



Welcome to St. Ann Catholic Church



# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against all greed,  
for though one may be rich,  
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Luke 12:15





Dear Friends,

I would like to first thank all of our staff and volunteers for putting together such a great Parish Picnic! Many people were involved that I'd fail if I tried to list everyone, but a big thank you to the Parish Festival Team for heading up the effort! We are truly blessed by the intercession of our parish Patroness and by the generosity of our parish family!

Today's Gospel serves as a reminder to always live as if this day will be our last. You hear all kinds of trite sayings in our modern culture: "Seize the day" "Live life to the fullest!" "You only live once!" - these are not the message of the Gospel.



Most of those trite expressions are encouragements to live irresponsibly and just for enjoyment. Our Lord's message for us is to live each day spiritually prepared as if it might be our last. In other words, it is pointless to "get the most out of life" in terms of pleasure if you are not spiritually rich in grace. All of the fleeting pleasures of this world will fade away into nothingness, and we will be faced with the final judgment which bears on not our material wealth, but on our spiritual wealth. May we always keep that in mind when we rightly enjoy the things of this world!

In Christ,  
Fr Marotti

## The Bishop's Annual Appeal

*We are called...*

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our opportunity as Christian stewards to show our gratitude for all God's gifts and to do what He has asked us to do-reinvest a small portion of our blessings into growing His Kingdom and continuing the work of Jesus Christ.

When you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you make possible the more than 70 spiritual, pastoral, educational, and charitable programs and services provided through the diocese. Your gift does make a difference. Make your commitment as a part of your stewardship responsibility. Jesus sacrificed his life for us. What can you sacrifice for him?



BISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

### Organizations that Benefit

- 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass
- Adult Faith Formation
- Catechist Certification
- The ARK Shelter for Homeless Teens
- Baraga Manor Apartments
- Caring Network
- Catholic School Accreditation Program
- Catholic Scouting
- Community Evangelization Outreach
- Deacon Formation
- Diocesan Insider
- Diocesan Media and Public Relations
- Good News & Brews
- Joy-filled Marriage
- Marriage Enrichment
- Natural Family Planning Workshops
- Priestly Life & Lay Ministry
- Vocations Programs
- Youth March for Life

### How to Give:

Fill out the pledge card sent to you and return it in the mail or put it in the collection basket.

Give online at  
[www.osvonlinegiving.com/867](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/867)

Thank you for supporting our  
Diocese and parish!



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019 goal

**\$3,424,123**

For individual parish goals  
please visit: [www.diokzoo.org](http://www.diokzoo.org)

**96%**

of gifts fund  
Diocesan initiatives  
and operations



If you are unable to commit financially, please complete the pledge card you were sent and note if you are able to share your time or talent instead. If you have already responded, thank for your continued support and generosity.

### LIGHT OF CHRIST ACADEMY

A Good Shepherd Montessori  
School for Ages 3-6  
A classical school grades K-8



Contact Office Administrator  
Mary Memmott for a tour at  
**269-203-6808 • [lightofchristacademy.org](http://lightofchristacademy.org)**  
**[office@lightofchristacademy.org](mailto:office@lightofchristacademy.org)**

### AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY

Light of Christ Academy is in need of growing their substitute teacher list for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Mary Memmott for details at [office@lightofchristacademy.org](mailto:office@lightofchristacademy.org)

### VIRTUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



VIRTUS training is used in the church for the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse.

**Anyone working with children is required to complete the training.**

St. Ann Church will be hosting VIRTUS training.

**August 6 | 6:00-8:30 pm**  
Social Hall

Contact Pat Vanderpool: 269-731-0295

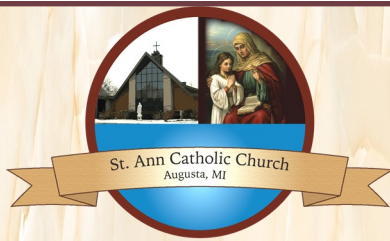
We were so blessed to see so many of our school families at our parish picnic. What a wonderful day!



Thank you to everyone who helped out!







## 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](http://stannaugusta.org) for more info!

## DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION PETITION

A statewide signature gathering effort is now underway across Michigan to **ban the dismemberment abortion procedure**. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered voters are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers.



Contact the parish office to sign the dismemberment abortion petition and make your pro-life voice heard today.

There is also a **second petition drive** from the "Michigan Heartbeat Coalition." The petition language would prohibit any abortion after cardiac activity is detected (approximately 6-8 weeks of gestation). While the intent of this legislation is honorable, there is cause for great concern. Michigan law already protects all unborn children, once a heartbeat is detected and even prior to its detection. This heartbeat petition drive could weaken and potentially supersede Michigan's existing pro-life law. *Therefore, Michigan Catholic Conference and the Catholic bishops in this state are not supporting the heartbeat drive.*

For more information, please go to the following link:  
[www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife](http://www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife)



## DOWNLOAD MYPARISH APP

Stay up to date on parish happenings. The St. Ann Catholic Church app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Search for MYPARISH in the App Store or Google Play Or Text App to 88202

## THE DEADLINE IS HERE!! AUGUST 6TH

2019-20 Confirmation

### STEP #1

- The desire for the Sacrament.
- Weekly Mass attendance.
- Regular participation in reconciliation.
- K-8 Faith Formation or equivalent.
- High School Freshman or older.
- Openness, willingness and commitment to grow in discipleship.
- Willingness and consistent participation in Confirmation meetings and events.

### STEP #2

- Fill out the application and **return by August 6.**
- Applications can be found on the boards in the vestibule or find it online at [stannaugusta.org/confirmation](http://stannaugusta.org/confirmation)

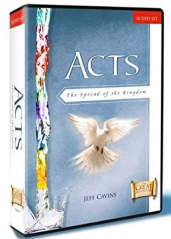
Questions: Email Susie Boone at [confirmation@stannaugusta.org](mailto:confirmation@stannaugusta.org)

*What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, We will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.*



## MONDAY NIGHT CATHOLIC STUDIES

A new book study is starting!



Acts is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

The Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom study program traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

**MONDAYS | 6:00-8:00 pm (Starts 9/19)**  
\$30 for the study guide | Social Hall

Contact Melon at [honeydo55@aol.com](mailto:honeydo55@aol.com)

## EVANGELIZATION THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

An easy way to share our Catholic Faith

By: Michelle Guthrie

For the past couple of years I have been in charge of the St. Ann Facebook page. When I first started, I didn't realize that there is actually an extensive evangelism component to Facebook. Quickly, it became apparent what an amazing tool Facebook can be for the New Evangelization. It centers around connecting people to God through the pictures they see, the videos they watch and the stories they read.

Over the years, I have seen what a great evangelization tool Facebook is for our Church. Did you know that every time you "like", comment on, or share a post, that post becomes visible to all of your Facebook friends? From an evangelism standpoint, it is a subtle way of letting the people in your life know about your Catholic faith and the importance of God in your life. Imagine the thousands of people that would have been reached about our church and our faith, if the almost 400 people that had viewed the St. Ann Parish Picnic video had just clicked "like", commented on, or shared that post. It would be amazing to touch so many people, and it is **so simple to do**.

**How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?**

There are some standard recommendations for evangelizing on social media:

- **Do not overdo it.** People do not want to feel as if you are constantly preaching. Just use your updates to subtly identify your faith and relationship with Jesus.
- **"Like"** things that might strike up a conversation that may lead people to your church (e.g. Wow, there were a lot of people that became Catholic at your church on Easter).

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- **Follow** some Catholic oriented pages yourself like

EWTN, Aleteia, Word on Fire, Catholic News Agency, or the Diocese of Kalamazoo. This will allow you to share things that touch you in some way.

- **"Check-in"** quickly on Facebook when you get to church. If people see that a few people they know attend St. Ann, they might consider coming as well.
- **Maintain a balance** by continuing your personal side on Facebook.

If you do not already do so, consider following St. Ann Catholic Church on Facebook. As a way to help bring people closer to God, please "like", comment on, and share things that move you.



**MASS/SERVICE AND CONFESSION TIMES**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Confession is 1 hour before every Mass for 45 minutes.*

**SAT AUG 3 SATURDAY VIGIL**

Mass | 5:00 pm | †Scott Richmond

**SUN AUG 4 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass | 9:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church  
11:00 am | †Paul Toupin

**TUE AUG 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Jeni Carl

**WED AUG 7 WEEKDAY**

Mass | 8:30 am | †Gordon Martin

**THU AUG 8 ST. DOMINIC**

Mass | 8:30 am | †Bill Spagnolo

**FRI AUG 9 WEEKDAY**

Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Suzanne Niemiec

**SAT AUG 10 SATURDAY VIGIL**

Mass | 5:00 pm | †Ted Miller

**SUN AUG 11 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass | 9:00 am | †Mitchel and Janet Chojnowski  
11:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church

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 5** | Nm 11:4b-15 | Mt 14:13-21

**TUE 6** | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | Lk 9:28b-36

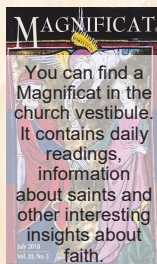
**WED 7** | Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35 | Mt 15:21-28

**THU 8** | Nm 20:1-13 | Mt 16:13-23

**FRI 9** | Dt 4:32-40 | Mt 16:24-28

**SAT 10** | 2 Cor 9:6-10 | Jn 12:24-26

**SUN 11** | Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19  
Lk 12:32-48


**What is Eucharistic Adoration?**

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual living presence of Jesus. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.


**How Can I Participate?**

All are welcome at any time. Just knock on the door and the scheduled adorer will let you in the chapel.

Interested in becoming a regular adorer?

Contact Brenda Sinkovitz [adoration@stannaugusta.org](mailto:adoration@stannaugusta.org)  
[Brenda@stannaugusta.org](mailto:Brenda@stannaugusta.org)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE**

AUG 10-11	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	J. Marino	K. Lewis	T. Kubiak
<b>E.M.</b>	J. Marino	J. Dobbin	K. Hadden
<b>Lector</b>	P. Novak	L. Bartlett	S. Elstun

**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](http://stannaugusta.org/prayer-chain) and complete the form.

~Phillip Anthony  
~James B  
~Lori Babbitt  
~Dale Beauchamp  
~Doree Boyle  
~Jenni Carl  
~Ron Carl  
~George Dwalch  
~Tom English  
~Kalisz Family  
~Betty Gill  
~Deb Helton  
~Monica Hepner  
~Lucy Fifelski  
~Margaret Fifelski  
~Lisa and Dave Iselli  
~John Mursch  
~Benni Nazarians

~Suzanne Niemiec  
~Ray Patterson  
~Robert Pennoek  
~Dan Reid  
~Anna Rysenga  
~Vicky Sanders  
~Sid Shane  
~Rachael Cohen Stroud  
~Deanna Lunardini and Tom Theisen  
~Rosanne Toney

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

**THE POPE'S AUGUST INTENTION:**

Families, Schools of Human Growth

*That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."*

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


**Food pantry needs:**

- Hamburger and Tuna Helper
- Boxed Potatoes

It seems like as the summer heats up, so do the needs of the poor. We have seen an increase in requests for assistance, especially with eviction and utility shut-offs. Thank you so much for your generosity to the poor, moving people into safe housing or keeping the roof over their heads and the lights on. Especially thank you on behalf of the little ones.

**Committee Meetings**

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

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

**Contact:** PHONE | 269-389-0370  
WEBSITE | [svdpstannaugustam.com](http://svdpstannaugustam.com)  
EMAIL | [stannsvdp1@gmail.com](mailto:stannsvdp1@gmail.com)

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**
**Ark In The Dark Firefly 5K ARK Services for Youth**

AUG | 17th | 8:00 pm  
Hackett Catholic Prep!

This family-friendly event isn't just for runners -- we invite everyone to come walk, jog, sprint, or crawl the 5K course to support The Ark!

- New-and-improved course (part trail) filled with lights and excitement
- Delicious "camp-themed" snacks after you run -- think hot dogs, smores, and more!
- Great music, great costumes, and a great atmosphere for families!
- Special team and family rates make it affordable for all

Register at: [runsignup.com/Race/MI/Kalamazoo/ArkInTheDarkFirefly5K2017](http://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Kalamazoo/ArkInTheDarkFirefly5K2017)

**Young Adult Convening Session 3**

MON | AUG 12 | 6:00-8:00 pm  
St. Thomas More

After discussing a general summary of Christus Vivit and sharing the needs and desires of young adults in our local situation, we are primed with this next session two!

**STEWARDSHIP**
**Collection**

JULY 7	\$ 12,551.30
JULY 14	\$ 11,039.79
JULY 21	\$ 8,924.19
JULY 28	\$ 11,799.90
Electronic Gifts	\$ 9,758.00
Total JULY	\$ 54,073.18
Year to Date	\$ 54,073.18

**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  
lkbodry@gmail.com

**MONDAY EVENING CATHOLIC STUDIES**

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

**MARIAN MISSIONARIES**

1st THURS | after 8:30 am  
Mass | Main Church  
Sandra Sherwood  
ejsherwood@charter.net

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

WED | 6:30-8:00 pm (Fall)  
Family Center  
Bobby Kinkela  
Bobbyk@stannaugusta.org

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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

**Visit our supporter of  
the week!**

**THE FORGE MEN'S 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

**RESPECT LIFE GROUP**

SUN | 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

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**Abuse hotline: 877•802•0115**

**REPORT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line at 877•802•0115.

A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour.

This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries.

If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes, or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish, or office directly.