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BAPTISMS:

Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published. Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 "Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

> First Friday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri. 9:30–9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

July 3, 2022



MONDAY, July 4 9:00 Salvatore Calafiore, requested by the family

TUESDAY, July 5 9:00 Winefred McDermott, requested by Jack McDermott

WEDNESDAY, July 6 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, July 7 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 8 9:00 John T. LaVia, requested by Johanna LaVia

SATURDAY, July 9

4:00 Ann Fennell McGovern, requested by Ann & Brian Beloin and family

SUNDAY, July 10

7:30 For the intentions of Haru Shannon (Living), requested by Tom and Judy Shannon

- **9:30** Patricia and Robert Poland, requested by the Suski Family
- **11:00 Phyllis Janiszewski,** requested by Lou & Eileen Del Prete



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, July 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: will resume next week

TUESDAY, July 5

WEDNESDAY, July 6

THURSDAY, July 7 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Consecration of Jesus through Mary: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, July 8 Lectio Divina, Livel: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 9 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 10 Lectio Divina, Livel: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom





Short shorts, tank tops and other beach attire are great for the beach but are inappropriate for church.

Thank you in advance for dressing respectfully.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 6/26/22: \$5,819.00 Online Giving (June 22-29, 2022): \$3,081.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*

Announcing this year's Good Summer Read!



St. and s. YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All <u>Confirmed</u> St. Ann Teens!

If you like hanging out with friends in a casual, friendly environment why not consider furthering your faith journey with us! We are always looking for new teens to join our Youth Ministry. Our next event is a Summer picnic which will take place in late summer (stay tuned for more information).

If you're interested in joining us, or would just like more information, just contact Mrs. Neamtz:

Email: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



St Ann's Food Pantry Garden

If you are interested in helping in the garden this summer please contact Leo DiStefano:

leo.distefano@comcast.net



God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person. Newcomers welcome!

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>

Want to get closer to Jesus? Ask His Mother!

Join us Thursday nights beginning June 9 from 7 - 8:15pm as we follow the 33 day St. Louis de Montfort method of prayer and mediation in a consecration to Jesus through Mary. We will meet each Thursday through July 14th and culminating in a consecration at Mass on The Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16.

The program is outlined in a book titled: "*Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary*", published by Tan books (ISBN978-1-5051-1298-6). The cost is \$16.95, but the first ten participants joining will get the book from us for free. We hope to see you there.

GREAT TIMES FILLED WITH FUN AND FAITH WERE HAD AT OUR ROCKY RAILROAD SUMMER BIBLE CAMP!



2022-23 Faith Formation Registration

Back by popular demand...Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!Please see the link below to use the electronic registration form to enroll your children in Faith Formation 2022-2023. Faith education is an important part of your child's religious education and classes will be starting in the fall. Church of St. Ann is dedicated to continuing the education of our youth. They are the future of our Church. Please register by July 1st. 2022 to guarantee a spat for your children in class. Please



register by July 1st, 2022 to guarantee a spot for your children in class. Please do not hold up your family's registration because of financial issues. We are happy to make arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential. Please contact, Jennifer Soucy, Registrar, with any questions.

To Register: www.stannavon.org/k-10-registration **Direct Registration Link:**

 https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-formation-registration-2022-2023

 Tuition:
 \$85

 Sacramental Fees:
 1st Communion - \$85

 Confirmation - \$50
 (Just those entering 9th grade)

 Catechist Children:
 Discounted Tuition - \$25 (plus any Sacramental Fee)

We are always looking for Catechists!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact: Valerie St. Jean, K-8, valerie.stjean@stannavon.com or Rosemary Neamtz, Confirmation (9-10), rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com





The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Did you know that the Blessed Sacrament contains the <u>whole</u> <u>Christ</u>? i.e. The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

St. Josemaria Escriva wrote, "There is not a single soul in whom Christ is not interested. Each soul has cost Him the price of His Blood."

<u>Reflection:</u> When you receive Holy Communion you are being washed in the Blood of Christ. You have been purchased at such a great price: the Blood of Jesus. With how much humility, gratitude, adoration and thanksgiving should you appreciate this great sacrifice of Christ, which He has made for love of you? Do take the time to reflect upon this powerful gift of grace after you receive the Blessed Sacrament today.

JULY 3, 2022 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 3, 2022

Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
	or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him." (Lk 10:5-6)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others. ©LPi

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