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

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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).
When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could honestly say: “I used everything you gave me.” We have heard it time and again: “Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.”

There was a reunion of past students of a large school. An elderly priest had come back to be at the reunion, and found himself surrounded by a host of former students who respected him greatly. Then, without the slightest prompting from him, they began to share stories about what they had done. One was an architect, another a university professor who had written several books, another was CFO of a large business which had branches all over the world, another was a very successful farmer, another was a famous heart surgeon, another was a bishop, and another was principal of a very prestigious school … The old priest and former teacher listened with pleasure to the impressive litany of successes and achievements. There didn’t seem to be a single failure among them. As they told their stories he said little, contenting himself with a nodding of the head and a smile. When they finally finished, he complimented them. Then, looking at them with affection, he asked: “And now, tell me what have you made of yourselves?” A long silence followed. They were reluctant to talk about themselves. They were so absorbed in their careers that they had neglected their personal lives. Their energy was so focused on efficiency and success that they didn’t make room to grow spiritually and emotionally, with the result that in terms of relationships many of them were impoverished.

Kahlil Gibran shares this thought: “There is a great loneliness in almost everyone - a great hunger to express oneself.” The painter Van Gogh said: “Between what I perceive and what I express there is a wall. I have spent my life trying to break down that wall.”

It is by living that we discover our talents and it by using them that they grow. Don’t bury your talent ... What is buried is of no earthly use to anyone.

Reflection: Fr. Billy
Our school is reflecting on our many blessings at this time of Thanksgiving. We appreciate our wonderful student body and the strong support that we receive from parents. We are grateful for our cooperative Home and School Club, Men's Club and Grandparent’s Club, as well as the contributions of our School Advisory Council members. We also appreciate our dedicated priests, faculty and staff members. Please consider a donation to our school endowment account so that we can continue to guide future generations of students to “Think, Reach, Shine”! You may check our school website at www.stannschool.org for more information. We wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

***2017 Church Support- The 2017 Church Support for St. Ann School families is $400.00 per year. The deadline is November 30, 2017. If you would like to inquire about your record of support, please contact the parish office at 455-7071.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Second Collection November 18-19

The programs funded by CCHD help to change the lives of the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families that are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.
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 Loveland 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.

November 19—CYO Service Night with snacks
November 26—CYO social night with food.
December 3—CYO Topic Sharing Night with snacks
December 10—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m.
CYO Sports Night in gym with food.
December 17—Bake Sale after all Masses
CYO Christmas party with food.
December 29—CYO Movie Outing at Clearview AMC

Religious Education
Students Earn Awards
Donated by Parishioners

Our students in the Parish School of Religion (religious education classes for students NOT attending a Catholic school), had an opportunity to earn credits which they could use to “purchase” religious articles donated by members of St. Ann parish. These articles included rosaries, religious medals, crucifixes, necklaces, statues, and other items. Credits are given to students for attendance, good behavior, outstanding achievement and other positive aspects in their Christian Formation. Once each month, the Parish School of Religion allows students who have earned credits to browse through the articles and purchase them for themselves, family members and friends. If you have any type of religious "trinkets" that you would like to donate for rewards for our PSR students, it would be greatly appreciated. These could include prayer cards, small plastic statues or crosses, inexpensive religious medals and so on. Please drop any items off at the church office. THANKS! To all parishioners and friends who have donated items so far. These have been very well received from our students. If you have any questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071.

Why a Million Pencils?!
The St. Ann CYO is on a mission to collect One Million Pencils!!! This is part of a Respect Life Project to show visually, the more than one million babies that are lost through abortion every year IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE!!! We need all sorts of pencils: big ones, little ones, new ones, old ones, fat ones, long ones, skinny ones, any color, any style, any condition. Please help our CYO reach our goal as quickly as possible. Call 455-7071, ext. 225 or email stannycyo@bellsouth.net with questions.

Upcoming CYO Events!

Here are some upcoming CYO events our youth can look forward to:
- Ice Skating trip in Baton Rouge
- Outing to Covenant House
- Teen Drive-in Movie Night
- Paint Ball event in Covington
- Eucharistic Adoration Night
- CYO Retreat
- “Battle of the CYO’s” event
- March for Life trip to Washington, DC
Second Harvest Food Bank Volunteers

Second Harvest Food Bank is in urgent need of volunteers to help prepare children’s meals for their after-school Kids Café program. Three volunteer shifts are available each Monday through Thursday at the Second Harvest Community Kitchen in Elmwood, 700 Edwards Avenue: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and noon to 2:30 PM. There is also a Friday shift from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Please contact Vanessa Cave-Herazo at vcaveherazo@secondharvest.org or 504-729-2850 for information on how you can help this very important program that provides thousands of after-school meals.

Christmas Giving Tree

Once again we at St. Ann are invited to share OUR blessings and gifts with the multitudes who are not as fortunate. Hope House and Catholic Charities have numerous children, families, elderly and homeless whom they serve and whom we also, are called to serve. These wonderful Catholic facilities provide for these needs on a daily basis and St. Ann is always extremely generous in our Christmas sharing. The “Giving Tree” will be up from Thanksgiving through Sunday, December 10. The Angel tags on the tree will indicate the necessary information for you to be able to provide a truly Merry Christmas for MANY considerably less fortunate than us. The tags will indicate specific gift requests along with age, size etc.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU SELECT AN ANGEL TAG YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE WRAP SECURELY WITHOUT A BOW AND PLACE IT UNDER THE TREE AT THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES ONLY!!!!

PLEASE TAPE THE ANGEL TAG SECURELY TO THE PACKAGE WITHOUT THE STRING.

PLEASE BE SURE TO GET A GIFT AND RETURN IT ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY DECEMBER 10. We must have time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. We ask that all gifts be NEW.

Again for SECURITY reasons, please place your gifts under the tree ONLY AT MASS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
Preparing for the Coming of Christ: Justice, Grace and Mercy

Friday, December 1—Sunday, December 3, 2017

During Advent, we long for Emmanuel - God with us. We yearn for the long-awaited Messiah who proclaims justice, is the source of mercy and the manifestation of grace. In a world that celebrates the frills of the season, we will seek the deeper meaning of Advent.

Arrival time: 4-6 pm on Friday
Departure time: 1:15 pm on Sunday

The cost of the retreat is $350 which includes meals and accommodations. The minimum offering is $225.

Archdiocese New Orleans Retreat Center
5500 St. Mary Street
Metairie, LA 70006
Phone #504-267-9604

WHO AM I TO JUDGE? ON FORMED.ORG

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.

What is “right” and “wrong”? Is what’s right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don’t know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we’re afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we’ll explore the classical view of morality and find that it’s not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.
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