

Welcome to St. Ann Catholic Church

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24



Dear Friends,

This week we began our school year at Light of Christ Academy. I want to repeat my gratitude for all your prayers and support for our school! It is my hope that the parish begins to see LCA as our parish school - something of which we take ownership and in which we take pride. We see our collective mission as preparing souls for heaven, both in parish and school. Just a few facts about our school that you might not know yet:



most other Catholic schools decline in enrollment.

* We have a unique natural play-scape that continues to wow everyone who sees it.

* We integrate the Faith into all subjects, as well as teaching the students analytical reading, critical thinking, and rhetoric.

* We expose them to the Great Books and only the best of literature, avoiding highly-edited and biased textbooks used in most schools.

* Every student - from three years old up until eighth grade - has daily Latin class.

These are just some of the many things that make LCA unique! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin the adventure of a new school year!

In Christ,

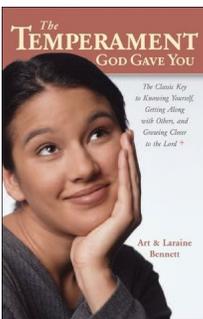
Fr Marotti

* We are closing in on 100 students, up from 40 students just two years ago.

* Our students go to Mass every single morning to start the school day. Adoration and Reconciliation are available weekly as well.

* We offer a form of education that is not available elsewhere in the diocese. The Montessori-Classical model is the form of education that is growing across the country, while

The Temperament God Gave You is the first Catholic book on this subject in seventy years. It provides an accessible synthesis of classical wisdom, modern counseling science, and Catholic spirituality: a rich understanding of the temperaments and what they mean for you and for your family.



Join fellow young women and moms bi-weekly for prayer, fellowship and an 8 week study using the book **The Temperament God Gave You.**

MON I 9:15-11:00am (bi-weekly) | Library
September 9- December 16 | Cost \$18 for book
 Register in the vestibule.

Daycare is provided free of charge during the study for kids 1 and older.

Contact Bailey Sutkowi at 269•348•5001 or email her at sutkowi@gmail.com

An Invitation from the Respect Life Group

I'd like to invite you to join us for an important pro-life prayer service taking place in Kalamazoo on Saturday, September 14. On that day, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Fr. Marotti will conduct the service. There's a memorial stone near the mausoleum dedicated to children who have died that the caretaker says has always been understood to be a pro-life memorial. Please join us.



SAT I SEPT 14 I 9:30 am

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Mausoleum, 2003 Mt. Olivet Road, Kalamazoo

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

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office@lightofchristacademy.org

"Finally, brethren, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."
 ~Philippians 4:8

Our Light of Christ Upper Academy teachers joined colleagues from St. Monica Catholic School on Friday, August 19 for a full day of learning through the CiRCE Institute on the "Lost Tools of Writing" and pedagogy associated with Classical education. The outcomes of the day were many, and dialogue throughout the day was fruitful.

The learning began with an identification of the various problems that are encountered in writing and segued into a very concrete way of developing ideas (Invention), organizing thoughts (Arrangement), and concluded with writing samples from the third stage (Elocution). The greatest take-away of the day was found in the beauty and orderliness of the method. For those of us whose children have experienced difficulty in writing well, this method is certainly worthy of praise.

A second, and arguably more important take-away from the day was the emphasis on Mimesis that was woven into each lesson presented. Mimesis means "to imitate" or "to mimic". As lessons are presented, students are required to imitate processes, to mimic them, so that good habits of learning can be formed and assessed for understanding.

Students will learn how to write persuasive essays that begin at a rudimentary stage and include the development of a thesis statement and simple outline, through Invention. Even our youngest learners can benefit from this most fundamental level as ideas develop through wondering. Over the course of a school year, seventh and eighth grade students will develop 9 formal essays that conclude with the ninth encompassing all components of a complete persuasive essay. Stay tuned. We hope to provide sample writing of our students in this future column.

Our time together ended with a reflection on the CiRCE Institute's definition of education:

Education is the cultivation of wisdom and virtue by nourishing the soul on the true, the good, and the beautiful by means of the seven liberal (liberating) arts of truth-perception and harmony, so that in Christ the student is better able to know, glorify, and enjoy God.

This is how we will strive to educate all students at Light of Christ Academy.

More to follow...



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!**



St. Ann will be showing **UNPLANNED**, the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading her to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.

SEPT 11 | 6:00pm
Gymnasium

40 Days for Life starts September 25th. 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people end the injustice of abortion through prayer, community outreach and peaceful vigil.

Contact Julia Marino to volunteer for any event: mjckmarino@sbcglobal.net



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join this new book study!

John is known as both the Beloved Disciple and the apostle who was closest to Jesus, and we ought to study his Gospel with special attention, so that we can learn from his example to draw even closer to Christ.

John's Gospel is the written witness to his constant, loving pursuit of the Lord. Father Patrick Winslow carefully explains why this is one of the most beautiful and spiritually powerful books in the whole canon of Scripture. Written by Scott Hahn and Mark Shea, you will learn:

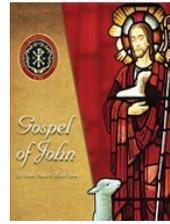
- Why John's Gospel has the most profound theology of the four Gospels
- Its unique focus on a Christian Understanding of the Family

MONDAYS | 9:00-11:00 AM (Starts 9/9)

Social Hall | \$47 for the study guide

Sign up in the vestibule.

Contact Lesley Bodary at 269•762•9378



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.

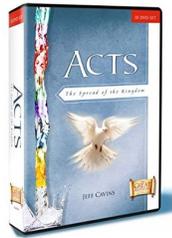
The Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom study program traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply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

MONDAYS | 6:00-8:00 pm (Starts 9/9)

Social Hall | \$30 for the study guide

Sign up in the vestibule.

Contact Melon at honeydo55@aol.com



To Light a Fire on the Earth: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age

As secularism gains influence and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Bishop Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is.

In this compelling new book—written in conversation with award-winning Vatican journalist John L. Allen, Jr.—Bishop Barron proclaims in vivid language the goodness and truth of the Catholic tradition.

Touching on everything from Jesus to prayer, science, movies, atheism, the spiritual life, the fate of Church in modern times, beauty, art, and social media, Barron reveals why the Church matters today and how Catholics can intelligently engage a skeptical world.

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 8:00-9:00 am

Begins in September | Library

Sign up in the vestibule. The book is \$25.

Contact Mike Marino at 269•589•9186



Men's Catholic Fellowship Group

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is a dynamic twelve-part video series that beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. In addition to explanation of dogmas, answers to common objections, and demonstration of Mary's presence in the Old and New Testaments, this study discusses Church-approved Marian apparitions that play an important role in Catholic Tradition. It's sure to help Catholics and non-Catholics alike grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God.

SAT | 6:30 am (Starting 9/28)

2nd and 4th Saturdays (12 sessions)

Library | There is no charge for this study

Contact Dale Boone at abooned@yahoo.com
616-283-4273 or

Tom Zavitz at tzavitz@aol.com

Registration Religious Education: Family Catechesis

Registration is open for family catechesis and catechesis of the Good Shepherd. These are programs designed for families of pre-school up to 8th grade students. We will have weekly religious

St Ann Catholic Parish

Religious Education

education from September to November, then transition to family religious education once a month starting in December

and go year-round. Parents can register their families at stannaugusta.org/youth-faith-formation.

For more information, you can call 731-4721 and ask for Pat or Bobby or email patv@stannaugusta.org or bobbyk@stannaugusta.org

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

Confession is 1 hour before every Mass for 45 minutes.

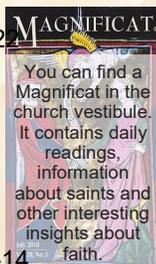
- SAT AUG 24 SATURDAY VIGIL**
Mass | 5:00 pm | †Wayne Lennon
- SUN AUG 25 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass | 9:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church
11:00 am | Special intention of the Schweitzers (53rd Anniversary)
- MON AUG 26 WEEKDAY**
Mass | 8:30 am | †Lois McCool
- TUE AUG 27 ST. MONICA**
Mass | 8:30 am | †Danelle Lawrence Sweet
- WED AUG 28 ST. AUGUSTINE**
Mass | 8:30 am | Cathie Lawrence
- THU AUG 29 THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Lisa and Dave Iselli
- FRI AUG 30 WEEKDAY**
Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Suzanne Niemiec
- SAT AUG 31 SATURDAY VIGIL**
Mass | 5:00 pm | †Barbara Crow
- SUN SEPT 1 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mass | 9:00 am | †Danelle Lawrence Sweet (1 year anniversary)
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 26** | 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 | Mt 23:13-23
- TUE 27** | 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Mt 23:23-26
- WED 28** | 1 Thes 2:9-13 | Mt 23:27-32
- THU 29** | 1 Thes 3:7-13 | Mk 6:17-29
- FRI 30** | 1 Thes 4:1-8 | Mt 25:1-13
- SAT 31** | 1 Thes 4:9-11 | Mt 25:14-30
- SUN 1** | Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Lk 14:1, 7-14



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 praying in the Adoration chapel weekly or as a substitute? Contact Brenda Sinkovitz adoration@stannaugusta.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

AUG 31 SEPT 1	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Sacristan	C. Marlatt	K. Lewis	T. Kubiak
E.M.	D. Rzepka	J. Brown	T. Maddox
Lector	C. Chojnowski	S. Elstun	G. Sattler

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.

- ~Phillip Anthony
 - ~James B
 - ~Lori Babbitt
 - ~Dale Beauchamp
 - ~Doree Boyle
 - ~Jenni Carl
 - ~Ron Carl
 - ~George Dwalch
 - ~Tom English
 - ~Kalisz Family
 - ~Betty Gill
 - ~Jan Halik
 - ~Deb Helton
 - ~Lucy Fifelski
 - ~Margaret Fifelski
 - ~Lisa and Dave Iselli
 - ~Tom Millard
 - ~John Mursch
 - ~Benni Nazarians
 - ~Scott Oomen
 - ~Ray Patterson
 - ~Robert Pennock
 - ~Dan Reid
 - ~Anna Rysenga
 - ~Vicky Sanders
 - ~Sid Shane
 - ~Rachael Cohen Stroud
 - ~Deanna Lunardini and Tom Theisen
 - ~Fr. Phil Tighe
 - ~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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Widowed Friends Support Group

Widowed men and widowed women are invited to participate in this gathering/support group once a month.

WED I AUG 28 I 4:00- 5:30 pm

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 215 N. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo

United In Purpose

An evening with Lou Holtz,

MON I OCT 21 I 5:00 pm

WMU Miller Auditorium

An evening with Lou Holtz to promote Catholic education and our shared mission of faith-based education. Learn more and purchase tickets www.kalamazooinedinpurpose.com

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

All the faithful are invited to move forward in mission and discipleship with a day filled with Mass, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and Eucharistic Adoration.

SAT I OCT 19

Radisson Plaza Hotel

To register to to diokzoo.org/congress

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
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Today I came across this quote, "we try not to think of someone in need as a case to be solved, but as a brother or sister to be listened to and cared for." I thank God for our phone workers, the first Vincentians our neighbors in need encounter. It is so important to be able to tell your story and to have someone to actually listen and care when you are in crisis. Are you called to care for our neighbors in need? Stop by a meeting or call 269-389-0370 and leave a message. Blessings, Mary Flemming

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
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STEWARDSHIP

Collection	
AUG 4	\$ 13,340.00
AUG 11	\$ 10,038.25
AUG 18	Not Available
AUG 25	
Electronic Gifts	\$ 6,525.00
Total AUG	\$ 30,147.67
Year to Date	\$ 84,220.85

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
lkbody@gmail.com

MONDAY EVENING CATHOLIC STUDIES

MON | 6:00-8:00 pm
Social Hall
Melon Lasich
honeydo55@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TUE | 7:15 pm (1st Tuesday)
Music 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)
Library
Mike Marino at 269•589•9186

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

SUN | 10:00-10:50 am
Library 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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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 or 269•731•0295

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