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Be vigilant at all times...

Lk 21:36

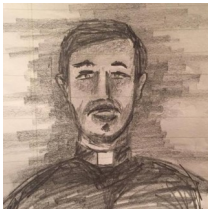


Welcome to St. Ann Catholic Church

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Dear Friends,

During Advent, we contemplate not only the coming of Christ Incarnate at Christmas (His First Coming), but also His Second Coming at the end of the world, in glory. Over the next few weeks, I'd like to provide reflections on those things which concern the Second Coming. The reflections are taken from *The Four Last Things* by Fr. Martin Von Cochem:



Christ Himself declares: "As lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. xxiv. 27).

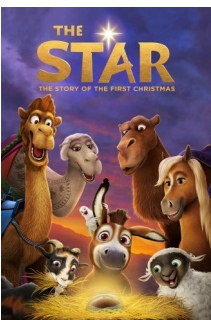
If such be the manner in which the Judge shall come, if flames of fire proceed from His countenance, if He descends from Heaven in a fiery chariot, armed with wrath against sinners, who but must tremble at His coming! We shall in fact, all falter and be afraid. Besides the terrors of the Judge Himself, the sight of the innumerable company of Angels that will descend with Him, will inspire us with awe and great alarm. For on that day not one Angel will remain in Heaven; they will all be present as witnesses of the judgment.

Who can depict the greatness of that power, the splendour of that majesty, the countless number of those Angelic hosts! Listen to what the Psalmist says on the subject: "A fire shall go before Him and shall burn His enemies round about. His lightnings have shone forth to the world, the earth saw and trembled. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The Heavens declared His justice and all people saw His glory" (Ps. xcvi. 3-6). And in another psalm we read: "Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty shall shine forth. . . . A fire shall burn before Him, and a mighty tempest shall be round about Him" (xlix. 2). The prophet Isaias also predicts the advent of the Judge in the following terms: "Behold, the Lord will come with fire, and His chariots are like a whirlwind, to render His wrath in indignation and His rebuke with flames of fire" (Is. lxvi. 15). Moreover,

Now, theologians maintain that in the lowest choir of Angels the number of Angels is ten times greater than that of all the human beings that have ever existed upon earth. In the second choir there are ten times as many as in the first, in the third ten times as many as in the second, and so on, so that the number of these Angelic beings appears endless. All these Angels, who are pure spirits and therefore invisible to bodily sight, will then appear visible, exceedingly bright and glorious, so that the damned also may see the magnificence of Christ's advent.

In Christ,

Fr. Marotti



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS "THE STAR" Hosted by St. Ann and Light of Christ Academy

We are happy to present a family-friendly, advent focused movie! "The Star" tells the story of Bo, a small but brave donkey and his animal friends who become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas. Please bring your coziest attire (fuzzy pajamas encouraged!!), blankets, chairs etc. to enjoy this event! We will have popcorn and assorted goodies to snack on, but please feel free to bring your own treats!

FRI I DEC 7 I 6:00 PM I Social Hall

Contact Amy Schmeding at
amy.schmeding76@gmail.com

CALLING ALL YOUNG ELVES!

Christmas is a magical time of year and this year, The Liturgical Environment Team would like to tell the story of the Bible through decorating ornaments!

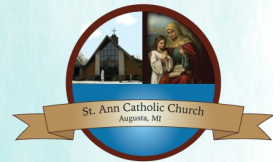
This tradition is known as a Jesse Tree, which helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth.

Please join us December 16 after both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses and help us decorate the St. Ann Jesse Tree while enjoying coffee, hot chocolate and donuts.



WELCOME TO ST. ANN CHURCH!

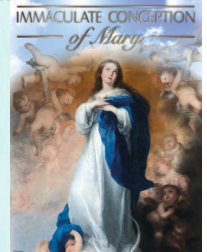
If you have been considering joining St. Ann Church we have made it super easy! Just stop in the office and say "Hi" and pick up a Welcome/Registration folder. Inside you will find a registration form, a parish directory, and information on the many activities in which you can get involved. If the office is closed, folders can also be found on the counter in the vestibule. We are very excited to meet you! Blessings!!



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRI I DEC 7 I 7:00 pm
SAT I DEC 8 I 8:30 am

Please note that attending the Saturday morning Mass does not fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation. The weekend Masses will be at their normal time (SAT 5:00 pm and SUN 9:00 and 11:00 am).



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Father Marotti will focus on what means the Holy Spirit employs to encourage our sanctification. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will be addressed and how we are to use these gifts in our sanctification. Also, the Fruits of the Spirit will be shared and what they might be telling us about our souls. Finally, the notion of a charism and how they work will be considered.



WED I DEC 12

Mass 5:30 pm I Dinner 6:00 pm

Presentation 6:30-8:00 pm in the Social Hall

KALAMAZOO AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Advent season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer five services throughout the area, and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions.



Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs.

<u>St. Ann Gull Lake</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>DEC 5</u>	<u>6:30 pm</u>
St. Ambrose	Mon	DEC 10	7:00 pm
St. Monica	Wed	DEC 12	7:00 pm
St. Mary Kalamazoo	Tues	DEC 18	7:00 pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Wed	DEC 19	6:30 pm

**MASS/SERVICE AND CONFESSION TIMES
MASS INTENTIONS****SAT DEC 1 SATURDAY VIGIL**

Confession | 4:00-4:45 pm
 Mass | 5:00 pm | Bob and Dorothy Wenzel
 (50th anniversary)

SUN DEC 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Confession | 8:00-8:45 am | 10:00-10:45 am
 Mass | 9:00 am | †Gerry Valella
 11:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church

TUE DEC 4 ADVENT WEEKDAY

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am
 Mass | 8:30 am | †Jerome Kohel

WED DEC 5 ADVENT WEEKDAY

Confession | 4:30-5:15 pm
 Mass | 5:30 pm | †Kurt Weber

THU DEC 6 ADVENT WEEKDAY

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am
 Mass | 8:30 am | †Nicholas Czuk

FRI DEC 7 ST. AMBROSE

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am
 Mass | 8:30 am | †Jerome Kohel

VIGIL MASS

Confession | 6:00-6:45 pm
 Mass | 7:00 pm | †Danelle Lawrence Sweet

**SAT DEC 8 IMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am
 Mass | 8:30 am | For all Mothers

SATURDAY VIGIL

Confession | 4:00-4:45 pm
 Mass | 5:00 pm | Special intention of the Middaugh
 family

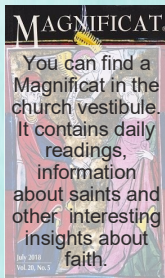
SUN DEC 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Confession | 8:00-8:45 am | 10:00-10:45 am
 Mass | 9:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church
 11:00 am | †Nick Weemes

Mass intentions are a way to pray for the deceased or for a special intention. Contact the office to add a Mass intention. The suggested (not mandatory) offering is \$10.

DAILY READINGS

MON 3 | Is 2:1-5 | Mt 8:5-11
TUE 4 | Is 11:1-10 | Lk 10:21-24
WED 5 | Is 25:6-10a | Mt 15:29-37
THU 6 | Is 26:1-6 | Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRI 7 | Is 29:17-24 | Mt 9:27-31
SAT 8 | Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Lk 1:26-38
SUN 9 | Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
 Lk 3:1-6

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. ANN**

There are several hours that need to be filled in the adoration chapel each week. Go to the St. Ann website at stannaugusta.org/adoration-times to see the current hours that need to be filled.

Interested in becoming a regular adoror?
 Contact Brenda Sinkovitz
 269-491-0377 adoration@stannaugusta.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

DEC 8-9	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	P. Novak	K. Lewis	Deacon Carl
E.M.	P. Novak	E. Mancuso	M. Waite
	D. Rzepka	J. Brown	G. Sattler
	J. Marino	C. Longman	R. Sattler
	M. Marino	J. Ehlich	D. Boone
LECTOR	M. Marino	J. Ehlich	M. Christensen

Prayer Requests

If you would like to request that someone be put in the bulletin or on the prayer chain, please go to stannaugusta.org/prayer-chain and complete the form.

Please keep the family & friends of our St. Ann community in your prayers.

Philip Anthony
 Rom Botyrius
 Dolly Brogger
 Ron Carl
 Kent Clark
 Jacob Collier
 Dave Creamer
 Tom English
 Janet Godde
 Kalisz Family
 Lisa and Dave
 Iselli
 Joe Kaywood Sr.
 Lindsay

Margaret
 McCarthy
 Ted Miller
 Mary Nazarians
 Gary Parrish
 Robert Pennock
 Brock Rigley
 Stephanie and
 Olivia
 Rita Spencer
 Tom Theisen and
 Deanna Lunardini
 Dana Winchester
 Dale Van Patten

Note: Names will be kept on the list for 30 days. If you need to extend that time, please call the parish office.

**THE POPE'S DEC INTENTION:
Evangelization – In the Service of the
Transmission of Faith**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**ST. VINCENT
de PAUL SOCIETY**
 St. Ann Parish
 Conference Est. 2003



We are in need of personal care items, like shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, bath soap, and toothpaste. We could also use laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

Thank you for your generosity!

Committee Meetings

WED | 1:00 pm (except 1st WED)
 THUR | 7:00 pm (1st THUR)

Office Hours

TUE/WED | 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Contact: PHONE | 269-389-0370

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AROUND THE DIOCESE**Retirement Fund for Religious
Collection**

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place the **weekend of Dec. 9th**. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Most served for small stipends and religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. The rising cost of health care add to the challenge. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests by providing medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Diocesan Annual Lenten
Retreat 2019**

March 16-17, 2019 at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp in Vicksburg. Register before December 21st and get \$5 off. (Makes for a great Christmas gift!) Register online or contact Tim McNamara with questions.

STEWARDSHIP**Collection**

NOV 4	\$ 13,482.10
NOV 11	\$ 8,401.89
NOV 18	\$ 10,810.00
NOV 25	\$ 9,240.00
Electronic Gifts	\$ 9,590.00
Total NOV	\$ 51,523.99
Year to Date	\$292,663.21

Parish Finance Council Members:

Jeanne Blondia, Bill English, Todd Maddox, Martha Reid, Tom Zavitz

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

MON | 9:00-11:00 am

Social Hall

Lesley Bodary at lkbodyr@comcast.net**MONDAY EVENING CATHOLIC STUDIES**

MON | 6:00-8:00 pm

Conference Room

Melon Lasich honeydo55@aol.com**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

MON | THURS | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Family Center Gym

Matt Nusbaum mnusbaum@flexfab.com**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

TUE | 7:15 pm (1st Tuesday)

Conference Room

Mark Gentilia mark.gentilia@gmail.com**MARIAN MISSIONARIES**

THURS | Following 8:30 am Mass

Church (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

Sandra Sherwood

ejsherwood@charter.net**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

WED | 6:30-8:00 pm

Family Center

Bobby Kinkela

Bobbyk@stannaugusta.org**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

WED Mass 5:30 pm

Dinner | 6:00 pm | Discussion

6:30-8:00 pm | Social Hall

PatVanderpoolpatv@stannaugusta.org**MEN'S PICKLE BALL**

FRI | 6:30 PM

Gymnasium

Gary Anthony 269-420-7420

THAT MAN IS YOU!

SAT | 6:30-8:00 am

Social Hall

Dale Boone at abooned@yahoo.com**THE FORGE MEN'S SMALL GROUP**

SAT | 8:00-9:00 am

(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Conference Room

Mike Marino at 269-589-9186

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

SUN | 10:00-10:50 am

Conference Room

Michael Christensen

youthgroup@stannaugusta.org**PARENTS OF TEENS SMALL GROUP**

SUN | 10:00-10:50 am

Social Hall

Michelle Guthrie michelleg@stannaugusta.org**ST. ANN RESPECT LIFE GROUP
NO DEC MEETING**

SUN | 10:00-10:50 am (3rd Sunday)

Outer Conference Room

Julia Marino mjckmarino@sbcglobal.net**WEEKLY ROSARY**

40 minutes prior to the SAT 5:00 pm

Mass and the SUN 11:00 am Mass

**NATIVITY PAGEANT AND PARISH CAROL SING-A-LONG**

Our pageant will be held this year on Gaudete Sunday, which is December 16th, at 4:00 pm.

Please come and enjoy the young ones of our parish as they perform in the Nativity Pageant. Also, our youth choir will be performing several selections they have been rehearsing as part of the pageant.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL**

You may make an offering for memorial flowers or for flowers in honor of someone or a group. The money will be used by the Liturgical Environment Team to purchase flowers to decorate the church and the chapel over the Christmas season.

Envelopes can be found in your monthly envelope packet. You may also use a pew envelope, but please be sure to add a note that the money is for memorial flowers and include for whom the memorial offering is being made.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ST. ANN GIVING TREE**

Thank you to everyone who has taken a tag from the Giving Tree. Please return your wrapped gift Sunday, December 9th. It is important that presents be returned by this date so that they can be distributed to the recipients in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please call Kathleen Foldenauer 269-312-1376



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS**Knights of Columbus**

Meet St. Nicholas and enjoy a great menu that includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, hash browns, bacon, biscuits and gravy, and breakfast quesadillas.

SUN | DEC 9**After the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses****BLESSING THE NATIVITY CHRIST CHILD
The 4th Sunday of Advent**

We encourage families to bring the Christ Child from their nativity sets to be blessed by Father Marotti after the Masses on the 4th weekend of Advent (**DECEMBER 22nd-23rd**)

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve in the year 1223.

"And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**The Presence is coming to
Sherman Lake**



This conference is hosted at the Sherman Lake YMCA **February 22-24.**

This weekend retreat for high school students promises to strengthen your walk with Christ. Everyone wants to know who they are and where they are going in life. The Presence helps young people on this journey. Great speakers, music, adoration and Sunday closing Mass by The Most Reverend Paul Bradley.

Registration begins **NOW!**

It costs \$90.00 for the entire weekend. **To register go to stannaugusta.org/teens**





***A Good Shepherd Montessori School Ages 3 to 6
And a classical school grades K-8***

We have open enrollment all year. Contact Office Administrator
Mary Memmott for a tour at
269-203-6808 • lightofchristacademy.org

With a new month comes a new virtue. Our December virtue is generosity. This virtue calls us to give without counting the cost. What a perfect month to focus on this virtue, when so many are making lists of items they expect to receive. We are searching for opportunities to give. Our school family has collected items that were wrapped by the children on Veteran's Day. Each student made a card.

We provided a Thanksgiving dinner for a young college student through Catholic Charities. Throughout Advent, we are collecting items for Christmas for this same young woman, and for a family of four.

We are writing letters and sending Christmas cards to seminarians, and shut-ins.

These opportunities are a great privilege for us, but it is often easier to practice generosity

with a stranger than it is in toward God, in our classrooms or in our homes. How can we demonstrate our generosity toward God? We can accept His will when things don't go the way we hoped. We can make time for prayer and the sacraments. We can pray for, encouragement and show appreciation for our bishop, priests and deacons. We can look for ways to take care of those God places in our life.

How can we be generous in our workplace and our homes? We can look for ways to help, share what we have, give our time and attention, allow others to take the lead, and be patient and positive with those around us. Avoid complaining and criticizing. Offer encouragement, support, a kind ear and shoulder.

Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

If you are interested in finding out more about Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, becoming Catholic (RCIA), religious education for children, or Adult Faith formation, contact Pat Vanderpool at patv@stannaugusta.org

All volunteers who want to work with children must contact the Safe Environment Coordinator. Bobby Kinkela: bobbyk@stannaugsta.org 269-791-4721 ext 50

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