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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & 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

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WEBSITE POLICY
The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

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 Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY
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.

ROSARY 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 Wednesday 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.
Emmaus, an interesting place! The disciples envisaged the reign of God as a political triumph. They were disappointed when crucifixion ended their expectation. Like the two disciples, we too have our own ideas about Jesus Christ, and his message to the Church, and how it should be interpreted. The disciples recognized him in the breaking of bread. Where is Christ today?

Many of our churches tend to have furniture arrangements like pews marshaled in rows, facing rigidly forward with worshippers standing or sitting shoulder to shoulder, and facing one way.

It’s no harm to point out that the two disciples failed to recognize Jesus on the road to Emmaus. When their focus was on the road ahead, they were blind. It was only when they sat face to face that they made the connection. Similarly, the blinders drop from our eyes. Our vision is made clear and focused when we sit down together to share the table meal of life.

We live in a world that is constantly moving, focused on one event after the other rather than taking time to truly be together with another human being. We are constantly on the run, commuting, filling our free time with activities, doing the taxi thing with children, and eating on the run as well. We fail to stop and talk, let alone take time to eat at table with family. And all the time we are hungry for intimacy, love and fellowship. Few do anything about it since we are living our lives without face-to-face communication. Great things can happen when people meet face-to-face.

After all company is a word that literally means with bread.

Emmaus is not some holy place seven miles from Jerusalem. Emmaus is anywhere we stop face-to-face with God, with family, with a stranger in our workplaces … God is very near!

Reflection by Fr. Billy
Confirmation  All 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register for the classes that will begin this school year. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). 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. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments.

Prayer Intention from Pope Francis for April
That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Vacation Bible School 2017
is currently registering campers! We will host the events July 3-14 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The program will include Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and drama skits. Children entering grades pre-K (potty-trained) through 4th grade are welcome to participate and adults and/or students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group leaders and station coordinators. Registration is done on-line at https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/10402 If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225.

Pro-Life Pencil Program Pushes Forward!!!
As many of you know and have been supporting, the St. Ann CYO is trying to collect ONE MILLION PENCILS!!! Yes, that’s right One Million Pencils! This is part of a Respect Life Project that will be displayed when the goal is reached. Can you imagine seeing a million pencils in one place??? The purpose of this program is to visually show the more than ONE MILLION BABIES that are lost each year through abortion IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE!!! Please help support our awareness efforts by turning in pencils of all sorts.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
Third Sunday of Easter
As today’s gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ’s presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.
Third Sunday of Easter

**Blessed, Broken, Shared**

Generous God,
you who have given your people so many blessings:
who saved them from a life of slavery in Egypt,
and who blessed them with a land flowing with milk and honey;
You walked with your disciples on the paths they chose,
and blessed them with bread and fish;
Bless us this day as we yearn to find you along the way,
and strive to know you in strangers and Scripture,
in shared meals and broken bread.
May our hearts burn with your love and may our generous spirits be unleashed for others who also seek to know you.
We ask this through your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

April 30, 2017

**Recognizing Christ**

*Today’s Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; 1 Peter 1:17–21; Luke 24:13–35.* After encountering a stranger, two disciples have a conversion of heart. As impossible as that may seem to be on the surface, the Gospel today is full of the newly possible. Not recognizing the Risen Christ is the first impossibility. Most of us are quick to judge by appearances. Who is this stranger? Why is this person whom I do not know approaching me? If Christ were to come to me today, what would he look like? That is the question we must ask if we are to believe that Christ is alive and present in the world.

The second impossibility is the topic of conversation. Purposefully fleeing Jerusalem, two disciples are committed to hiking to Emmaus, just beyond the reach of Jerusalem’s influence. Yet the topic begins with them laying out their concerns to this stranger: the disbelief that Jesus, one of their own, has been killed and, then even more unbelievable, perhaps risen from the dead. It is all too confusing. Yet this stranger, chiding them for their foolishness, walks the distance with them, teaching them and revealing hidden truths to them. Later they confess that their hearts were burning within them on the road.

However, the final action—the sacramental moment for the two—is Jesus taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and sharing it with them. This is the moment of revelation for them: knowing Jesus through the breaking of the bread and all that that implies. We, too, find our way to moments of knowing Jesus: in the least of the strangers we encounter, in others opening up the meaning of Scripture and faith for us, and in the blessing and breaking of bread.
This Week at Home

Monday, May 1
See the Glory of God
We hear in today’s Gospel, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” During this Easter Time, you might reflect the joy of your belief in your surroundings. Water your flowers and open the blinds! Let in the sunlight, lighten your spaces where you live and work. How is the Easter season celebrated visually in your parish, in your home, in your life? It is not enough to sing alleluia, although it is necessary. Does your face reflect the joy of the season? Today’s Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.

Tuesday, May 2
St. Athanasius
When the Apostles look for a sign, they tell Jesus of the manna that was sent to their ancestors in the desert. Jesus tells them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” During this Easter season, we have time to take these words to heart. How do we take in and share the bread of life that we are given in Christ? Today’s Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.

Wednesday, May 3
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
In the middle of the Easter season, it is appropriate to remember the Twelve, who were witnesses of Jesus’ years of ministry, as well as his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. From their witness, they proclaimed to their death the meaning of the Paschal Mystery. The Apostles’ lives are both a reminder and an invitation for us to continue to live and witness to that same mystery. Today’s Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.

Thursday, May 4
Baptism Offered for All
When Philip baptizes the eunuch in today’s passage from the Acts of the Apostles, we know that this adds meaning to the universality of Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Baptism continues to root all Christians in the fullness of life in the Trinity. As you make the Sign of the Cross today, call to mind all the baptized, who share in your faith and calling. Today’s Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.

Friday, May 5
Sharing in the Paschal Mystery
The Eucharist proclaims a sharing in Christ’s Body and Blood, and also a sharing in Christ’s Death and Resurrection. When we partake of the Eucharist, we are gaining life everlasting. It is only when we fully enter into the mystery of Christ, as did Paul in today’s First Reading, that we can be nourished enough to go out into the world and “proclaim Jesus.” Today’s Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.

Saturday, May 6
Everlasting Life
The belief that Jesus is the “Holy One of God,” prompts Peter to proclaim not only his belief and loyalty to Jesus. Peter is all in. He states that he could not turn his back on Jesus, since he is God. To whom else could he possibly turn? It is only through Jesus that we have the holiness of God revealed completely. He has the words of everlasting life. Today’s Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.
Congratulations!!!
St. Ann Church wishes to congratulate the following students who received First Eucharist on Saturday, April 29th. Please make sure to congratulate them personally if you see them at Mass!

Elizabeth Aubin
Emily Aubin
Gavin Bailey
Anthony Baldo
Brady Balser
Kaitlyn Bergeron
Lindsey Berry
Harper Blackburn
Charles Blanchard
Gavin Bonck
Connor Boyd
Cody Boyle
Addison Breaux
David Brenk
Madelyn Burke
Connor Bussey
Samantha Cabirac
Layla Calton
Brennan Chaix
Kaylee Cieutat
Henry Cooper
Jermaine Cruz
Maxwell Daigle
Kahan Davis
Kamryn DiMaggio
Sage Dufrechou
Leah Egan
Amir Fattah
Jaelyn Flick
Londyn Fontenot
Caidyn Frisby
Catherine Fugler
Macie Galiouras

Brady Gates
Laila Gilberti
Rowan Gleason
Eli Guillot
Kain Gwinn
Haley Haeffeler
Molly Harris
Brandon Hezeau
Savannah Hunter
Jackson Indest
Andrew Jones
Kayden Joseph
Matthias Juarez
Calleigh Kies
Evan Kopowski
Carley Kron
Justin Kondoik
Dean LaCombe
Grayson Lambert
Lillian Lambert
Destiny Lashute
Kale Le
Allie Lesieur
Cullen Lewis
Anthony Linker
Colin Locascio
Gabrielle Locascio
Brooklyn Matthew
Dylan McLeod
Riyan Meilleur
Isabella Michael
Joshua Moore
Stella Nastasi
Madden Neely
Miley Nelson
Bryce Nugent

Tyler Nunes
Emma O'Connell
Lyla Pelle
Julian Pelto
Sebastian Perez
Mason Picadash
Emma Pillow
Sophia Quintero
Brennan Raines
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Jack Roniger
Victoria Salazar
Stella Sintes
Leanne Siverd
Alexander Stein
Bryce Stuprich
Sarah Tarver
Aiden Tomkins
Ethan Tran
Elise Turner
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Victoria Ward
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Declan Womack
MacKenzie Zander
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