

ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S DECEMBER 20 - 26

(Any changes to this schedule will be announced via Flocknote)

Monday, December 20

Tuesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For †Lynn Crabtree)
6:00 p.m. Rosary

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel
(For †Josefina Pacheco)
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Practice
(1st - 12th grade - in the church)

Thursday, December 23

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist - in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel
(For †Nancy Aragon)
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For †Susie Dolle)
8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For the People of God)

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For Fathers)
NO 5:00 P.M. EVENING VIGIL MASS

Sunday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For †Catherine Huseman)
No Adult/Children Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For the People of God)
No RCIA

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31 Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
(6:00 p.m.)



I have mentioned before how our ideas of a "perfect" Christmas will assuredly pave the way towards a disappointing Christmas. I pray that this coming week will find us letting go of some of our Hallmark fantasies for all things "merry and bright" in order to go deeper to ponder and embrace the depth of God's love and assurance of salvation above and beyond just the niceties of this season. Christmas is never disappointing and is always truly joy-filled when our hearts contemplate the profound but humble arrival of God-with-us in Jesus to definitively show that we are loved beyond our wildest contemplations. May this coming Christmas season not only be merry but also holy, peaceful, comforting, thrilling, and life-changing!

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Repeated from last week

You may remember several years ago when a local megachurch canceled its Sunday services because Christmas (December 25) that year fell on a Sunday. Their leaders' original good intentions to suspend Sunday services so that their staff could spend the entire Christmas day with their families met with some local controversy and debate about how and when Christians should gather for our holiest of celebrations. No such debate exists in the Catholic Church. Christmas is a holy day not to be missed and every Sunday is a "little Easter," similarly not to be missed. In this weekend's bulletin you will find a schedule of Christmas Masses at St. Ann's. Since Christmas day falls on a Saturday and its special solemnity does not, like other lesser holy days, allow for abrogation, or suspension of the obligation to gather with the Christian community at Mass, we Christian Catholics will gather this year on Friday night (Christmas Eve) or Saturday morning (Christmas Day) **AND THEN AGAIN** on Sunday morning (Solemnity of the Holy Family). Taking into account that most will be with family on Saturday (Christmas Day), there will be no Saturday evening Mass of anticipation this year for Sunday, December 26. We hope this doesn't allow for any confusion but serves well to gather us twice in a few short hours to put our words into actions to "keep Christ in Christmas." Just think, next year will be simpler -- Christmas will fall on a Sunday and then we'll get a week until the following Sunday when Christ's grace and our commitment to being different than "the world" will compel us to Mass again. We can do this!

Fr. Scott



HANGING OF THE GREENS "Christmas Church Decoration"

Please make plans to join us Wednesday (Dec. 22) at 1:00 p.m. as we adorn the church for our celebration of Christmas.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close on **December 23** at noon and reopen on **January 4** at 9:00 a.m. for staff work days. In the event of an emergency, please call the parish office and follow the prompts to contact Fr. Scott.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - Dec. 11-12:

Cash/Checks: \$6,276.35
Online: \$6,272.50
Weekly Total: \$12,548.85 (Weekly Goal: (\$10,000)
Month of December: \$21,731.35 (This Month's Goal: \$40,000)
Immaculate Conception: \$2,433.75

Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANN'S

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Children's Homily
Children's Choir
Carols Begin at 4:30 p.m.
(will be streamed and available for playback on our website)

8:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist
Adult Choir
Carols Begin at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Adult Choir
Carols Begin at 9:45 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 25 - No 5:00 p.m. Evening Vigil Mass
December 26 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

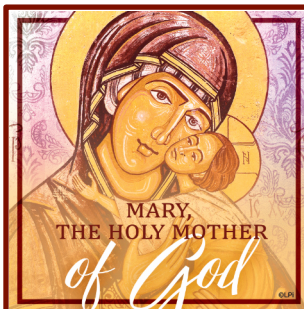


CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

Our last practice for the Children's and Youth Christmas Mass will be December 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The last Christmas Mass practice for the choir will be Thursday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Thank you to all our members who have been working hard to make our Masses sound beautiful!



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve
(Friday, December 31)
6:00 p.m.



Merry Christmas!

*from Fr. Scott P. Raef and your
parish family of St. Ann's Parish*



Blessings

TO OUR
NEWLY MARRIED!

Congratulations to

Sara Chavira & Clifton Halcom

&

Joanna Summerlin & Michael Matthews

who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Ann's.
May God bless your lives together as husbands and wives!

NO FAITH FORMATION/ RCIA CLASSES



Season's Greetings! There will be no Faith Formation classes or RCIA for children and adults this weekend and for the next two weekends due to the upcoming holydays. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 9. We wish everyone in our parish family a very blessed and holy celebration of our Lord's nativity, a happy New Year, and wonderful feast of the Solemnity of Mary!

Adult

CONFIRMATION



If you are 17 or older and have received the sacrament of First Communion, but were never confirmed and are interested in being confirmed, please contact Adrian Johnson at the parish office at ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org or 806-655-3302.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Check your mail carefully! We are switching to a new offering envelope routine that will help us more easily add new parishioners to our stewardship database as well as make it more convenient for you, our treasured stewards. Instead of a box of offering envelopes handed out at the beginning of the year, you will start to receive your envelopes in the mail every two months. This regular mailing system has been shown to be more effective in parishes to more regularly remind us of the expectation and grace of tithing to the faith community.



****Please remember to use your envelope and put it into the collection/second collection basket, even if you are giving online. It is a valuable collective and communal symbol of our shared responsibility for the mission of the Church to participate in the offering. Just write "online giving" on the envelope.**

As always, thank you all for your regular and unfailing giving!!



Both the season of Advent and the approach of the end of the year invite us to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed on us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for our blessings by gifting to St. Ann's Parish. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support St. Ann's Parish not only in the near future but for years to come. Please call us at the parish office if we can help answer questions about giving. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

5:00 P.M.

9:00 AM

11:30 AM

Altar Servers

January 1-2

Harper Miller
Bode Miller, David Eck

Camden Sperry
Kason Sperry, Stark Henderson

Hannah Kohler
TWO MORE NEEDED

January 8-9

Derrick Martin
Anna Martin, Tripp Huddleston

Camden Sperry
Kaitlin Dawes, Leo Knox

Dylan Troyer
Hannah Kohler, **ONE MORE NEEDED**

January 15-16

Camden Sperry
Kason Sperry, David Eck

Justin Backus
Wyatt Schulte, Alex Nixon

Dylan Troyer
TWO MORE NEEDED

January 22-23

Harper Miller
Bode Miller, David Eck

Kason Sperry
Bridget Leheska, Stark Henderson

Dylan Troyer
Hannah Kohler, **ONE MORE NEEDED**

January 29-30

Derrick Martin
Drew Huddleston, Tripp Huddleston

Camden Sperry
Kason Sperry, Kaitlin Dawes

Dylan Troyer
TWO MORE NEEDED

February 5-6

Drew Huddleston
Derrick & Anna Martin

Justin Backus
Michael Hall, Leo Knox

Dylan Troyer
Hannah Kohler, **ONE MORE NEEDED**

Communion Ministers

January 1-2

c-Carol Coulter
Sharon Hampton, Phillip Birkenfeld

c-Roger Cross
Tony Kline, Cheryl Rickwartz

c-Ramon Pacheco
Maria Trevino, Agnes Posadas

January 8-9

c-Sharon Hampton
Bruce Clarke, Anita Fischbacher

c-Tony Kline
Glenn Backus, Jeanne Moeder

c-Marita Hochstein
Ramon Pacheco, Michael Harrett

January 15-16

c-Cortni Hudspeth
Mary Bowling, Mark Hall

c-Amanda Lawson
Cindy Rohrbach, Jonathan Lawson

c-Marita Hochstein
Michael Harrett, Agnes Posadas

January 22-23

c-Mary Bowling
Cortni Hudspeth, Anita Fischbacher

c-Jeanne Moeder
Angie & Cliff Lawson

c-Patricia Pacheco
Ramon Pacheco, Maria Trevino

January 29-30

c-Mark Hall
Sharon Hampton, Phillip Birkenfeld

c-Cindy Cross
Jennifer Sperry, Roger Cross

c-Ramon Pacheco
Patricia Pacheco, Agnes Posadas

February 5-6

c-Bruce Clarke
Anita Fischbacher, Carol Coulter

c-Cheryl Rickwartz
Kendall Karr, Darlene Fetsch

c-Michael Harrett
Agnes Posadas, Maria Trevino

Lectors

January 1-2

1st: Ramona Giromini
2nd: Mike Coulter

1st: Cindy Cross
2nd: Jennifer Sperry

1st: Mike Knox
2nd: Cindy Lewis

January 8-9

1st: Mark Reinart
2nd: Darlene Fetsch

1st: Chelsea Schulze
2nd: Cliff Lawson

1st: Becky Lopez
2nd: Cindy Lewis

January 15-16

1st: Jennifer Sperry
2nd: Chris Hall

1st: Heath Henderson
2nd: Cindy Cross

1st: Randy Hochstein
2nd: Patricia Martinez

January 22-23

1st: Ramona Giromini
2nd: Fred Wieck

1st: Mary Hiner
2nd: Jennifer Leheska

1st: Cindy Lewis
2nd: Becky Lopez

January 29-30

1st: Chris Hall
2nd: Ramona Giromini

1st: Chad Huseman
2nd: Joe Shehan

1st: Patricia Martinez
2nd: Mike Knox

February 5-6

1st: Fred Wieck
2nd: Mark Reinart

1st: Glenn Backus
2nd: Chelsea Schulze

1st: Martin Lopez
2nd: Becky Lopez

Ushers

January 1-2

Johnny Hampton, Larry Ramaekers
Keith Dietz

Kevin Rickwartz, Kirkland Sperry
David Rohrbach, Gary Reinart

Wayne Davis, Manuel Vega
Robert Posadas, Bill Good

January 8-9

Johnny Hampton, David Favela
Ken Fischbacher, Larry Ramaekers

David Rohrbach, Brett Rose
Kirkland Sperry, Mike Trask

Randy Hochstein, Martin Lopez
Bill Good

January 15-16

Johnny Hampton, Kirkland Sperry
Gary Reinart

David Rohrbach, Roger Cross
Mike Smith, Wayne Davis

Manuel Vega
Bill Good

January 22-23

Ken Fischbacher, Larry Ramaekers
Gary Reinart, Keith Dietz

Wayne Davis, Kevin Rickwartz
Brett Rose

Bill Good, Martin Lopez
Manuel Vega, David Favela

January 29-30

Johnny Hampton, Keith Dietz
Tony Kline

David Rohrbach, Kirkland Sperry
Kevin Rickwartz

Manuel Vega, Randy Hochstein
Wayne Davis

February 5-6

Ken Fischbacher, Larry Ramaekers
Keith Dietz, Tony Kline

Kevin Rickwartz, Gary Reinart
Mike Trask, Mike Smith

David Favela, Wayne Davis
Bill Good, Robert Posadas

Nursery Care

January 1-2

Kris McConnell / Adelina Ohmes

Cassi Hernandez / Tayvea Garcia

January 8-9

Michelle Sulik / Monica Hernandez

Adelina Ohmes / Meredith Zotter

January 15-16

Kris McConnell / Grace Knox

Cassi Hernandez / Tayvea Garcia

January 22-23

Michelle Sulik / Monica Hernandez

Adelina Ohmes / Tayvea Garcia

January 29-30

Kris McConnell / Grace Knox

Cassi Hernandez / Meredith Zotter

February 5-6

Michelle Sulik / Monica Hernandez

Cassi Hernandez / Tayvea Garcia

If you would like to join a ministry in the church, please contact Stefani Wilhelm at 655-3302 or parish@stannsofcanyon.org to get trained.

Christmas Flowers

Donation Made By:

Chris & Becky Canon
Ken & Anita Fischbacher
Debbie Godfrey
Maegan Perry
Nancy & Ron Railsback
Fred Wieck
Mike Callahan
Jesse Jones
Gladys & Vincent Meyer
Mary & Mark Hiner
Bruce & Melissa Clarke
Joe & Pam Shehan
Roger & Cindy Cross
Marcella Crabtree
Joe & Peggy Morris
Dcn. Brian & Cindy Lewis
Monica
Larry & Tammy Ramaekers
Keith & Lisa Dietz
Helen Ruffini
Dcn. Dave & Mary Rausch
Dr. & Mrs. Kevin Raef
Terry & Rhonda Melugin
Craig & Jennifer Sperry & the boys
Mark & Chris Hall
Fidelis & Darlene Fetsch
Tony & Barb Kline
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Andy & Jeanne Moeder
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In Remembrance Of:

Our Parents
The Huseman / Fischbacher Families
Ed & Armella Wieck
Joe Godfrey
Gene Railsback
Marie Wieck
Carol Callahan
Our Family
Connie Meyer
Kylie Hiner
Nancy Joy Coleman
Our Family Members
Karen Berry
Lynn Crabtree
Lee & Polly Haschke
Peggy Meyers
James
Our Parents
Gary Barrett & Martha Payne
David Ruffini, Charles & Susan Wilhelm
Samuel Peter Scanlon
Our Parents, Reba & Lewie and John
Our Fathers
Sharon Brockman
Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles
Arnold & Ida Neusch, Feddie & Jane Fetsch
Ralph & Julia Boaz
Olga "Babe" King
JoAnn Muninger
Bert & Rita Moeder
John Moeder
Maynard Bellervic