



*St. Anne*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WORLD *Marriage* DAY



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# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE CHURCH

## Thoughts from Fr. John

### Coming to Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. It aims to prepare us for Jesus's Passion, Death, and Resurrection (Easter Sunday, March 31). The rite of smearing ashes on the foreheads is "a sign of our mortality and penitence." The Lenten Season—lasts six weeks—serves as a time for spiritual reflection and a way to turn toward God through our communal prayer and fasting.

The communal aspect of the Lenten observances is first displayed in smearing ashes by a priest (and by extension, the Liturgical Ministers who had been commissioned). While smearing the ashes in the shape of a cross, the priest also recites publicly these words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 2:7); Alternatively, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:14). The entire rite conveys that this is a communal act and should be done appropriately with one's community. Therefore, the Church encourages the faithful to attend Ash Wednesday with the Eucharist and receive the ashes on their foreheads as one community not as individual act at their convenience. To accommodate your hours, St. Anne's will provide two masses on Ash Wednesday, one will be at 9:00 am in the Morning and the other at 7:00 pm in the Evening (please also check out other Ash Wednesday mass time within the Family of Parishes, Our Lady of the Lakes, St. Daniel, and St. Rita). *Continued on page 4*

## MASS TIMES

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

### Mass during the Week

Tues., Wed., Fri. at 9:00 am

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appointment.

### Matrimony

Couples should contact Julie Neal at Ext. 1 at least six months before the marriage.

### Infant Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month. Please contact Julie Neal at Ext. 1.

## PARISH STAFF

### Moderator

Rev. Scott Thibodeau

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Rev. John Chen

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Nancy Steele, ext. 3

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## PARISH OFFICE

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**Weekend of** February 17th & 18th

Mass	Steward	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
<b>Sat. 4:00 p.m.</b>	Ken Sheperd	Beth Tracey Nancy Patterson	Karyn Milligan Mary Grocott	Todd Patterson Angie Sheperd
<b>Sun. 8:30 a.m.</b>	Greg Swett	Kathleen Russell Gerard Schmid	Judy & Lloyd Schaltz	Royann Hassinger Need 1 more
<b>Sun. 10:30 a.m.</b>	Bruce Kocer	Chris Maldonado Rick Steenson	Cindy & Gabi Maldonado	Cindy Travis Jean Zubalik

**Altar Linen**

02-11-2024-Colleen Francis  
02-18-2024- Debbie Davis

**Altar Care**

02-16-2024- Marilyn  
Bornais

**Recycling Ministry**

Feb. 10/11-24/25- Kathy Wojtalewicz  
Mar. 9/10-23/24- Ken & Angie  
Sheperd

**World Marriage Weekend  
February 10/11**

Every year the church celebrates World Marriage weekend. This year we will offer a blessing to all married couples the weekend of February 10th & 11th. When Fr. John gives the blessing he will ask all married couples to stand.



*In Our Prayers*

Todd Patterson  
Pat Flees  
Patrick Lamb  
Sue Bruggeman  
Ariana Stephens  
Herman Greif  
Steve Tunk  
Tom Kudza  
Judy Schulte  
Ashley Shaffer  
Frank Klimek  
Ed Nowakowski  
Carmody Family  
Marcia Pawluk

Please call the parish office to add a prayer intention.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, 2/10/2024 at 4:00pm**

Fr. Stephen Rooney, by St. Anne community Carl Tenuta,  
by Bud & Joanne Hadden  
Mary Sue Bradd & Scott Sterling,  
by Ruth Rogan

**Sunday, 2/11/2024**

**8:30am:** Jack & Dorothy Simms, by Family  
Richard Moon, by wife, Audrey  
**10:30am:** Carl Tenuta, by Sam & Jo Belsito

**Monday, 2/12/2024 at 9:00am**

**Mass at St. Daniel**

**Tuesday, 2/13/2024 at 9:00am**

Ms. James Moloney, by Dennis & Debbie Pilon

**Wednesday, 2/14/2024**

**9:00am:** Richard Mersino, by Friends  
**7:00pm:** Ingrid Kasper, by Friends

**Thursday, 2/15/2024 at 9:00am**

**Mass at St. Daniel**

**Friday, 2/16/2024 at 9:00am**

Fred Huot, by Jean & Julie  
(Birthday remembrance)

**Saturday, 2/17/2024 at 4:00pm**

Edmund Kotowski, by Bill & Cris Venglar

**Sunday, 2/11/2024**

**8:30am:** Percy & Genny Hobbs, by Audrey Moon

**10:30am:** Lou & Pat Peipper, by Friends

**Ash Wednesday**

**February, 14th**

Mass Times:  
9am & 7pm

## Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!

June 17-21

9am-12noon

Open to children 4 years old through 5th grade.

Free t-shirt!

Registrations will be available February 10.

### Calling all VBS Volunteers!

Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help run our VBS camp. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you would like to join the fun!

### Pre-Camp Help Needed:

Decorating

Craft Preparation

### Camp Help Needed:

Group Leaders

Craft Leaders

Story Room Leaders

Outdoor Game Helpers

Group Assistants



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Historically, Ash Wednesday follows early traditions, originated from the Church of Rome. The penitents and sinners enter into a period of public penance. Ash Wednesday, then, signifies the beginning of Christian communities' journey together toward Easter, in view of our earthly death being conquered by Jesus's resurrection. It is important for us to witness to this conviction together. We must draw strength from one another as early Christians did. Moreover, to wear ashes in a sign of cross witnesses to a different reality and understanding of life and death, which stands as a starking contrast to the American culture(s) in which Christians live. Now, we must unite more than ever and stand against cultures that celebrate death rather than life (see Richard M. Doerflinger's article on "False Freedom and the Culture of Death," Body).

Overall, by the nature of Ash Wednesday and its historical development, the Church calls us out and journey together to witness to a culture of life in Christ, not a culture of death in oneself.

 Advent	Jesus is coming
 Christmas	Jesus is born
 Ordinary Time	Jesus teaches
 Lent	Jesus will die and rise
 Paschal Triduum	Jesus suffers and is crucified
 Easter	Jesus rises

Finally, to deepen our relationship with God, St. Anne will hold the Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm, collaborating with St. Daniel (Clarkston) on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:00pm.



### Faith Formation Stations of the Cross

Friday, Feb. 16 @ St. Anne

Friday, Feb. 23 @ St. Daniel

Our faith formation families will be hosting Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Students will participate by carrying the cross, candles and greeting. We will have a meatless potluck dinner in the Hall at 7:30pm.

**Families:** Please sign up on the Sign-up-Genius page to bring a dish to share.

### Why “Evangelical Charity”?

Following up on my article of last week, I know that “Evangelical Charity” is a new term – I’m still getting used to it myself!

Marker 8.4 of Unleash the Gospel is entitled “Evangelical Charity,” a term that reminds us that when the Church does good works, we are not trying to do the work of a social service agency, but the work of the Gospel! ‘Evangelical’ as an adjective means, “according to the Gospel.” Charity is “the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.” So when we use the term “Evangelical Charity,” we mean that our love for God will overflow through a love for our neighbors as the Gospel has called for us to do. It goes deeper than just “doing” Christian Service.

As Archbishop Vigneron writes in Marker 8.4 on Evangelical Charity: “Our service to the poor and marginalized needs to be a clear witness to Jesus our Lord, not mistaken for humanist philanthropy ... In recent decades ... there has been a tendency for Catholic charitable work to become separated from our primary calling to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is time to overcome that distinction. We need to ensure that in ministering to the material needs of others, we are also responding to their spiritual thirst for God. Every Catholic charitable work must also be an authentic expression of Catholic faith. We must be unabashed to speak the name of Jesus and to invite every person to the fullness of life in him. The world needs the light that is in Christ alone.”

We see the face of Christ in those we minister to. We see to their bodily and spiritual needs. We love them as Jesus does. And we share the Good News with all we encounter.

*Nancy Steele*



### Five Weeks of Giving

**Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14.**

Catholics do three things to grow closer to God during Lent:

PRAY, FAST, and GIVE ALMS to those in need.

These are the three pillars of Lenten spirituality.

During Lent, we will be journeying through the “Five Weeks of Giving” together. We will be accepting donations of various items for individuals and families in need. Each weekend in Lent, there is a different “theme” – specific items being requested for a help agency. Simply bring the requested items to Mass each weekend and place them in the specially-marked baskets/bins in the church gathering area. Please see the graphic below for items being requested for the First Sunday of Lent.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST. ANNE'S

## Sundaes & Scripture

High School teens are invited to a small group discussion on the book of Exodus. Join us from 7-8:30 pm for bible study and ice cream sundaes. Upcoming dates include:

March 10

April 14

April 28

February 25



### Save the Date!

The High School Youth Group will be hosting Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8. Join us for Stations at 7pm followed by a meatless potluck meal.

Thanks to a sponsorship from the Knights of Columbus, ten St. Anne's teens and 2 chaperones participated in the 2024 RISE Youth Conference on Feb. 4. We had mass with Bishop John Quinn followed by informative and entertaining presentations from Pat Millea on Catholic Values and Listening to the Holy Spirit. We also participated in service projects to support the Deo Gratias Ministry and learned about the vocational call of Sr. Felicity Marie Madigan, CSSF who founded the non-profit. We had the opportunity to enjoy lunch and dinner in our small group that allowed us to discuss who our faith role models are, what a difference faith makes in our life and have some fun throughout the day. Lots of laughter was had playing 'beach ball basketball' with the assembly of over 400 participants. The event closed with an hour of adoration with Fr. Mario Amore and reconciliation opportunities. The Juniors and Freshmen participants look forward to attending next year and inviting additional friends. We thank the Knights of Columbus, our parents and the rest of the St. Anne's parish for your prayers and support of our faith journey. May God go with you!

## Attention High School Seniors K of C Scholarship Application

Applications are now being accepted for Knights of Columbus 2024 scholarships. Applications are on the Knight's Bulletin Board in Hardy Hall or available online at [KOFC6824.ORG](http://KOFC6824.ORG).

Please submit your application by March 22, 2024.

## Community Quilts & Crafts

Meetings are held the Saturdays and Tuesdays of every month. All are welcome -- quilters and non-quilters; those in need of service hours or fellowship.

**Next gathering:** February 13, 2024

Email or call for more information:

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Angie Sheperd [alsheperd19@gmail.com](mailto:alsheperd19@gmail.com) 248.249.1542



## Retreat for Men & Women

### Retreat for both Men & Women

Join your fellow St. Anne parishioners by signing up for the annual retreats at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. The men's weekend is February 23-25. The women's weekend is March 15-17. Ask someone who has made the retreat and they will tell you they have never been more at peace with God and the world. A retreat once a year is a vital necessity these days. For more information, call Ken/Angie Sheperd (248.249.1542) Jim/Sue Kelty (734.516.4184), or go to [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) to make a reservation.

## Bulletin

**Deadline:**

Noon Monday

### Bulletin Article Submission:

If your organization is hold an event, we are happy to post it in the bulletin as space allows. Writing, proofreading, and submitting an announcement is the responsibility of the sponsoring group. All bulletin content is subject to review by the priest and/or parish staff and content may be edited or declined.