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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. 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).

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 to 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.
Tempus Fugit - time flies, and we are already celebrating the 29th Sunday of Year A, which means we have only five more weeks to celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King, and therefore the end of another liturgical year. Then we will not return to Year A and Matthew’s Gospel for another three years. So, where will you be three years from now? It’s a loaded question with lots of plans, and maybe worries too ... We face different time challenges, but we generally have the same desire: to accomplish the things that are truly important. Remember, the source of all time is God. So a good starting point is to consider how God looks at time, and what he desires of us. I have heard it said: It’s not about “having” time. It’s about making time. Sometimes we have to give it to God and go to sleep.

God and “Caesar” have always proved hard to reconcile. Unwilling to approach Jesus themselves, the Pharisees send their disciples to ask about the legality of paying tax to Caesar. Jesus calls the bluff of the hypocrites by asking to see the Roman coin and having them identify the image on the coin. Usually on a coin or bill there is something like Caesar’s image - it could be a president, a king, a queen, a dictator, or someone important in the annals of history. In our beloved country of the United States of America, we have various presidents, but it also says: In God We Trust. Do you know how this showed up on our money? I am not going to tell you the details - it’s your Google homework for this week, but it started in 1861 during the Civil War. Fast forward to 1955 and President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law placing “In God We Trust” on our money. I tend to ask: Do we? While the Pharisees sought to trap Jesus, they couldn’t. They simply left him and went away, maybe shaking their heads … We could read into Jesus’ question about the coin and ask: “Whose image is on the people who pay the taxes?” A loaded question for all of us to sort through at times …

Reading the Bible we come to know that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and so we belong to God. This means something of God is within us, and certainly after saying “Amen” to the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass we are transformed into what we consume. God in us! God is very earthy and gets his hands dirty hanging with you and me - the messiness of creaturely existence! It tears at us, calling us to honor that which is God in every person including ourselves.

When you empty your pocket change at the end of the day, and you put your money clip on the dresser, take a moment to ponder “In God We Trust.” Perhaps, you could fold your money in your money clip in such a way that it always shows In God We Trust. “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” [Matthew 22:21]

Reflection: Fr. Billy
Friday, October 20th was “Grandparent’s Day” for our youngest students. Grandparents and special friends were invited to visit the PK2, PK3, PK4 students and the kindergarten students. The grandparents and special friends spent time in the classrooms and shared refreshments with the students. St. Ann School has an active Grandparents Club. All Grandparents of school students are invited to join. Please call the school office at 455-8383 or email stann@stannschool.org for more information on the St. Ann School Grandparents Club.

Heaven Starts Now (book by Fr. John Riccardo)
Join Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Director, Diane Abbondante in reading and discussing this book which focuses on becoming a Saint by Day and experiencing the beginning of Heaven here on Earth. Father John addresses the fundamental questions of the human heart, forgiveness, fear, anxiety, suffering, greed, surrender, praise, worship and the primacy of Love. Please obtain a copy of Heaven Starts Now and read the first two chapters for the first session. Thursday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2017, 7-9pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue Metairie. Cost: $40.00 Register on the web: https://asc.arch-no.org, email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone 861-3254 for information or to register

All Saints’ Day
Mass Schedule
Tuesday, October 31
Vigil Mass 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 1
6:30 & 8:45 AM & 6:30 PM

A World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Panamá for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
8 days / 7 nights

“I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)

Day 1: Monday, January 21:
Arrival in Panama & Canal Tour

Day 2: Tuesday, January 22:
World Youth Day Opening Mass

Day 3: Wednesday, January 23:
World Youth Day

Day 4: Thursday, January 24:
World Youth Day & Arrival of Pope Francis

Day 5: Friday, January 25:
World Youth Day & Stations of the Cross

Day 6: Saturday, January 26:
World Youth Day & Overnight Vigil

Day 7: Sunday, January 27:
World Youth Day, Papal Mass & Dinner Cruise on the Canal

Day 8: Monday, January 28:
Depart for Home

Space is limited. Register today!
For more information see www.yamarchno.org

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Pilgrimage price including airfare from New Orleans, LA: $3,187

(U.S. government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges up to $300 included – pricing is based on a minimum 25 pilgrims)
St. Ann CYO is open to ALL 8th through 12th graders. Our youth group meets each Sunday evening following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Youth House located at 4909 Love-land Street. If you are interested in participating in any CYO event, feel free to call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 or attend any of CYO events listed below. Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows.

October 22—CYO social night in youth house with food
October 22—World Youth Day, New Orleans Convention Center
October 28—Journey Through the Catacombs Exhibit 4:30—6:00 p.m.
October 29—Journey Through the Catacombs Exhibit 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CYO sports night in gym with food
November 4—Journey Through the Catacombs Exhibit
November 5—Journey Through the Catacombs Exhibit
Topic Sharing Night with snacks

Why One Million Pencils??!!
Many people ask the CYO, “Why are we collecting a million pencils? It’s simple. The one million pencils will give a visual representation of the more than one million babies lost through abortion each year, IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE!!! We need all sorts of pencils: big ones, little ones, new ones, old ones, short ones, fat ones, long ones, skinny ones, any color, any style, any condition. We can even come pick them up! Call 455-7071, ext. 225 or email stanncyo@bellsouth.net with questions.

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Local Knights of Columbus Council Re-opens!
St. Ann is now host to a totally re-vamped council of the Knights of Columbus. Known as the Monsignor Charles Duke Council of the Knights of Columbus, new members are always welcomed to consider joining. The Knights are open to all Catholic Men who at least 18 years old and lead a life consistent with Catholic moral standards. To learn more, call 421-5955 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org Be a real man! Be a Knight of Columbus!
Respect Life—Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A

For people committed to upholding the sanctity of human life, the need to respect and protect innocent human life is clear. For some, however, issues like the death penalty may seem less clear.

Although nothing can substitute for thorough catechesis, the following may be helpful as a starting point for considering the death penalty within the context of respect for God’s gift of human life.

Who are we?
The essence of our identity and worth as human beings, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God and made in his image and likeness. God’s love doesn’t change; even sin cannot diminish God’s love for each person. As we are reminded in Sacred Scripture, “Can a mother forget her infant…? Even should she forget, I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15).

What is the purpose of punishment?
Although “legitimate public authority has the right and the duty to inflict punishment proportionate to the gravity of the offense,” it is not for the sake of vengeance. The Catechism of the Catholic Church goes on to say, “in addition to defending public order and protecting people’s safety, [punishment] has a medicinal purpose: as far as possible, it must contribute to the correction of the guilty party.”

Aren’t some crimes so evil the offender deserves to die?
Consider how God responded when Cain took the life of his brother, Abel. God punished Cain greatly, but also mercifully spared and protected his life by marking him “so that no one would kill him at sight” (Genesis 4:15). No sin is a barrier to God’s immense and merciful love, and nothing diminishes how much God cherishes each person and his or her life. As God’s people, we are called to follow his example, drawing from the grace of Christ’s Redemption.

Didn’t the Old Testament Law allow the punishment of death?
For Israelites in the Old Testament, legal punishment of personal injury did allow “life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth” (Exodus 21:23-24). However, when Jesus came, he fulfilled the Old Testament Law and deepened our understanding of both justice and mercy: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

We see the fulfilled law every time we participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In justice, after confessing our sins, we receive a penance to complete. Yet any penance we could do never fully “makes up” for the ways we turn away from God. That is precisely why Jesus came to redeem us, and took our rightful punishment upon himself. Although justice does require some action of reparation on our part, at the same time, because of God’s mercy, our penance is medicinal, helping to restore us to union with God.

So, is the death penalty always wrong?
As the Catechism states, “the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.” However, it also recognizes that today, “cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity ‘are very rare, if not practically non-existent.’”

Therefore, while capital punishment is not forbidden, it can rarely be justified in this modern age—if at all. Non-lethal means are in better keeping with the sanctity of every human life and the common good, and must be used unless public safety cannot be achieved otherwise.

What is the position of the United States bishops on the death penalty?
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has long opposed the use of the death penalty in our country. While recognizing that Catholic teaching affirms the authority of a government in rare (if practically nonexistent) cases to execute criminals, the bishops have said that in the United States, there are other, non-lethal means of defense against unjust aggressors that should be used instead.

In 2015, the tenth anniversary year of the bishops’ Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty, a letter reaffirming the bishops’ opposition to the death penalty offered a reflection on our justice system: “Our faith tradition offers a unique perspective on crime and punishment, one grounded in mercy and healing, not punishment for its own sake. No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so. Today, we have this capability.”

Is discussion of the death penalty a Catholic, pro-life matter?
Earlier in 2015, the chairmen of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development responded to a Supreme Court decision related to the death penalty: “We bishops continue to say, we cannot teach killing is wrong by killing. …Institutionalized practices of violence against any person erode reverence for the sanctity of every human life.”

Christ came to liberate us from the cycle of violence by showing us how to love and be merciful. As reflected in his life and teaching, as well as in saints’ lives throughout history, “the antidote to violence is love, not more violence.” As the culture of death threatens to electively select who does and who does not deserve life, we must uphold that all human life has invaluable dignity and worth.

When we feel that sin and evil are overwhelming, we must not be afraid. Jesus Christ has already conquered sin and death, and we know that his is the ultimate victory. Let us work to defend the dignity of all human life, made in the image and likeness of God, through prayer, education, and advocacy. Be not afraid; God is with us.
Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" (Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

The St. Anthony Ministry is asking for your help. The following items are requested to fill the Thanksgiving boxes which we will be handing out to needy families: Cranberry Sauce, Turkey gravy or gravy mix, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Peas or Carrots, Green Beans, Oil, Marshmallows, Oatmeal or Grits, Cereal or Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Cake Mix & Icing, Sugar and Canned Meats.

We are starting to collect these items for Thanksgiving. Please place them in the food bins marked Thanksgiving Food Drive in the shrine.

We appreciate your contributions and wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.
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