HAPPY NEW YEAR

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AND ST. ANNE

MOTHER OF GOD

"LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."

-ST. MARY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

			Intentions
Mon.	02	8:00 a.m.	Priest Intention
Tues.	03	8:00 a.m.	Martin Schilly
Wed.	04	8:00 a.m.	Rose Graczyk
Thurs.	05	8:00 a.m.	Steve House
Fri.	06	8:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Naumann
Sat.	07	4:00 p.m.	Steve House
Sun.	08	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	George Bange

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH **SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM**	*January 7, 2023*
Lector	Char Gestring
Eucharistic Minister	David Brickler
Altar Server	Carolyn Rhodes
Ushers/Greeters	M. Lavacot, J. Rosener LaVerne Carrow
ST. JOSEPH **SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM**	*January 08, 2023*
Lector	Chris Willette
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary AuBuchon Marcy Mueller
Altar Server	Deborah Pace
Ushers/Greeters	T.Willette, G. Stanley P. DeGonia, C. Vessell
ST. ANNE **SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM**	*January 08, 2023*
Lector	Maggie Carr
Eucharistic Minister	Rich Broome
Altar Servers	M.K. & A. McDowell
Gift Bearers (Month of Jan.)	M/M Fred Schnable
Ushers/Greeters	Victor Bender Ron Byington

St. Joseph Catholic Church
St. Anne Catholic Church

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Eucharistic Adoration: Third Tuesday of the Month
Mass Schedule: Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday—Friday)
Saturdays: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am

Mass Schedule

Because the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God falls on a Sunday this year, we have scheduled our Saturday and Sunday Mass celebrations at the regular weekend times for the obligation.

12/31/2022 Saturday
New Year's Eve 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph
01/01/2023 Sunday ***Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***
New Year's Day 8:00 a.m. St. Anne
10:00 a.m. St. Joseph

May Christ bless and shower love and happiness upon you and your families in the New Year.

Fr. Jim & Deacon Don Kintz

Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the inaugural Celebration of Life Mass to thank God for ending abortion in Missouri, honor those lost to abortion, pray for those wounded by abortion, and commit to build a "*culture of life and love*" (*Evangelium Vitae*). Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 at the Cathedral Basilica, the special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Bingo – December 22, 2022
No Bingo - Snow Storm

Your Gift to God

December 24 & 25, 2022

	St. Joseph	*St. Anne*
Envelopes	$3,570.00	$1.074.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00	160.00
Christmas	645.00	135.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00	
Seminary	948.00	295.00
School House Roof Rep.	135.00	

2022-23 Budgeted Amounts
Envelopes/Loose
St. Joseph $3,712 St. Anne $804
for 52 weeks

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m

First Saturday Devotion

The First Saturday Devotion will take place at Saint Anne's Church on January 7. The Rosary and 15 minute meditation will begin at 8:30 AM. Holy Mass will start at 9 AM followed by a potluck breakfast. All are invited.

Church Cleaning Team #1 – Ann Folle and Jean Hejlek

Chicken & Dumpling Dinners

The Knights of Columbus Chicken & Dumpling Dinners will be available on **Thursday, January 5, 2023** from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at our meeting hall, 7897 Berry Road. The menu includes: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Applesauce and a selection of Desserts. Carry-out orders only. Adults: $8.00 Children: $4.00 *6 to 10 years*.

A Prayer for the New Year

God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.
Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.
Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made. IgnatianSpirituality.com – Loyola Press

If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence and welcome you to worship with us. Or if you have been away from the Church for a while, we sincerely welcome you HOME. Please call us if you would like more information on becoming a member of our Parish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 1, 2023
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph *at the moment they see the child in the manger*. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, **"When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."**

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "*Mangia*? *Mangia*?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "*Mangia* means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.
— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Thank You

Thank you to our Liturgical Ministers for their continued service and devotion to our St. Joseph and St. Anne Parishes. The Liturgical Ministry schedules are available in the back of Church. If you do not wish to serve or have a scheduling conflict, please call the rectory. If you are able to volunteer for a ministry, please let us know.

We very much appreciate the "Christmas Flower" donations from our St. Joseph and St. Anne parishioners which enabled us to decorate our sacred space with beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season.

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus

If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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