ST. ANN CHURCH
AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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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

Pastor
Rev. Billy O’Riordan
455-7071, ext. 223

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

Deacons
Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231
Mr. Raymond Bertin,
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Director of Religious Education
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Mrs. Debbie Sommers, ext. 221

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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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 Sun-
day 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 ar-
ranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must
contact one of the parish priests or dea-
cons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Of-
fice 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 Wednes-
day 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. 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).
Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

There will always be sinners and scandal-givers that make the Christian life more difficult for Christ’s sincere followers. The weeds were among the wheat from the very beginning. God tolerates this for His own wise purposes. Today’s parable is Christ’s answer to the question so frequently asked: “Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world and why are the wicked allowed to prosper?” The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers is everlasting. The wickedness and injustices of evildoers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his true followers.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can uproot his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God towards sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

Until the end we are a mixed crop of saints and sinners. We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult—they are actually helping us to be better Christians and recognize evil, learn from mistakes, and strive to avoid occasions of sin. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in His dealings with sinners. We must look on them as our brothers and sisters do all in our power to put them back on the road to heaven.

Reflection by: Lee Poche, Seminarian
Parish Calendar

7/23  6 PM CYO
7/24  9:30 AM COME & SEE/ST.RAYMOND
10 AM & 7 PM SUMMER NOVENA/FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA
7/25  10 AM NOVENA ADORATION WILL START AFTER THE 10 AM MASS
7 PM NOVENA MASS
7/26  9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
10 AM AND 7 PM SUMMER NOVENA/FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
7/27  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/ST. RAYMOND
7/28  6PM CYO

Archdiocese of New Orleans
Office of the Archbishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In 2018, the City of New Orleans will celebrate its Tricentennial: 300 years since our city was founded in the Crescent of the Mississippi River.

As part of our Tricentennial celebration, the Archdiocese of New Orleans would like to commemorate the year with a hymn celebrating our history and looking forward to a bright and hopeful future. The Tricentennial is an exciting time in our city’s and local church’s history, and we are seeking the community’s help to celebrate.

We invite you to enter our Tricentennial Hymn Competition by submitting a text set to one of several familiar hymn tunes. The complete guidelines and information for the competition are at http://nolacatholic.org. The author of the selected hymn text will receive an award of $750.00. All submissions are due by Monday, October 2, 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Betty-Ann Hickey or David Doyle at tricentennialhymn@arch-no.org.

May this time of celebration of our city’s history and culture be a blessed time of renewal and peace.

Wishing you God’s blessings,
Sincerely in Christ
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

St. Ann Summer Novena continues Monday, July 24th, Tuesday, July 25th and ends on Wednesday, July 26th

The Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim

Novena Schedule

Weekdays: 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses with Holy, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after the Masses.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

St. Ann’s Social Justice Committee News

On Saturday, July 29 the Saint Ann’s Social Justice Committee will be assisting Saint Maria Goretti Church in providing a midday meal from 12-1 for the homeless at the St. Jude Community Center on Rampart Street. Members usually meet at the Sams on Airline at 10:30 to carpool. If you would like to attend and assist in this ministry, please call or text Jill Hitchins at 228-2883 by Thursday, July 27. This is a great way to become engaged, show gratitude for our many blessings, and/or earn service hours.

The school office is closed.

There is some availability in some grades for next school year. Please call the school office at 455-7051 ext. 113 for the school principal if you need more information. School enrollment information will be on the school email stann@stannschool.org and also at the church office.
**RCIA**
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? The parish faith community of St. Ann Church invites you or someone you may know to a series of inquiry sessions that will invite inquirers to the Faith an opportunity to explore the church in a non-committal way. Invite someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. *Your invitation may be the one that they are waiting for!* Call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 for more information.

**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.

**Our CYO is GROWING!!! New High School Students are always welcomed!!!** All high school students are invited to come join us at the St. Ann Youth House after the 5:00 p.m. Mass each week and see what’s happening with the youth program here at St. Ann Church. Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows.

**Rosary for Healing and Peace!**
Our CYO will be hosting a monthly Rosary for Peace and Healing following the 5:00 p.m. Mass each second Sunday of the month. All parishioners and friends are welcomed to participate and pray for healing and peace within our lives, family and our world. We hope you are able to join us!

**To Register**
- Go to Formed.org
- Enter ST. ANN’S PARISH CODE XX87MF on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password
- Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

In the future, log in by going directly to Formed.org and entering your user name/email and password.

Now you can find any FORMED resource quickly and easily with the new FORMED Search Icon on the menu bar! FORMED Search allows users to use search terms to find resources in FORMED.

**JoyToons, The Brother Francis Song Collection on FORMED.org.**
Join the ever-joyful Brother Francis as he teaches children about the blessings that come when heart and mind are filled with praise to God and thoughts of his goodness. Children will learn what the Bible has to say about singing and music. This special episode includes visualized songs from *Brother Francis* episodes 1–9 along with short, thought-provoking quotes from the saints:
2017 St. Ann Family Fest, October 6th and 7th

“Blast off into Space with St. Ann”

Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the St. Ann Church Bulletin

STAGE SPONSORSHIPS -  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). Deadline is JULY 15, 2017.

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. Only ONE sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

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.

T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP - - - - - - - - - - - - $350
Includes your name or logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided.

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP- - - - - - - - - - - - $250
Display your company’s banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from October 1st through October 14th. 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. It can be the 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. 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 & acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous & appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

Address: ________________________________________________________________ Zip: _____________

Contact Person: _________________________ E-Mail Address: _________________________ Phone: _________

Donation Category: ____________________________ Amount Enclosed: _______________
Youth Ministry Internship Opportunity

As an initiative to address synod goals and action items to expand parish youth ministry, the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is seeking young adults interested in applying for an internship in youth ministry. The newly developed Emmaus Program is seeking 2-3 young adults (preferably out of college) to spend 1 year as a parish youth ministry intern. These individuals will live in community and will receive youth ministry formation and training. In addition, they will receive spiritual direction, assistance in vocational discernment, and participate in the spiritual life of the community in which they live. Each intern will be matched with a local parish to develop a comprehensive parish youth ministry. The interns will receive a monthly stipend and room and board as part of the internship. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic who feels called to ministry in the Church, enjoys ministering to and with young people, and is still discerning their vocation. For more information, please contact Brigitte Burke at 504-836-0551 x3226.

The July Respect Life Focus is on Conscience Protection/Religious Liberty

Our spiritual work of mercy:

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our corporal works of mercy:

A simple email action you can do in a few minutes. The Conscience Protection Act of 2017 (HR 644 & S 301) has been introduced in Congress. This much-needed, common-sense legislation will clarify federal law and ensure that those who provide health care and health coverage can continue to do so without being forced by government to help destroy innocent unborn children. Please take a moment to let your representatives in Congress know that we expect them to protect our most cherished liberties.

Please share with family and friends!