis Maggio & Family (SI), Owen LaCour, Sr., Margaret LaBorde, Brenda Sapp, Marina Cochrane
5:00 pm	Bill Elliott
Monday	**September 28**
6:30 am	William K. (Billy) Althans
8:45 am	Miriam Duvall
Tuesday	**September 29**
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
8:45 am	Lucian Dormoy
Wednesday	**September 30**
6:30 am	Tess Landry (SI)
8:45 am	Rita Mae Sommers
Thursday	**October 1**
6:30 am	Gertrude "Trudy" McDermott
8:45 am	RB & SD
Friday	**October 2**
6:30 am	Antoinette Farlow
8:45 am	Rita Mae Sommers
Saturday	**October 3**
7:30 am	Frederick Doolen

Change Your Mind and Believe

In today's Gospel, Jesus told the chief priests and the elders the parable of the wicked son. A man had two sons. He asked both of them to work in the family's vineyard. The first son initially refused to go but later changed his mind and did as he was told. The second replied: "*Yes, sir*" but did not go.

They all agreed that it was the first son who did his father's will. Jesus told them: "*Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.*"

Tax collectors and prostitutes were looked down on as the worst kinds of sinners according to ancient Jewish tradition. They initially disobeyed God's commandments and were lost in sin. Like the first son who changed his mind, these sinners listened to John the Baptist and turned away from sin. On the other hand, the chief priests and the elders were like the second son who said yes to the will of God but did not act accordingly. These religious leaders knew the law but did not practice.

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. These words of Jesus were like a slap on the face of the chief priests and elders who were the prominent leaders of the people. A slap on the face was what they needed to wake up.

Sometimes, I feel like I am in the second son's shoes. I know what God asks of me but do not practice. I go to church on Sundays and pray the rosary daily but fail to love my needy neighbor. I am proud of my being a good Catholic and look down on those "bad people." I give myself the right of judging people. Today's Gospel reminds me that I may be surprised by seeing who will enter God's Kingdom before me.

This Sunday is the Priesthood Sunday. I would like to ask you to keep in your prayers all priests, especially those you have encountered. May they faithfully preach the Word of God and practice what they preach. Recently I came across a photo of an elderly and retired priest who celebrated the Holy Mass from his sickbed that I want to share with you. Please pray for your priests that they may faithfully and reverently celebrate the sacrifice of the Eucharist as they have promised on the days of their ordination.

Reflection by Fr. Vincent

Holy Rosary for the Upcoming Election and for Our Country

"Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our Mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial,"

~Pope Francis, in a letter addressed to all Catholics and released by the Vatican April 25, 2020.

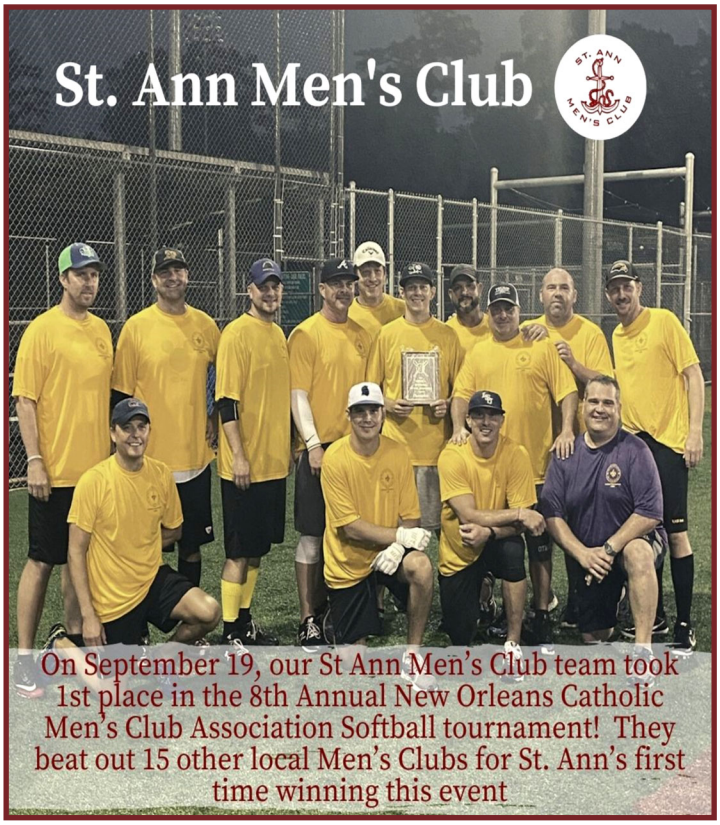
The month of October each year is dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**

Please join us each **weekday** in October, in the church at **5:00 PM** to pray the Holy Rosary. **Monday** through **Friday**, beginning on Thursday, October 1st through Friday, October 30th we will meet to pray the Rosary for the election and for our country.

PLEASE! Join us as often as you can.

ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that He will reign in the world."



Pictured left to right: Kneeling: Kevin Becker, Ryan Stropolo, Marc Bienvenu (Team Captain), Rene Truxillo (NOCMCA President) Standing: Wes Shinn, Brett Comeaux, Sean Halligan, Kevin Senior, Greg Saunders, Randy Pourciau, Jared Lazo, Frank Misuraca, Jody Vidrine, , Todd Gremillion

Ashley Code "Pay It Forward" Memorial Golf Tourtament

As we celebrated Ashley Code's Heavenly birthday on September 15th and Pay It Forward Day, we would like to thank all of our volunteers, donors, and participants who make the Ashley Code Golf Tournament a success each year. These are some of our St. Ann Parish families who have been blessed by the generosity of each of you who have supported the cause.

THARUKA FERNANDO

The Ashley Code Joy of Service Award

This award is presented to the Altar Server who exhibits great joy in serving, not only at the altar but in all aspects of life - a person who takes pride in carrying the cross of Jesus, a person who is happy to volunteer, a person who evangelizes by their joyful way of life, a person whose smile can warm a heart, a person in whom we can see Jesus, a person who is the difference that makes a difference. This year's recipient was a high school scholar, Student Council board member, and was very active in high school liturgies as an Altar Serve and Lector. He was named St. Ann's Altar Server of the Year in 2017, and was named a Brother Martin Golden Crusader in 2020.

This year's award is presented to **Tharuka Fernando**.

St. John Berchmans Award

Tharuka was also awarded the St. John Berchmans Award for serving from 4th Grade through 12th Grade - Nine years of consistent service at the altar.

St. John Berchmans is the patron saint of Altar Servers. Among many saintly things, St. John Berchmans was known to be every-ready to serve others, was known to never quarrel, and was known for his excessively strict obedience to the rule of his religious order, the Jesuits, which he entered at the age of 16. It is our hope that our Altar Servers will follow in his footsteps. St. John Berchmans is quoted as saying,

"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us.
What we really are consists in what *God* knows us to be."

Opening of the 2021 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2021 will be opened on
Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 AM

Due to the current situation, the process will be different due to the need for social distancing:

In person requests will be accepted as follows:

~10:00 AM – Noon Transcontinental entrance to the church
~ After 1:PM Parish Office

~The offerings (stipends) requested are as follows: Mass intention - $5; Sanctuary Light - $10; Altar Decorations - $35; Altar Flowers - $90 (Two sprays at $45 each)

~As in past years, requests will not be posted upon receipt, but will be posted in the order in which they are received.

~In fairness to everyone, we will accept **SIX** Mass requests per family at this time. After all requests are entered, the book will remain open for additional requests.

~If your requested date/time is not available, we will contact you by phone to select an alternate date/time.

~In the event that a priest is away and a Communion Service is held in place of the scheduled Mass, those Mass intentions will be moved to another date/time as close to requested date/time as possible.

PLEASE PRINT so that information can be published in the bulletin correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Remember that masks are required in both the church and parish office!

Request for Mass Intentions,
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Mass Intentions
Name of deceased Date/Time Requested

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Sanctuary Lights **(Begins on Sunday for one week)**

Name of deceased Week Requested
Church
_____
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
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Altar Decorations **Begins on Sunday and lasts for one week)**
Name of deceased Week Requested
_____

If requested times/dates for any of the above are not available, you will be contacted to select alternate times/dates.

Family Sunday: "Finding a Way"

Sunday, September 27th,
after the **9:30 a.m.** Mass,
we invite all our families to
drive through the school blacktop
to help us "Find a Way"
to celebrate Family Sunday
with a special treat and
a car photo booth picture.

St. Ann loves our families!

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Do not wait until a priest retires or is transferred to celebrate their service.

Like Father's Day, let Priesthood Sunday be the one day a year when we make it a point to make priests feel truly appreciated and special.

NEW St. Ann Family Faith Formation Series Available!

Due to the current situation with the Corona-virus Pandemic St. Ann Church is now hosting an At-Home Family Faith Formation Series! This began as a way to start our PSR Program since the in-class instruction had been forced to be DELAYED. This video-led family catechesis program, is open to any family in the parish. Please go to: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/parish-school-of-religion and click on the link to get an explanation and begin the series. Any student in grades Kindergarten thru High School who is not attending a Catholic school should still register through the Parish School of Religion, on this same web page. Contact David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 2225 for more info.

Catholic Inquiry Sessions Have Begun!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? The parish faith community of St. Ann Church invites you or someone you may know to a series of inquiry sessions that will invite inquirers to explore the church in a non-committal way. Invite someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. ***Your invitation may be the one that they are waiting for!*** Call us at 455-7071, ext. 2225 for more info.

Knights of Columbus Founder to be Beatified on October 31, 2020!!!

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a Catholic priest who founded the Knights of Columbus 138 years ago in New Haven, Connecticut, will be Beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. At that liturgical celebration, an apostolic letter from the Holy Father will be read along with the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney. This is the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession, qualifying Fr. McGivney for beatification. The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion. That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. years old.

McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.

He originally started the Knights as a service organization to help widows and orphans. At the time, McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish. He is buried in New Haven.

The fraternal order for Catholic men has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.

Our parish is host of the local council of the Knights of Columbus #3465, re-formed in 2017 and renamed after our founding pastor, Msgr. Charles Duke. To learn more, check our website at www.kc3465.org or email us at kc3465@gmail.com.

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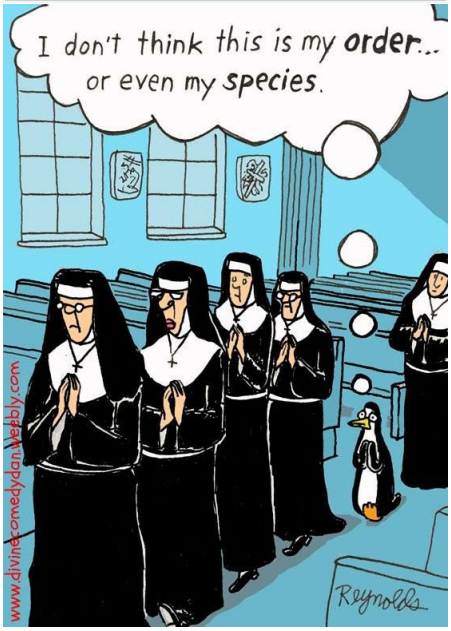

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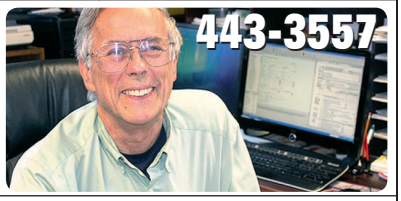

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