

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
2020
Parishes of St Ann's and Holy Angels

September 05-06

Sat.	4:00PM Vigil (SA)	+Viola LaMere
Sun.	8:00AM (SA)	+Richard“Dicky”Trombly
	10:00AM (HA)	+Leonard & Pearl Lashway

September 07-11

Mon.	No Mass Scheduled	Labor Day
Tues.	8:00AM (SA)	+James Poissant
Weds	No Mass Scheduled	
Thurs	8:00AM (SA)	+Leon LaMere
Fri.	8:00AM (HA)	+Roger Deyo

September 12-13

Sat.	4:00PM Vigil (SA)	+George Sample
Sun.	8:00AM (SA)	+Lucile Willette
	10:00AM (HA)	+Janice LaFountain

Giving Report

St. Ann's:	\$2,685.00
Holy Angels:	\$2,477.00
Sanctuary Candle:	(SA) Special Intention (HA)

Blessing of New St. Ann's: Bishop LaValley has scheduled to be present for the 4PM Mass on Saturday, October 10th for the blessing of the new appointments in St. Ann's Church. This date could change should there be restrictions in relation to the pandemic guidelines.

Confirmation: Bishop LaValley will be present, unless there are pandemic restrictions, at Holy Angels Church for the sacrament of Confirmation on October 11th at 10AM. Fr. Gallagher will be in touch with you prior to this date with instructions.

2020-2021 Bishop's Appeal Start Up: In the name of the bishop and in my name as your pastor I thank you who contributed so generously to last years appeal. The care of others in our diocese is important and sharing with other parishes in meeting this demand is also important. This years goals per individual parish will remain the same given the economic tensions of covid-19. Therefore, Holy Angels goal is \$5,660.00 and St. Ann's goal is\$16,461.00. Please be a generous as you are able.

Political Elections and Voting as a Catholic: The first response to anyone who asks me about voting is that is it very important that you exercise your right to vote and I feel a moral obligation. We are very blessed to live in a country that allows us this freedom and we ought to respect the efforts of those before us who have fought long and hard to make this right available to us. That having been said: as believers in God we easily separate using our informed conscience as a Roman Catholic from many important decisions we make in our life. A well-lived Catholic life learns, by suffering over a lifetime, that such opportunities, such as voting in elections, are wonderful occasions to promote our Catholic values and the truths that are represented by them, upon the decisions we make.. As your pastor, many have asked me about voting in the upcoming election. **It is not my place to tell anyone how to vote,** but it is my place to remind you that as you do

vote God expects us to vote in ways that promote the values and the teachings of our Catholic faith. **Whichever way we vote, we become a participant in the decisions which are made and this connects us individually to the making of such collective decisions.** God forbid we be part of decisions that would displease God. I know, I know...many times making a decision about how one casts their vote isn't just about one issue. You are correct, voting on a political ballot may not simply be about one issue, but I can't help but think that the one issue we can't ignore is that we are God's children first and citizens of a country, while at the same time, secondarily so. I would advise you pray about your vote carefully, be sure you are informed with facts not falsehoods, and ask yourself if when you one day meet God you will be comfortable in the part you played in voting. "In the end" pleasing God is far more important and in the present we Catholics must believe that what our faith teaches us is best not only for ourselves, but best for all simply because what our faith teaches us is best for all of us. **PRAY ABOUT IT.**

Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, the parish offices will be closed that day.