

"Now is the time in which the souls of all men should be stirred with greater fervor towards spiritual perfection, and inspired



with greater confidence: now when the return of that day on which we were redeemed invites us once more to the fulfillment of all our sacred duties, so that purified in body and soul we may celebrate the supreme Mystery of the Passion of Our Lord . . . Accordingly, with great solicitude

has this divine means been given us, so that these forty days of reflection may assist us to restore the purity of our souls, and so that during them we may, by good works, make satisfaction for our past sins, and by devout mortification, purge ourselves of them.

As we are therefore beginning this sacred season, dedicated to the purification of the soul, let us be careful to fulfill the Apostolic command that "we cleanse ourselves from all defilements of the flesh and of the spirit," (2 Cor 7:2) so that restraining the conflict that exists between the one and the other substance, the soul, which in the Providence of God is meant to be the ruler of the body, may regain the dignity of its rightful authority.

We must then so moderate our rightful use of food that our other desires may be subject to the same rule. For this is also a time for gentleness and patience, a time of peace and serenity, in which having put away all stains of evil doing, we strive after steadfastness in what is good.

Be you certain, Dearly Beloved, that the devil, the enemy of all virtue, will look with envy upon these pious practices, to which we trust you freely give yourself; and he will bring against them all the force of his malice, so that from piety itself he may weave snares against piety: so that those he could not destroy through despair he will seek to undo through vain glory. Whose purpose will that most wicked enemy not dare to attack? Whose self denial does he not seek to undo, when . . . he attempted his deceits even against the Savior of the World? Let us therefore, Dearly Beloved, be watchful against the deceits of the devil, not alone against the enticement of gluttony, but even in our very purpose of fasting.

Enter then with pious devotion upon these holy days of Lent; and prepare for yourselves the works of mercy, that you may merit the Divine Mercy. Extinguish the fires of anger, wipe away all hate . . . give way to each other in the simplicity of true humility." Let offenses be forgiven. Let harshness be changed to mildness, disdain to gentleness, discord into peace . . . so that our fasting may be pleasing to God. To Him we shall offer a true sacrifice of self denial and devotion if we keep ourselves from all iniquity; being helped in all things by Almighty God, Who with the Son and Holy Spirit is One in Divinity, One in Majesty, unto ages of ages. Amen.'

- St Leo the Great



LIGHT OF CHRIST ACADEMY

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We have open enrollment all year.
Contact Office Administrator
Mary Memmott for a tour at

269-203-6808 • lightofchristacademy.org





Classical Education Presentation

Light of Christ Academy strives to give relevant programming to parents and St. Ann parishioners concerning school initiatives. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a special presentation about Classical Education.

THURS I March 28 I 7:00 pm

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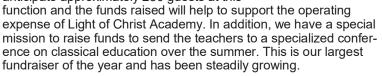
Our speaker will be Miss Colleen Richards who has been Headmaster of Chesterton Academy of Rochester (NY) since its founding and of St. John Bosco Schools since 2011. Previous to that, she served for sixteen years as a teacher at almost every grade level and Instructor in online college courses. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary English Education from Canisius College and a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction.

Please join us for a presentation, and a question and answer period. There will be a meal and refreshments.



Annual Gala Auction Donations

We will soon be hosting our Annual Gala Dinner and Auction at the Gull Lake Country Club. Our theme this year is "Unmasking Christ's Light – A Masquerade Gala". We anticipate approximately 250 guests at this



To make this event as exciting and fruitful as we hope we will need your help! We ask for your consideration in supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise or services that we can use in the silent or live auction. On the office door you will find envelopes indicating things that we have in mind as prizes for games and items for auction baskets. You can take an envelope and bring in the item or we will gladly pick up your donation. We are requesting that donations be dropped of by April 15th.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle at michelleg@lightofchristacademy.org. Thank you for your generosity!

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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 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!! Visit stannaugusta.org for more info!

EASTER DECORATING PARTY

This Easter season, get in touch with your creative side (no experience necessary) and join us and have fun working with God's many beautiful flowers and plants as we make floral arrangements for the church.

SAT I APRIL 20 I 10:00 am

A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the office, or you may call Sherry at 269.760.3363

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We would like to invite you to join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship. To make donuts and fellowship successful, we need people to sign up on at signup genius. You need to put in your name and email so we can remind you the week before. If we have both 9am and 11am filled out by the Thursday before, we'll be able have donuts on that Sunday. If no one signs up, then we won't have donuts.

stannaugusta.org/donuts

Corporal Works of Mercy aren't just for Lent!

Your help is needed all year to assist in the act of burying the dead



by helping at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. We are looking to form a small group to care for the plantings at the entry of the cemetery throughout growing seasons. Keeping the entry weed free and welcoming is a beautiful way to show the community how the Church cares for those we loved and have gone to their eternal

reward. Please contact Sue Jeska at 269•330•3782 or sue.jeska@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us as Father Marotti presents on the Triduum.

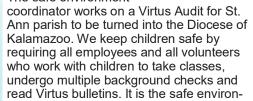
WED I MARCH 27

Mass 5:30 pm I Dinner 6:00 pm Presentation 6:30-8:00 pm Social Hall

This is an opportunity to grow in your faith and share in great fellowship with other St. Ann parishioners!

VIRTUS

Please Check your Virtus Bulletins during March and April. Trust The safe environment



YOU are INVITED!

Join us for a retreat based on the book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, entitled 33 Days to Merciful Love. This retreat explores new material on the heart of St. Therese of Lisieux's Little Way, uncovering the power of trust in the face of personal darkness, inspiring participants to become great saints amid ordinary circumstances, and laying the foundation for a personal consecration to Divine Mercy (April 28).

This group retreat will begin Sunday, March

Knights of Columbus Weekly Lenten Friday Fish Fry

Dinner served from 5:30-7:00 pm Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

\$8 per person (dine in or take out) \$30 per family of 4 or more

Menu Includes:

Baked & Fried Pollack I Fried Catfish I Mac & Cheese I Scalloped Potatoes I Baked Beans Rolls I Fruit Cocktail I Coffee I Tea & Fruit Punch

Proceeds will support a an Endowed Scholarship Fund at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

> ment coordinator who ensures everyone is up to date. If you get an email from Bobby about something I need you to do for a safe environment here at St. Ann, know that you are not by any means the only one!

Please take a minute to log on to www.virtusonline.org and click through the bulletins on the bottom left corner and make sure you're up to date. If you need help getting logged in or any other questions, please email Bobby Kinkela at bobbyk@stannaugusta.org

24th at 6:00 pm and meet once a week for five consecutive weeks. You may also participate by doing the retreat at home. Sign up at allheartsafire.org and click on the red Divine Mercy 2019 Consecration tab



For the materials contact Sandra Sherwood at 269-665-9062 or email her at ejsherwood@charter.net

UNPLANNED

Ashley and John McPheters have organized a movie screening of the film Unplanned. It is a feature length film based on the book with the same title telling the story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director, who had a profound conversion after witnessing an abortion and left the abortion industry.

The moving screening info is as follows:

Celebration! Cinema Crossroads 6600 Ring Rd, Portage

FRI I MARCH 29 I 7:00pm

There will be a total of 176 seats available split between 2 theaters. Tickets are \$11.75 each. Cash is fine or checks can be payable to John McPheters. They will be on sale after the Masses or in the office.





Priests are working together during the Lenten season to offer a schedule that meets the needs of many people.

2019 KALAMAZOO AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES Everyone is invited to attend at the location that best suits your needs.

St. Ann Gull Lake	Wednesday	27 March	6:30 pm
St. Martin of Tours	Sunday	31 March	2:00 pm
St. Mary Kalamazoo	Thursday	4 April	7:00 pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday	9 April	6:30 pm
St. Monica	Wednesday	10 April	6:00 pm
St. Joseph Kalamazoo	Thursday	11 April	7:00 pm

MASS/SERVICE AND CONFESSION TIMES MASS INTENTIONS

SAT MAR 23 SATURDAY VIGIL

Confession | 4:00-4:45 pm Mass | 5:00 pm | †Jack Lawrence

SUN MAR 24 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Confession | 8:00-8:45 am | 10:00-10:45 am

Mass | 9:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church 11:00 am | Special intention of Luke Bernard

MON MAR 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am

Mass | 8:30 am | †Dave Creamer

TUE MAR 26 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am

Mass | 8:30 am | †Mary Jane Williams

WED MAR 27 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Confession | 4:30-5:15 pm Mass | 5:30 pm | †Frederick Lewis

THU MAR 28 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am

Mass | 8:30 am | †George Bergland

FRI MAR 29 LENTEN WEEKDAY

Confession | 7:30-8:15 am

Mass | 8:30 am | †Patricia Richmond

SAT MAR 30 SATURDAY VIGIL

Confession | 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass | 5:00 pm | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church

SUN MAR 31 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Confession | 8:00-8:45 am | 10:00-10:45 am

Mass | 9:00 am | †Bob Bresloff

11:00 am | †Kubiak and Wolski Families



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 25 | Is 7:10-14; 8:10 | Lk 1:26-38

TUE 26 | Dn 3:25, 34-43 | Mt 18:21-35

WED 27 | Dt 4:1, 5-9 | Mt 5:17-19

THU 28 | Jer 7:23-28 | Lk 11:14-23

FRI 29 | Hos 14:2-10 | Mk 12:28-34

SAT 30 | Hos 6:1-6 | Lk 18:9-14

SUN 31 | Jos 5:9a, 10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-

21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Magnificat in the church vestibule. It contains daily readings, information about saints and other interesting insights about faith.



EUCHARISTIC 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 adorer? Contact Brenda Sinkovitz 269•491•0377 adoration@stannaugusta.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

MARCH 30-31	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	C. Marlatt	K. Lewis	Deacon Carl
E.M.	C. Sullivan	J. Brown	B. English
LECTOR	M. Marino	J. Ehlich	L. Barlett

NOTE: Due to an increase in the number of cold and flu cases in our community, we will be discontinuing the distribution of the precious blood until Easter.

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
- ~Dale Beauchamp ~Benni Nazarians
- ~Ron Carl
- ~Kalisz Family
- ~Deb Helton ~Lucy Fifelski
- ~Margaret Fifelski
- ~Lisa and Dave Iselli
- ~Mary McDonald
- ~John Mursch
- ~Ray Patterson ~Robert Pennock
- ~Dan Reid
- ~Rachael Cohen
- Stroud ~Deanna Lunardini
- and Tom Theisen
- ~Terry Wortz

Note: Names will be kept on the list for 30 days. If you need to extend that time re-submit the request at stannaugusta.org/prayer-chain



THE POPE'S MARCH INTENTION: Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

St. Ann Parish

Conference Est. 2003 Our mission is to serve as

Christ would serve, not swooping down to throw some money at a problem, but as a neighbor helping out a neighbor. As a neighbor listening with compassion, as a neighbor reaching out in love to help. Thank

you so much for making our work possible.

The food pantry needs: Unsweetened cereal Canned fruit Tuna or Canned Meat

Pasta Sauce Canned tomatoes

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 WEBSITE | svdpstannaugustam.com EMAIL | stannsvdp1@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE



PRAY for Life from through April 14. Join the Kalamazoo 40 Days for Life campaign - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Sign up to stand and peacefully PRAY during a 40-day vigil on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood - Kalamazoo. Select a prayer hour via email/text/call to:

Brenda Sinkovitz | 269.491.0377 40daysKALAMAZOO@gmail.com

Lenten meal to feature CRS **Rice Bowl Speaker Thomas** Awiapo.

All are welcome for a simple meal and an inspiring presentation on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph at the Rose Ceter. Mr. Thomas Awiapo will share his personal story of hope and how programs funded by CRS Rice Bowl changed his life as a child in Ghana. A free will offering will be taken.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo seeking new President/CEO

Direct recommendations to: CCDOK.Recruitment@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP				
Collection				
MARCH 3	\$ 11,734.00			
MARCH 10	\$ 9,983.50			
MARCH 17	\$ 12,235.41			
MARCH 24				
MARCH 31				
Electronic Gifts	\$ 7,689.50			
Total MARCH	\$ 41,642.41			
Year to Date	\$524,354.85			

Parish Finance Council Members: Jeanne Blondia, Bill English, Todd Maddox, Martha Reid, Tom Zavitz

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

MON I 9:00-11:00 am Social Hall Lesley Bodary at Ikbodry@comcast.net

MONDAY EVENING CATHOLIC STUDIES

MON I 6:00-8:00 pm Conference Room Melon Lasich honeydo55@aol.com

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MON I THU I 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Family Center Gym Matt Nusbaum mnusbaum@flexfab.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TUE I 7:15 pm (1st Tuesday) Conference Room Mark Gentilia mark.gentilia@gmail.com

at patv@stannaugusta.org

If you are interested in finding out more about Baptism,

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony,

becoming Catholic (RCIA), religious education for chil-

dren, or Adult Faith formation, contact Pat Vanderpool

MARIAN MISSIONARIES

1st THURS I after 8:30 am Mass I 3rd THURS 7:00 pm Main Church Sandra Sherwood ejsherwood@charter.net

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

WED I 6:30-8:00 pm Family Center Bobby Kinkela Bobbyk@stannaugusta.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WED Mass 5:30 pm Dinner I 6:00 pm I Discussion 6:30-8:00 pm I Social Hall Pat Vanderpool patv@stannaugusta.org

MEN'S PICKLE BALL

FRI I 6:30 PM Gymnasium Garv Anthony 26

Gary Anthony 269-420-7420

THAT MAN IS YOU!

SAT I 6:30-8:00 am Social Hall Dale Boone abooned@yahoo.com

THE FORGE MEN'S SMALL GROUP

SAT I 8:00-9:00 am (2nd and 4th Saturdays) Conference Room Mike Marino at 269•589•9186

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

SUN I 10:00-10:50 am Conference Room Michael Christensen youthgroup@stannaugusta.org

PARENTS OF TEENS SMALL GROUP

SUN I 10:00-10:50 am Social Hall Michelle Guthrie michelleg@stannaugusta.org

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

SUN I 10:00-10:50 am (3rd Sun) 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

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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Abuse hotline: 877-802-0115