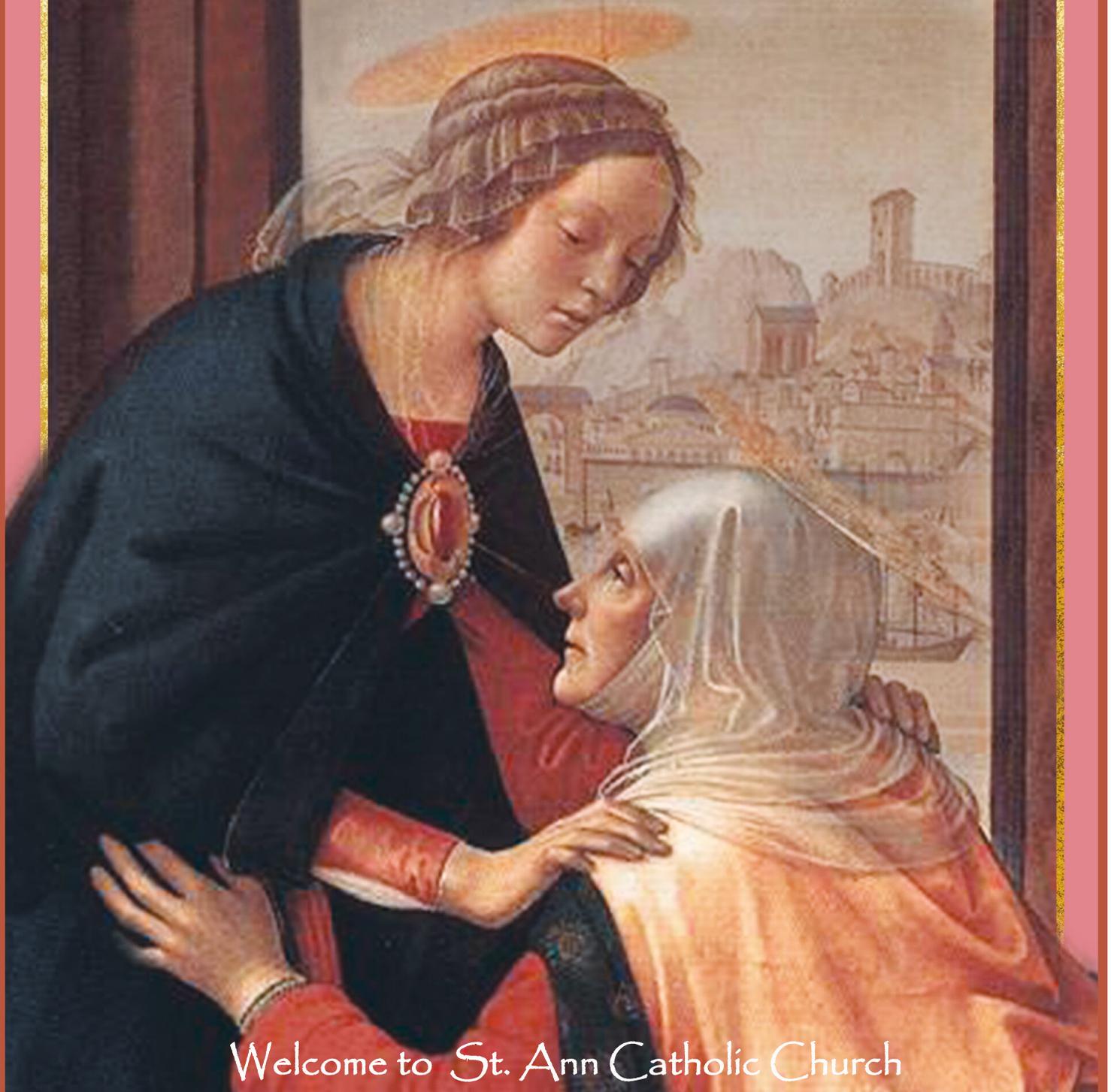


JOY

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit



Welcome to St. Ann Catholic Church



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be hosting an Advent Penance Service this year. Please plan on attending confession at one of the normal weekend times.

MON-FRI | 7:45-8:15 A.M.

SAT | 4:00-4:45 P.M. SUN | 8:15-8:45 A.M. and 10:15-10:45 A.M.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

To celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, the parish will host an outdoor living nativity. The children have worked hard to record the music for the pageant individually and their voices will be mixed together beautifully by Bobby Kinkela. The actual pageant will be held outdoors after the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Gaudete Sunday (December 13th). You can also see the pageant online via livestream and recorded on our parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SaintAnnChurch.

BLESSING THE NATIVITY CHRIST CHILD

We encourage families to bring the Christ Child from their nativity sets to be blessed after the Masses next weekend (December 19th and 20th).

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. Make the blessing of your Nativity Christ Child a family tradition this year!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL



You may make an offering for memorial 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. In the Christmas bulletin we will print the names of those for whom the offerings are made.

There are several ways to make an offering.

- ~ Envelopes can be found in your December envelope packet.
- ~ You may use a pew envelope. Please be sure to note that the money is for memorial flowers and include for whom the memorial offering is made.
- ~ Use the St. Ann online giving portal at <http://stannaugusta.org/give>. Use the option "Other" and type "Flower Memorial" in space provided. Add the name of the person for whom the offering is made.

-Other Donation - Specify:

Christmas Mass Schedule

THURS | DEC 24
4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

FRI | DEC 25
12:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.



Merry Christmas! We welcome you home to St. Ann Catholic Church.

Please note that traditionally, the 4:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve has been very busy so please arrive early. The main church usually fills up by 3:40 P.M. For all of the Masses we will seat the first 115 people in the main church and then we will seat the rest, socially distanced, in the gymnasium (Thursday) or the social hall (Friday) where there will be a livestream of the Mass.



LIGHT OF CHRIST ACADEMY
Montessori and Classical Education
3-years-old through 8th grade
Contact Mary Memmott for a tour.
Phone: 269•203•6808

Email: office@lightofchristacademy.org
Website: www.lightofchristacademy.org

Light of Christ Academy is currently enrolling in the Montessori program for children 3 years of age or older. Also, we have opened an additional space to expand our kindergarten and first grade programs. Please contact Becky Reits if you are interested.

No child will be denied the opportunity for a wonderful Catholic education due to financial need.

THE VIRTUE OF PURITY

This month we are focusing on the virtue of purity. Our discussions have centered around keeping our heart and souls pure. Guarding what we watch and what we hear is very important. This especially pertains to the movies, television shows, and video games that we view, and the music that we listen to each day. Discerning if those are pure and worthy of our attention is very important in forming our relationship with Jesus.

Additionally, paying close attention to what we say to others is part of forming ourselves in the virtue of purity. We are learning to refrain from gossip or negative discussions. Rather, we are focusing only on speaking Truth and being aware that what escapes from our lips should be only that which would be pleasing to God.

Finally, we are examining how we dress. At Light of Christ Academy, our uniform code works to teach that value and individuality are not external standards, dependent on outside ornaments like clothing, jewelry, makeup or tattoos. True individuality is best expressed in the practice of virtue and the strength of one's character. It works to reduce the temptation to judge others according to outward appearances and creates a sense of equality among those who participate in it.



Students learn to polish their uniform shoes.



Students created Eye of God or Ojo de Dios art using natural branches and yarn. They are found in Mexican and Mexican American cultures both indigenous and Catholic. They are a symbol of the all-seeing providence of God. As we practice the virtue of purity it is important to

recognize that our thoughts, words, and actions cannot be hidden from God.



**Religious Ed News
December 2020**

Thanks to those who joined us for religious education on Zoom in December! We started

with some Advent songs and videos to remind us of the joyful waiting of this season (O Come O Come Emmanuel by the Piano Guys is excellent!) The catechists presented the covenants throughout history and leading up to the Incarnation of Our Lord. We then had a breakout discussion about our own family Advent and Christmas traditions. You can view the session here: bit.ly/StAnnWFC120220

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

A MESSAGE FROM MARY FLEMMING



We normally close down the week of Thanksgiving, but decided this year to just close Wednesday and Thursday. I am glad we did since we were able to assist 5 families, when everyone else shut down. It is easier now that we have the tech in place to answer phones and follow-up at home and to have a zoom meeting to discuss cases. That's the good side, but we also are missing out on meeting our neighbors where they live through home visits and also the fellowship of gathering together, both important parts of the Vincentian charism. But the needs are still great and we just need to work a little harder at being the face of Jesus to our neighbors in need. The work goes on. Please keep us all in prayer.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- Boxed potatoes
- Canned peas and fruit
- Body wash
- Toothpaste

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: WED | 1:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

HOURS: TUE/WED | 10:00 am-12:00 P.M.

CONTACT: PHONE | 269-389-0370

WEBSITE: stannaugusta.org/svdp

EMAIL: stannsvdp1@gmail.com

THE FORGE
(A Men's Small Group)
Iron is sharpened by iron: one person sharpens another.
-Proverbs 27:17

THE FORGE MEN'S GROUP
A new book study January 9th!

12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation
Inspired by the writings of St. Alphonsus Liguori

This book discusses the 12 virtues we must all acquire to be happy in this world and to save our souls. Many readers rate this the most beautiful and inspiring book they have ever read. All men are welcome!

SAT I 8:00-9:00 am (2nd and 4th Saturdays-starting JAN 9th) In person and virtually as needed

Contact Mike Marino at 269-589-9186

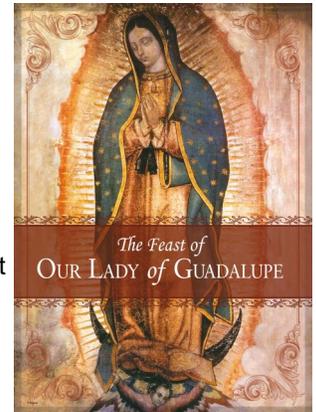
DEACON PINTO ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Celebrate the Ordination of Deacon Dave Pinto to the Priesthood! Deacon Dave had been a catechist at St. Ann church for a number of years and received encouragement from St. Ann parishioners to answer the call to the priesthood. Thank you to all who prayed and wrote letters to Deacon for this day to come. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ordination is by invitation only, however, it will be livestreamed on **December 19th at 10:00 A.M.** Go to diokzoo.org/live



THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT TEAM
Why do we celebrate feast days with flowers?

To answer this question, one could consider the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe... A man named Juan Diego encountered an apparition of the Virgin Mary at the Hill of Tepeyac, now a suburb in Mexico City. The apparition requested that a shrine be built at the site in her honor, unfortunately the archbishop did not believe Juan Diego's encounter and said he must show him proof.



On the **12th of December**, the Virgin Mary reappeared to Juan Diego and told him to bring her flowers from the top of the Hill of Tepeyac, whose stony summit was not ideal for any type of vegetation. Despite this, he followed her wishes and to his surprise found flowers growing! He brought them to the Lady, who arranged them inside his cloak, and she told him to go show the unbelieving bishop. When Juan Diego saw the bishop, he opened his cloak, the flowers fell to the floor, and lo and behold, on the fabric of his cloak, was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

Flowers have often been used as representations of virtue and viewed as faithful symbols of purity and innocence - the very traits most praised in the Blessed Virgin.

GAUDETE SUNDAY REFLECTION



By Pat Vanderpool
Happy Third Sunday of Advent. Many also recognize this day as Gaudete (gaw DET ay) Sunday. The word Gaudete means rejoice and we name this Sunday that as a way of acknowledging that our long wait in the Advent season for the birth of our Savior is more than half way complete. Since the 9th century Advent has been recognized as a 4 week season of preparation and penitence. Flowers that were forbidden on the other Sundays in advent are permitted on Gaudete Sunday and the liturgical color most appropriate on this Sunday changes from purple to rose pink. These distinguishing marks are in place to emphasize the joy of expectation that we are beginning to feel at the soon to arrive commemoration of the birth of our redeemer and His promised yet undetermined return. So let this Sunday be a time to replace the penitence of most of Advent with the amazing joy and gladness that our Savior brings to us.

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Every Sunday	10:00 PM
Every Monday	7:00 AM
Every Wednesday	5:00 AM
Every Thursday	3:00PM - 4:30PM
Every Thursday	6:00 PM
Every Saturday	7:00 PM

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE

We have some new opportunities for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In these uncertain times, one thing remains true, the love Jesus has for you. A blessing we have at St. Ann is the ability to spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Peace, hope, and love can be found while spending time in His presence. If you have been contemplating how spending more time with Him might help you grow, now is a great time to try adoration. If you are interested in spending 1 hour a week with Him during one of the posted times, email Brenda at adoration@stannaugusta.org

MASS/SERVICE TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

SAT DEC 12 5:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS
†Nicholas Weemes

SUN DEC 13 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
†Eddie Welling
The Parishioners of St. Ann Church

MON DEC 14 8:30 A.M. ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
Special intention of Lisa and David Iselli

TUE DEC 15 8:30 A.M. ADVENT WEEKDAY
†Carla Emig

WED DEC 16 8:30 A.M. ADVENT WEEKDAY
†Tim Anthony

THU DEC 17 8:30 A.M. LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
Special intention of Beth and Scott Mantuffell

FRI DEC 18 8:30 A.M. LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
Special intention of Fr. James Richardson

SAT DEC 19 5:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS
Special intention of Jen Carl

SUN DEC 20 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The Parishioners of St. Ann Church
Special intention of Tanner Novak (Birthday)

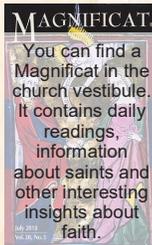
CONFESSION

MON-FRI | 7:45-8:15 A.M. **SAT** | 4:00-4:45 P.M.
SUN | 8:15-8:45 A.M. and 10:15-10:45 A.M.

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 14 | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a | Mt 21:23-27
TUE 15 | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32
WED 16 | Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23
THU 17 | Gn 49:2, 8-10 | Mt 1:1-17
FRI 18 | Jer 23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25
SAT 19 | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Lk 1:5-25
SUN 20 | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; | Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



MAGNIFICAT ADORATION COMPANION

The Magnificat Adoration companion is now available for \$4.00 in the vestibule. The book contains a treasury of teachings, prayers and meditations while you spend your hour with Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is available all day, every day with the exceptions of:

- Masses
- Cleaning hours: Fridays 9:30 A.M.-Noon
- Saturdays 8 A.M. -5 P.M. (more adorers needed to add these hours)

You can sign up for needed adorers or substitute spots by going to bit.ly/stannadoration

If you would like to volunteer to fill one of the spots you can also contact Brenda at 269•491•0377 adoration@stannaugusta.org.



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.

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| ~Jeannie Albough | ~Doris Milan |
| ~Mike Ambro | ~Tom Millard |
| ~Chris and Dale Beauchamp | ~Zion Miller |
| ~Alison Bigelow | ~John Mursch |
| ~Doree Boyle | ~Cora Nazeck |
| ~Jenni Carl | ~Benni Nazarians |
| ~Theresa Chavez | ~Robert Pennock |
| ~deVere Family | ~Shane and Abigail Peterson |
| ~Anna Ellis | ~Dan Reid |
| ~Tom English | ~Gary Salyer |
| ~Matt Fifelski | ~William Seppala |
| ~Tom & Jan Godde | ~John Spagnolo |
| ~Deb Helton | ~Shirley Springer |
| ~Lisa and Dave Iselli | ~Mary Tetreau |
- Note:** Names will be kept on the list for 30 days. If you would like to request a prayer intention, please go to the parish website at stannaugusta.org and fill out the form.

THE POPE'S DEC INTENTION: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

A GENTLE REMINDER

We are now able to take online donations using debit and credit cards. All of the day-to-day functions of our parish still continue including maintaining the facility, paying the utilities and covering the general daily expenses. Please consider sending your tithe through the mail or online.

Address: 12648 East D Ave, Augusta, MI 49012

Online Giving: stannaugusta.org/donate-online

Giving App:

If you have an iPhone or Android, you can download **Give+ Church** for free from the App Store. Simply search for "give plus church" to quickly find and start using the app. It's easy to make one-time or recurring donations to multiple funds with your credit or debit card.

Thank you!

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

If you have a true sacramental emergency, please call Deacon Mike Carl at 269•207•7365 or email him at deaconmike@stannaugusta.org

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STEWARDSHIP

Budget per week: \$11,320.00

	12/6	Not Available
	12/13	
	12/20	
	Christmas	
	12/27	
Electronic Gifts		\$ 2,975.00
Month to Date		\$ 2,975.00
Year to Date Actual		\$ 248,104.33

Parish Finance Council Members:

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

REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: 844.324.3374 The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Safe Envir. Coordinator | Bobby Kinkela | bobbyk@stannaugusta.org



RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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 269•731•0295 or patv@stannaugusta.org.

SVdP Fratelli Tutti

Pope Francis wrote an encyclical on brotherhood and social friendship. The National St. Vincent de Paul examined this encyclical in depth, especially the centrality of Good Samaritan to Christian and Vincentian life. The webinar was led by Marian Lamoureux, Bobby Kinkela and SVDP national president Ralph Middlecamp. View the webinar at: bit.ly/SVDPFratelliTutti



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US EACH WEEK

Since the weather has turned cold, it was decided to move the weekly Rosary in Richland Square to St. Ann Church. Please join us in this powerful prayer each week.

Thursday | 5:30 P.M.
Main body of the church



DOWNLOAD MY PARISH APP

Find a link to the online daily Mass, get the daily readings and receive parish updates. The St. Ann Catholic Church app is available for iPhone and Android phones.

Search for MYPARISH in the App Store or Google Play or Text App to 88202



SPEND ONE HOUR WITH HIM

In these uncertain times, one thing remains true, the love Jesus has for you. A blessing we have at St. Ann is the ability to spend time in Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**. Peace, hope, and love can be found while spending time in His presence. At St. Ann we have created a welcoming atmosphere where one can spend time in Adoration of Him. It's not crowded, it is a quiet place for prayer, and He is there waiting for you. Please consider spending **1 hour with Jesus**.

Things to Know:

- Adoration continues in the church, rather than the chapel.
- Entry for Adoration is through the main doors 8 A.M.-5 P.M. and through the chapel door at all other hours.
- Adoration is available all day, every day except
 - † Masses
 - † Cleaning hours: Fridays 9:30 A.M.-Noon
 - † Saturdays 8 A.M.-5 P.M. (more adorers needed to add these hours)

There are still several hours in the next month that are in need of an adorer. You can sign up for needed adorer or substitute spots by going to bit.ly/stannadoration. You are always welcome to stop in anytime and spend an hour with Jesus just be mindful of the above schedule.