

*St. Anne*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

RETURN  
TO ME



# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE CHURCH

Thoughts from Fr. John

Over the years, I was fortunate to have lived with a few Irish priest friends. One of them was also a "Patrick." Naturally, I got some Irishness rubbed on me and grew quite fondly of Saint Patrick and his life. He exemplified how to live a life from "slave to saint," a story of God's transformative power, to which we all must lend our ears every time we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Ethically speaking, I am the furthest from being an Irish person. However, St. Patrick is one of the Saints closest to me spiritually. Just like St. Patrick was called to preach to his people after receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord, I also dreamt that I could bring the Good News of Jesus to my people once I had finished my studies of theology. That spiritual connection was real and strong ever since I read St. Patrick's life and writings.

Let's read his own words preserved in Confessio [Confession] of St. Patrick:

"(1) I, Patrick, am a sinner, the most uncultured and smallest among all the faithful, indeed many people consider me to be worthless... I was captured when I was almost sixteen years old. I did not really know the true God when I was brought in slavery to Ireland together with thousands of others. All of us deserved this slavery because we had turned away from God and did not keep His commandments. We had not been obedient to our priests, who were encouraging us to do those things necessary for salvation... (2) Here the Lord revealed to me my sense of unbelief so that I could repent of my sins and turn with my whole heart to the Lord my God. God looked at my misery and had mercy upon my youth and ignorance. He watched over me before I knew Him and before I could tell right from wrong: He had compassion for me just as a father has for his son. (3) I cannot be silent, nor would it be helpful, about all the gifts and graces that the Lord in His mercy bestowed upon me in the land of my slavery. Indeed, this is how we ought to behave. After being punished by God, we must praise Him and tell of His marvels to every nation under the heavens." (Excerpt From St. Patrick: His Confession and Other Works by Fr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue, 2009)

The three paragraphs summarize three qualities of a saint: humble, repentant, and ready to proclaim God's grace to others. Let us celebrate St. Patrick with the color green, representing the new life of the Spring in Christ's Resurrection, not the color of the disguise to cover our unsavory desires. Speak of God's mercy with humble and contrite hearts. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## 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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Julie Neal, ext. 1

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## PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours: Mon. Tues, Wed. & Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Mig Lane, 248-1544

## Weekend of March 23 & 24

Mass	Steward	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
<b>Sat. 4:00 p.m.</b>	Todd Patterson	Angie Sheperd Beth Tracey	Ruth Rogan Nancy Patterson	Chris & Alison Elmes
<b>Sun. 8:30 a.m.</b>	Judy Sounart	Kathleen Russell Carol Klenner	Barb Delisi	Need 3 more
<b>Sun. 10:30 a.m.</b>	Bruce Kocer	Kevin Travis Bryan Born	Lena Delaney Jean Zubalik	Cindy Travis Need 1 more

### Altar Linen

03-17-2024- Marilyn Bornais  
03-24-2024- Colleen Francis

### Altar Care

03-19-2024- **Church Cleaning  
for Holy Week & Easter**

### Recycling Ministry

Mar. 9/10-23/24- Ken & Angie Sheperd  
April 13/14-27/28- Todd & Nancy  
Patterson



### *In Our Prayers*

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, 03/16/2024 at 4:00pm**

Don Hund, (16th Anniversary), by  
Kathy Wojtalewicz  
Tom Rogan, by wife, Ruth

#### **Sunday, 03/17/2024**

**8:30am:** Jack & Dorothy Simms, by  
Family  
Pam, Mike & Michael Allen, by Audrey  
Moon  
**10:30am:** Fr. Gerry Frawley, by Parish

#### **Monday, 03/18/2024 at 9:00am**

#### **Mass at St. Daniel**

#### **Tuesday, 03/19/2024 at 9:00am**

Alex Kozloff, by Denise Vandenbosch  
Mathew Mersino, by Family

#### **Wednesday, 03/20/2024 at 9:00am:**

Margaret Kengerski, by Friends

#### **Thursday, 03/21/2024 at 9:00am**

#### **Mass at St. Daniel**

#### **Friday, 03/22/2024 at 9:00am**

Gregory James Michels, by Dennis &  
Debie Pilon (Memorial Mass)

#### **Saturday, 03/23/2024 at 4:00pm**

Bob Henley, by Family

#### **Sunday, 03/24/2024**

**8:30am:** Don Hauser, by wife, Bonnie  
Shari Westphal, by husband Larry  
**10:30am:** Marjorie Greif, by husband,  
Herman  
Jack Zubalik, by Family

### Taize

Prayer & Music  
Thursday, March 21  
7pm

Join us for this quiet, reflective,  
meditative prayer with chanted  
music. The church is filled with  
candlelight and peace. Please  
come experience this beautiful  
form of prayer.



**ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**SNACKS**

**FREE EVENT!**

# EASTER

**• EGG HUNT •**

**FACE PAINTING**

**CRAFTS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**  
**11AM**

All children ages 0-12 are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Join us for crafts, snacks, face painting and a photo with the Easter Bunny at 11am in Hardy Hall. Then Easter Egg hunt will take place outside rain or shine! No registration needed for this event.



## First Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 6  
9am-12noon



This retreat is for all of our students who are preparing for their First Communion this spring. A parent or adult family member will need to attend with your student. We will meet at St. Anne's Hardy Hall at 9am.

## May Crowning

May 6 @ 6pm

St. Daniel Parish  
& Ice Cream Social

May 11 @ 9am

St. Anne Parish  
& Breakfast



Join us to pray the Rosary and Mary Crowning. A longstanding Catholic tradition, the May Crowning of Mary honors the Virgin Mary and symbolizes her significance in the Church and in our lives. The "May Crowning" is set up to display her queenship as the mother of Jesus.

No registration is needed for this event. All ages are welcome!

## Vacation Bible School

### Under the Sea

Dive into God's Word

June 17-21

9am-12noon

[www.stdanielclarkston.org/vbs-registration](http://www.stdanielclarkston.org/vbs-registration)

Register today!  
\$50 per child



## Notes from Nancy

I'm a couple of months into my Evangelical Charity ministry here at St. Anne's, and I \*think\* I'm starting to find my rhythm. I have had the pleasure of meeting quite a few of you; thank you for welcoming me so warmly!

As I mentioned in one of my first bulletin articles, the ministry of Evangelical Charity includes eight specific and often overlapping lenses, as outlined on the Archdiocese of Detroit website (<https://www.aod.org/evangelical-charity>):

- 1) Human Services: Ministries aimed at addressing a specific human need (like hunger, housing, etc.)
- 2) Care Ministries: Ministries aimed at caring for a specific population of individuals (like seniors, those with disabilities, etc.)
- 3) Community Outreach: Ministries and activities that partner with and/or support other community agencies and efforts.
- 4) Mental Health and Crisis: Ministries that respond to the mental health and crisis needs of community members through the combination of direct and spiritual support.
- 5) Bereavement: Ministries that accompany community members as they find hope and healing through the grief process.
- 6) Pro-Life Ministries: Ministries that support-- through prayer, education, advocacy and pastoral service-- the dignity of life from conception to natural death seeking to build a culture of life.
- 7) Fraternal Organizations: Societies and conferences that operate for the service of the parish and the poor and for the Christian formation and fraternal support of their membership.
- 8) Justice Ministries: Ministries that advocate for justice and advance the vision of Catholic Social Teaching in the parish and the public square.

I have sooooo many ideas, but do not want to duplicate efforts. If you are involved with any ministries listed above, I would love to chat with you about what that looks like at St. Anne! Have ideas for things within these "lenses" that we aren't currently doing? I'd love to hear about those ideas! My office hours are on Tuesday and Friday mornings, but I could make myself available at times more convenient for you. To make an appointment, or if you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to reach me as listed below.

Nancy Steele  
nancy@churchofstanne.org  
248-627-3964, ext. 103 (or 3, depending on your phone provider)



### Evangelical Charity/ Christian Service Office Hours

Tuesday and Fridays  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Feel free to call or send an email to  
nancy@churchofstanne.org  
Trying to reach OCEF Food Pantry?  
Direct dial at 248-804-7149

### Five Weeks of Giving Wraps Up Today!

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and we conclude our Lenten "journey" of giving to benefit those in need. You have lovingly and generously donated to Ladies of Charity; the OCEF Food Pantry; Kith Haven Memory Care Unit in Flint; and now, Whaley Children's Center in Flint. Many of the items were beautifully handmade, adding an extra layer of comfort and care. God bless you for being a blessing to so many others!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST. ANNE'S

## Youth Group

Volunteers are needed for the St. Anne's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled on **Saturday, March 23** and the Vacation Bible School **June 17-21** at St. Dan's - please contact Marianne Boesch if you can help out at these events.

**Saturday, April 13** is the Be the Change Pro-Life Training in Auburn Hills - register here if you would like to attend:

<https://protectlifemi.regfox.com/bethechange#about-the-event>

**Saturday, May 11** High School teens will lead the rosary for the Religious Ed Families at the May Crowning event at St. Anne's at 9 am

**Sunday, June 9** we are planning a Graduation Brunch to celebrate all St. Anne's Graduates, all are welcome, stay tuned for more details in April.

## OCEF Easter & Pantry Needs

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Canned Tuna            | • Peanut Butter        | • Trash Bags              |
| • Cream of Mushroom Soup | • Cereal               | • Dish Soap               |
| • Cream of Chicken Soup  | • Oatmeal              | • Bar Soap                |
| • Green Beans and Corn   | • Blueberry Muffin Mix | • Paper Towels            |
| • Rice Mixes             | • Cookie/ Brownie Mix  | • Toilet Paper            |
| • Stuffing Mix           | • Spaghetti Sauce      | • \$25 Bueches Gift Cards |
| • Crackers               | • Ketchup              |                           |
| • Fruit Cocktail         | • Vegetable Oil        |                           |
| • Easter Candy           | • Canned Pasta         |                           |
| • Egg Dye                | • Jello/ Pudding       |                           |

## 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 [KOF6824.ORG](http://KOF6824.ORG).

Please submit your application by March 22, 2024.

## Community Quilts & Crafts

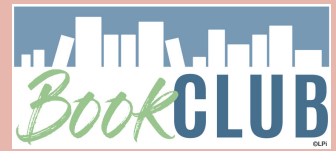
Meetings are held the Saturdays and Tuesdays of every month. All are welcome -- quilters and non-quilters; those in need of service hours or fellowship.

**Next gathering: March 23**

Email or call for more information:

Mig Lane [migobrien@yahoo.com](mailto:migobrien@yahoo.com) 248.249.1544

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



The Book Club comes out of winter hiatus on March 18 to begin our 19th year of books and fellowship! Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in Solanus Hall. The selections for the first part of 2024 are:

March 18: Alcott themed meeting; Little Women by Louisa May Alcott, March by Geraldine Brooks, and Marmee by Sarah Miller  
April 22: Chevy in the Hole by Kelsey Ronan  
May 20: A Pitch in Time by Robert A. Lytle  
June 24: Hester by Laurie Lico Albanese  
July 29: The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman  
August 26: My Life with the Saints by James Martin, SJ

For information or questions, feel free to contact Sue Sirgany [yapdogs@charter.net](mailto:yapdogs@charter.net)

## 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.