



# Pentecost

Welcome to St. Ann Catholic Church

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**A CONVERSATION WITH BIAK THUANTHO**

by Marek Butkiewicz (LCA 6th Grade Student)

Previously I talked about Biak's life in Burma; now I will talk about Biak's call to religious life.

From the age of seven or eight, he always had the idea of being a priest, but when he was a freshman in high school, he lost the idea of priesthood. In his junior year, the thought presented itself again, and after high school he started taking steps toward religious life. The idea of seminary was easy for him because of his background in boarding school with the sisters. In seminary, the seminarians eat, sleep, pray, and play together; just like what the students did in boarding school.

Biak is the only one in his immediate family that is in religious life. Two of his brothers entered seminary, but discerned that God was calling them to follow a different vocation. He has a third cousin named Father Jerome though. Biak's discernment is credited to his aunt because she made it clear that she desired him to be a priest. St. John Vianny is Biak's favorite saint, and he strongly encourages us all to read his biography.

Biak is a great example of devotion at a young age. Sometimes we do not hear God's call because we are impatient or distracted. We want to, and really need to be available to discern God's plan for us, but we cannot just pretend to hear God's call, we must think carefully. Most times, young men enter the seminary, but leave some time later. This shows that there is time for discernment inside seminary. Biak and I ask you to take some time to carefully consider a path toward religious life for yourself or your children. Above all, please remember to pray for our seminarians and those entering the religious life.



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Friday

4:00 A.M.

Saturday

2:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M.



**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.

**Adoration is available all day, every day** except Masses and during cleaning hours on Fridays 9:30 A.M. to Noon.

If you would like to join as an adorer email [adoration@stannaugusta.org](mailto:adoration@stannaugusta.org)

View hours in need of relief adorers at [stannaugusta.org/adoration](http://stannaugusta.org/adoration)

**Monstrance**-Sacred vessel used for the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



**LUNA**- Glass enclosure that holds the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance.



The unique advantage of LCA is its combination of Montessori and Classical methods of education, compared to the more familiar Catholic parochial school model. Extensive information can be found on our website, but to summarize here: Montessori education, developed by the Catholic, classically-trained Dr. Maria Montessori, aims at leading children to wonder and awe in their education through hands-on and self-directed learning, under the guidance of the Lead Guide. They can delve deeper into various subjects when they are ready, and each learns at his or her own pace. Classical education is only called "Classical" because it has been largely supplanted by the relatively recent modern approach to learning which focuses on merely absorbing facts and data, and repeating them on tests in view of a career. Before the modern era, education's aim was seen as forming the whole person in wisdom and virtue; teaching them how to think and not merely what to think; to expose them to the greatest thoughts, works, and minds in history (the Great Books); to instill character and a love of learning, rather than relying on heavily-edited textbooks which feed data and do not challenge the mind.

**WELCOME TO ST. ANN CHURCH!**

If you have been considering joining St. Ann Church we have made it very easy! Just stop in the office and pick up a registration packet. We are very excited to meet you! Blessings!! Visit [stannaugusta.org](http://stannaugusta.org) for more info!



To guide families in the Christian life, St Ann's has a calendar of daily suggestions for prayer, devotion to the Saints and activities to do. For the whole calendar, go to [stannaugusta.org/family-resources](http://stannaugusta.org/family-resources) and click on this month's guide. Here is the coming week:

<b>23</b> St John the Baptist de Rossi  Pentecost Sunday-wear Red to Mass	<b>24</b> St Vincent Di Lerins  Reflect on the Magnificat and Mary's obedience to God	<b>25</b> St Gregory VII  Discuss virtues and how they can help you live a Christian life	<b>26</b> St Philip Neri  Research St. Philip Neri	<b>27</b> St Augustine  Consider saying the prayer found at Ravensbruck concentration camp and talk about the importance of forgiving others.	<b>28</b> St Germain  Look in the bulletin for items needed in our SVDP food pantry and bring a few items in.	<b>29</b> St Ursula Ledochowska  Learn about the Arch Angels.
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**A MESSAGE FROM MARY**

One of my favorite songs from my 1970's Guitar Girl days is They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love. (Want to watch a music liturgist turn green? Tell them you LOVE that song.) Trite as it may be, it really speaks to the heart of being a Vincentian. Fundamentally

we are called to love our neighbors as Christ. This past week that meant preventing utility shutoffs and getting a homeless pregnant woman out of a car and into permanent housing. And always, always, we treat our neighbors with dignity and respect so they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Food pantry needs:**

- ~ taco seasoning and taco shells
- ~ canned fruit
- ~ dish detergent
- ~ paper towels

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** WED | 1:00 P.M. (via Zoom)  
**HOURS:** TUE/WED | 10:00 am-12:00 P.M.  
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**HOLY FAMILY HEALTHCARE CLOTHING DROP BOX**

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**A Message from the Respect Life Group on Behalf of Caring Network**



On behalf of Caring Network and the women and children we serve, thank you to St. Ann Church Respect Life Group for coordinating the Baby Bottle Campaign. "Every penny makes a difference in the lives we are called to serve," says Jeannine Boehm, Volunteer Coordinator. "I had the privilege of speaking with a mom who recently had an appointment at Caring Network. She shared that 15 years ago she was pregnant and lived in the Caring Network apartments."

"The staff helped me piece my life together so I could be a good mom to my son. I'm married, have a beautiful family and a surprise baby on the way. I knew exactly who to call because I was feeling overwhelmed. Caring Network staff are the best," said Latrice.

So far we have collected \$3,620 to help support Kalamazoo families.

Please return all bottles – we will use them in a future campaign.

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Thank you to the families who donated to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our goal is 100 percent participation and currently 19% of our parishioners have donated. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so and respond this weekend. Your support of our diocesan educational, pastoral and religious programs will make a real difference in the lives of parishioners and local communities. You may place your Bishop's Annual Appeal pledge card or in-pew pledge envelope in the collection box, or bring it or mail it to the parish office. You can also give online by going to the St. Ann website at [stannaugusta.org](http://stannaugusta.org). Remember, no gift is too large or too small.

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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!**

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**KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON PARISH HAPPENINGS!**

If you have not recently received letters through email from the parish, you may need to update your contact information. Fill out the update form at [stannaugusta.org/form](http://stannaugusta.org/form).

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**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](http://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

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