Mission 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. Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities for all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry. St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.
Indulgences

On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis declared that the Church will enter a Jubilee Year of Mercy with the Bull Misericordiae Vultus. The year began on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. During this year, the faithful have an opportunity to obtain an indulgence. But what exactly is an indulgence? The Manual of Indulgences offers the following definition:

An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment for sins, whose guilt is forgiven, which a properly disposed member of the Christian faithful obtains under certain and clearly defined conditions through the intervention of the Church, which, as the minister of Redemption, dispenses and applies authoritatively the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the Saints.

Confused? I am too. Don’t worry. Let’s try to break it down into more simpler terms.

St. Thomas Aquinas defines indulges as the “remission of the punishment which remains after contrition, absolution, and confession.” Therefore, the doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the Sacrament of Penance. It’s effectiveness is found in Christ the Redeemer Himself in whom the penance and merits of his redemption exist. Such an overabundance of merits, or graces, have been gained for us through Christ's death on the Cross. Since these are gained for the whole Church and not one person, the Church then has the authority to determine in what way, on what terms, and to what extent, indulgences may be granted.

So, the moment you’ve been waiting for, how can I obtain an indulgence during this Jubilee Year of Mercy? All of the following criteria must be met:

1. Be a baptized member of the Church
2. Have the intention/disposition of gaining the indulgence
3. Go to Sacramental Confession
4. Receive Eucharistic Communion
5. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father
6. Make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door
7. Perform a spiritual and corporal work of mercy

No need to go to Rome to walk through the Holy Door. Archbishop Aymond has designated the Cathedral of St. Louis King of France as the only Holy Door in the Archdiocese. He has also designated eight other pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, which may be found at this web address: http://www.stlouis cathedral.org/jubilee-year-of-mercy.html.

An indulgence is not a “get out of hell free” card. Rather, another opportunity that Holy Mother Church offers us above and beyond the Sacrament of Penance to live holy lives and help us obtain salvation. Our Holy Father reminds us that “God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God.” Reflection by Seminarian Dan Darmanin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36 – 8:3 [7:36-50]

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday June 12
4:00 pm Vigil

William Shaw, Sr., Patricia Bernard, Dale St. John, Gardner & McCleland Families, Dr. James M. Linn, Mildred Gilberti, Albert Martini, Raymond Olivier, Mary Edith Muile, Theresa Cusachs, Patty Dwyer, Rod LaRocca, Dominick DiGiovanni

8:00 am Parishioners
9:30 am Paul A. Pizzo
11:00 am Poor Souls, Stephanie & Bobby Strometer, Gladys Hazel Blanke, Catherine Perillox, Jennifer Courville, Mark Borner, Albert Martini, Russell Howley, Dominick S. Lamandre, Sr., Iris Taffaro, Raymond Olivier, Ruth Giroir

5:00 pm Donald Loisel

Monday June 13
6:30 am Khai Nguyen
8:45 am Moore & Edna Gauthier

Tuesday June 14
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Marie Doolen & Family (S.I.)
7:00 pm Theresa Cusachs

Wednesday June 15
6:30 am Joseph Bertrand
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Bertrand J. Ibos, Sr.

Thursday June 16
6:30 am Everett Turner
8:45 am Elaine Gallagher

Friday June 17
6:30 am Mildred Gilberti
8:45 am Jennifer Courville

Saturday June 18
7:30 am Rose Marie Fox

Please join us for Mass and a celebration in thanking the Lord for the gift of Fr. Travis.

On Sunday, June 26th, 2016 at the 11:00 AM Mass with a farewell reception following in the cafeteria.

June 12-18, 2016 “Sanctuary Candle” in Memory of Stromer & Gauthier Families
SAVE THE DATE!
ST. ANN SUMMER NOVENA
JULY 18 - 26, 2016
THEME:
The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Presented by:
Father James G. Ward
Ordained in 1977 for the Vincentian Fathers; have taught in seminaries, universities, and ministered in parishes and with Hispanic communities; for 7 years I was pastor of St. Stephen Church in Uptown.

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 14. Acts 20:32–35 Set a generous example

And now I commit you to God and to the message of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands have provided for my needs and for those who were with me. In every way I’ve shown you that by laboring like this, it is necessary to help the weak and to keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, for He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Paul’s visit with the Ephesians ends with these words. He wants to leave them an example to follow. The pattern he wants to impart is one of hard work and sacrifice because he wants them to understand the virtue of generous living.

Confirmation
The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program. Any student in tenth grade or above who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should contact the church office to register for the sacrament. Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is in addition to the student’s regular religious education. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments. To register for next year’s program go to: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/7103.

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 continue on Sunday, June 26 at 6:15 PM in the Welcome Center. If interested call Fr. Travis at the parish office 455-7071 ext. 224.

School News
The school office is closed. There is limited availability in PK4 and in first through third grades. Please call 455-7051 ext. 113 and leave a message for the school principal if you need more information. School enrollment information will be at the Church office or email stann@stannschool.org.

Congratulations to our new School Advisory Council Member: Courtney Fox.
2016 St. Ann Family Fest, September 30th & October 1st

“St. Ann Goes to the Movies”

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

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: - - - - - - - - - $1,500
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.

T-SHIRT SLEEVE SPONSORSHIP $1,000
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. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2016.

T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP $350
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.

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP $250
Display your company’s banner on the fence at the start/finish of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from Sept 23rd through October 7th. Banner not to exceed 3’ by 9’. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP $200
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. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP $150
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.

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: _____________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ______________________________________________________ Phone: _______________________

Donation Category: _______________________________________________ Amount Enclosed: ___________________

God of Mercy; People of Mercy

Our next celebration will be Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 pm in St. Ann Church. The celebration is scheduled to be one hour and will be an enriching time of spiritual growth. These Evenings of Mercy offer Song, Prayer, Sacred Scripture, Reflection, a Powerful Witness of Faith and the Recitation of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy.

“God doesn’t tire of us, but we are the ones who tire of seeking His Mercy.”

Our featured witness for June 16th will be: John DiMaggio a St. Ann Parishioner
St. Ann Church and Shrine

Date: June 12, 2016

Contact: Linda Ehrhardt (504)455-7071 ext. 222

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Special Instructions: