ST. ANN CHURCH  
AND NATIONAL SHRINE  
4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006  
504-455-7071 - Fax 504-455-7076  
Website: stannchurchandshrine.org - Email: stannmet@bellsouth.net

CHURCH HOURS  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

WEEKEND EUCHARIST  
Saturday: 7:30 am Mass  
4:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday Masses:  
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST  
Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am  
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm ending with Benediction  
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION  
Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm  
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm  
5:00 to 5:30 pm

BAPTISM  
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MARRIAGE  
The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS  
Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK  
Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSE GROUPS  
1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.  
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.  
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Tuesday at 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN  
Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Twice a year a solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann) and the Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the first week of Lent.

“LITTLE CHURCH”  
“Little Church” is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.

WEBSITE STATEMENT  
St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.  
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Before the very eyes of his closest followers, 40 days after his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ ascended body & soul into heaven. What exactly does this word "ascended" mean? Every year on August 15, we celebrate a different feast: Mary, Our Blessed Mother’s assumption into heaven. The Catechism tells us, “Mary was assumed into heaven” - was assumed. There’s a difference here; Christ ascends; Mary is assumed. Christ is God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity become man. He is both fully God & fully man, a mystery so great that we cannot understand it completely. Mary is immaculate (free from sin), she is also the Mother of Christ & therefore properly honored as the Mother of God. She is still only human. She doesn’t possess the divine nature, as Christ does. This is why she could not cause herself to ascend into heaven, as Christ did. Instead, God had to take her up into heaven, so we say she was assumed. Christ’s ascension, then, reveals his divinity, just as his resurrection did. Many people throughout salvation history have been raised or have raised others from the dead with the help of God’s power. Only Christ rose from the dead on his own. As true God, he holds power over life & death. He is omnipotent or “almighty” as we say each week in the Creed. As true man, Jesus used his omnipotence to conquer death for our sake, to win our salvation, to redeem us. By bringing redeemed human nature up into heaven, he showed that along with being all-powerful, he is also all-good & all-loving. Christ’s ascension, then, reminds us that there is no limit to the confidence we can have in our God, because there is no limit to his power & goodness.

The Church is inviting us now to reflect on this great mystery of our faith, Christ’s ascension into heaven. As we do so, we should feel our confidence in God renewed & strengthened. Jesus is ruling history right now. None of the difficulties, injustices & problems that we face as individuals, families & societies is beyond his knowledge or power. He is at work in all things, even if it’s sometimes hard for us to see exactly how. As Sunday’s Mass prayers remind us: “Christ, the mediator between God & man, judge of the world & Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope” (Preface for Ascension I).

How can we express this hope, this confidence in God? St. Ignatius of Loyola had a phrase that can guide us. He used to say that we should pray as if everything depended upon God & work as if everything depended on us. Each of us has projects, dreams, goals, problems & challenges in our lives. This week, let’s ask God for the grace & faith to serve him as best as possible and roll up our sleeves and do our part. We should pray for a sick relative to be comforted and get well, but we should also go and visit them, bringing them flowers, reading to them, encouraging them. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he didn’t take the members of his Church with him. Instead, he entrusted his mission to their care. That mission, to follow Christ and help others do the same, is still in full swing today. It’s in our hands, and if to fulfill our part we do our best, surely God will do the rest. Reflection by Fr. Travis

St. Ann Holy Hour of Mercy
Our next gathering for the Holy Hour of Mercy will be Wednesday, May 11th at 10:30 am and Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00 pm in the Shrine. May God abundantly bless all who visit during the Jubilee Year and all who participate in the Holy Hour of Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

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May 8 - 14, 2016 “Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Danny Halligan

RCIA Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?
You are invited to a series of inquiry sessions that will explore the Catholic Church from a non-Catholic’s perspective. These sessions will begin on Sunday, May 22 at 6:15 PM in the Welcome Center. If interested call Fr. Travis at the parish office 455-7071 ext. 224.

Pastoral Council seeking New Members
Would you like to become more involved in the Parish? Are you looking for a way to help serve you Parish? The Pastoral Council serves in a consultative role to the Pastor. Council members are selected by a discernment process. Please consider becoming a member of the Pastoral Council. If you or someone you know are interested, please complete the form below and turn it in to the Church office or drop it in the collection basket. A council member will contact you with more details.

NAME: ________________________________________________________
PHONE #: _____________________________________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS ______________________________________________

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 8, 2016
God doesn’t tire of us, but we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

You are invited to our next evening of Mercy Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 PM in St. Ann Church.

Please Do Not Miss this Inspiring Message.

Our Witness for May 12th is Mary Lou McCall. Ms. McCall will share her recent month long experience in Liberia West Africa. Along with Song, Prayer, Sacred Scripture, Reflection, a Powerful Witness of Faith and the Recitation of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy.

Please invite all your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.

Have a Generous

As you make your way through the Bible, you discover a God both gracious and compassionate. As we choose to follow Him, He beckons us to follow His example and be kind and openhearted ourselves.

We continue to look at Bible verses that give us a glimpse into the generosity that God wants us.

9. Matthew 6:19–21 Investing in future treasure

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

In keeping with some of these Old Testament passages, Jesus challenges us with a choice: accumulate stuff here (which ultimately has no value), or use it in such a generous way that we’re investing it in the coming kingdom.

When we’re generous with the things that come through our life, we are actually sending it ahead and we’ll be compensated by God.

The beauty in this passage is found in Jesus’ promise that as we invest our resources in God’s kingdom, our heart will also be pulled in that direction. If you ever find yourself praying that God would awaken a desire in your heart for kingdom things, try practicing generosity for a couple months.

School News

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers! There are many activities this month to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Home and School sponsored a Frozen Treat Day for the students last week and the school May Crowning was last week. Last week was also May Crowning for the three year old classes. The PK May Crowning will be Friday. There is still some availability in some grade levels for next school year. Please call the school office at 455-8383 for more information. The school Skate Night is Thursday, May 12th at Airline Skate Center.

St. Ann School is still accepting applications for Kindergarten and PK. Please check our website at www.stannschool.org to learn more about our school. You may also call 455-7051 ext. 111 if you would like more information.

St. Ann Parish Wedding Anniversary

Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, June 4th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office to RSVP by Friday, May 13th.
### 2016 St. Ann Family Fest, September 30th & October 1st

#### “St. Ann Goes to the Movies”

**SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES**

Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the Church Bulletin

**STAGE SPONSORSHIP** - Your business name and logo displayed on the stage banner all weekend at the St. Ann Family Fest! Additionally, your business name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirts (size and position of logo based on level of sponsorship). Digital logo must be provided.

Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

- **Titanium Stage Sponsor** $2,000
  - Extra large-sized business name and logo in a priority spot on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt + your name and logo displayed on the Family Fest Raffle Tickets, which are distributed to all school children and parishioners to sell. Position of logo will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Platinum Stage Sponsor** $1,500
  - Large-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt
- **Gold Stage Sponsor** $1,000
  - Medium-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt
- **Maroon Stage Sponsor** $500
  - Small-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt

**FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP**

- Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.
- Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.
- Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc.
- Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

**FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP**

- Includes your name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

**T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP**

- Includes your name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

**T-SHIRT SLEEVE SPONSORSHIP**

- Includes your name and logo displayed on the SLEEVE of the Family Fest T-shirt. Only **TWO** sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

**FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP**

- Includes your logo displayed on the Family Fest Fair Bucks. Fair Bucks are used for all food, drinks & games purchases throughout the fair. Digital logo must be provided. Only **ONE** sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

**Booth Sponsorship**

- Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

**Tisket-a-Tasket Tent Sponsorship**

- Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

**PRIZE CASH SPONSOR**

- $25 to $100
- Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

**PRIZE DONATION**

- Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

- Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

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**Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:**

St. Ann Family Fest Committee • ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte • 4921 Meadowdale Street • Metairie, LA 70006

Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to “St. Ann Family Fest”. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business:

- This is how it will appear on signs and acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous and appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

Address: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Contact Person: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

E-Mail Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Donation Category: ___________________________ Amount Enclosed: ___________________________

### Come Meet Jesus!

Are you looking for an in-depth Scriptural understanding of Jesus? Beginning May 17th, Patty Fortunato, one of our parishioners, will be offering a 12-week in-depth Scripture study entitled “Jesus, the One and Only.” This personal study program will take attendees on a life-changing journey based on the Gospel of Luke that will lead you from the shores of Galilee and through the hills of Jerusalem. Get to know Jesus intimately ... as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry.

The group will meet in the Parish Ministries Center located just behind the church from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings beginning May 17th. The cost is $20 per person, which includes all materials and refreshments. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 to reserve your place. This is one experience that you will never forget!

### Pilgrimage along the Alpine Way

All are invited to join Fr. Robert Cooper on a **15 day Grand Pilgrimage along the Alpine Way** visiting Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and the Czech Republic: October 9th – October 23rd 2016. For detailed information about the Pilgrimage (including pricing, itinerary, and logistics), please visit www.frcooper.info/alpine_way_2016 or call Fr. Cooper at 504-834-4980, ext. 111.