ST. ANN CHURCH
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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

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).

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.

ST. ANN SCHOOL - 455-8383
Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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.
**Feast of the Epiphany, Year B**

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend, which is traditionally celebrated on January 6th, as that was the day, according to tradition, that the Magi visited the newborn king after following the guidance of a star. And so January 6th is also referred to as King’s Day. January 6th holds local importance, as it’s the first day King Cakes can be eaten, and is the first day of the Mardi Gras Season.

The word “epiphany” means “to reveal or to make manifest.” We automatically think of when the Magi visited the Christ child when we think of the Epiphany. But there are two other manifestations that we are also remembering, and they are the Baptism of Jesus, and the miracle at the wedding at Cana. St. Thomas Aquinas goes even further to say that these three events happened on the same calendar day, meaning that Jesus’ baptism and the miracle at Cana happened on January 6th, along with the day the Magi adored Him.

But what do these three events reveal? They each reveal the divinity of Christ in a public manner. When the Magi adored Christ, this marked the first of the Gentiles to come to Jesus. At Jesus’ baptism, the voice of the Father was heard by all who were there, and at Cana Jesus performed His first public miracle at the request of His mother. So every year when we celebrate the Epiphany, we are remembering how these three events revealed the divinity of Jesus in a public manner.

These three events can teach us much, but here are some. The adoration of the Magi teaches of exactly that, the importance of coming to adore Jesus. How often do we take time throughout our day to pause to adore Christ? We can adore Him through prayer, by meditating upon Scripture. We most importantly adore Christ whenever we are in front of the Blessed Sacrament, whether during Mass, or the Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. May we adore Christ daily.

The Baptism of the Lord shows us the importance of imitating Jesus. Part of why He was baptized by John was to model for us the importance of getting baptized. By striving to imitate Jesus in our daily life we begin to live as His disciple. But is our life always lived out in imitation of Him? Is everything we think, say, or do pleasing to Him? May we imitate Christ daily.

The miracle at Cana shows us the importance of fostering a relationship with the Blessed Mother. His public life was said to begin when we was 30 years old. Since He died at the age of 33, we can say that He spent around 90% of His earthly life with Mary. This means that Jesus was a momma’s boy. How often do we go to Mary in prayer? Or seek her protection and help? May we go to Mary daily.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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In Memory of Alice & Sidney Poursine
Parish Calendar

1/7  6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BUSINESS)/ST. RAYMOND
1/8  7:30 PM OPEN HOUSE PROSPECTIVE NEW PARENTS/CAF
1/9  9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
3:30 PM FACULTY MEETING/MUSIC ROOM
5 PM RCIA/ST. JOHN PAUL II
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAF. & CLASSROOMS
1/10  8:45 SCHOOL MASS (3-7)
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM 2ND GRADE PARENTS SACRAMENTAL MTG./CAF
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL IN CHURCH
1/11  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BUSINESS)/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS2/CAF & CLASSROOMS
1/12  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS (K,1,2)/CHURCH
7 PM MOVIE NIGHT/PAJAMA PARTY-2 & 3 GRADE/CAF.
1/13  5 PM CS PINewood DERBY/GYM

“I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10). Conversion is not only a singular decision to follow God, but also a continual return to his mercy when we have sinned. This month, may we bring about the conversion of others in the midst of our own, daily conversions.

We’re pleased to announce the availability of FORMED, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and eBooks On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our members learn and grow in their faith. You will also be able to easily access any featured content the we are promoting within our community from time to time. So please join us.

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Blessings,
Fr. Billy O’Riordan
St. Ann Church & National Shrine
Knights of Columbus Hosts Parish Blood Drive
The Knights of Columbus is hosting a parish blood drive on Sunday, January 21 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in the school gym parking lot. All donors will receive a free t-shirt as well as coverage of any blood transfusions for your entire family for one year. Donate blood and help save a life!

Blood Drive

St. Ann CYO Marches for Life!
The St. Ann CYO will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 45th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion in the United States. It is estimated that over 500,000 people will participate in the march. The schedule includes a prayer service in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Washington, audience with our state’s representatives, youth rally's in support of life, visits to the Holocaust museum, and other sites in our nation’s capital. Our youth supports life issues and plans to continue these trips until our country respects the lives of the unborn.

High School CYO News
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.

January 7—CYO Topic Sharing Night with food
January 14—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m.
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7pm
CYO Spiritual Night in church with snacks.
January 16-21—March for Life Trip in Washington DC
January 21—CYO Topic Sharing Night with food
January 28—Service Night in Youth House with snacks
February 4—CYO Topic Night with Food in Youth House

PSR Classes Resume January 9th
The Parish School of Religion Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. These classes are for all students in Kindergarten through high school who do not attend a Catholic school. Students meet each week from September through May. Adult volunteers are always needed for teachers, assistants and substitutes. If you’d like to volunteer, call David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225

Adult Help Needed to work with our CYO program
Call 455-7071, ext 225
ST. ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Walk Through Tours
Every Monday and Thursday - 9:30am - School Office

Open House
January 8, 2018 - 7:30pm - Cafeteria

ONLINE Registration for Returning Students - January 22-26, 2018
Registration, Non-Support and iPad Fees due by Friday, Jan. 26, 2018
Tuition due by May 1, 2018

New Student Registration
February 5, 2018 - 6:00-7:00pm - Cafeteria
Registration and Non-Support Fees collected
We are currently accepting early applications for our
PK2, PK3, and PK4 Programs

PK2 - PK3 - PK4 PROGRAMS
Children must be potty-trained for the PK3 and PK4 year old programs. Child must reach age 2, 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2018. Uniforms are required for all grade levels - PK2-7th Grade.

Early Application Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 - $25.00 (non-refundable but applied to Registration Fee)
Registration Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 Programs - $175.00 per child (non-refundable)
Tuition: 2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (5) - M-T-W-T-F- $5390. per child
2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (3) - M-W-F - $3760. per child
2 or 3 year old - Half Day (3) - M-W-F - $2520. per child

PK2, PK3 and PK4 programs are separate from Kindergarten-7th grade.
Families with children in both will not be offered the family tuition rate.

KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE
Kindergarten - child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2018. Readiness skills are expected.

Registration Fee: $165.00 - 1 child / $150.00 - each additional child (non-refundable)
Non-Support Fee: $350.00 per child (non-refundable)
iPad Fee: $170.00 annually for 5th-7th grades
Tuition: 1 child - $ 5190.
2 children - $ .9780. = $5190. (1st) + $4590. (2nd)
3 children - $13,070. = $5190. (1st) + $4590. (2nd) + $3290. (3rd)

Non-Catholic families do not receive the family tuition discount.

St. Ann School continues to strive to keep tuition costs manageable.
We are mindful of the investment that you are making in your child’s future. Please know that tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating your child.
This Week at Home

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is divided into two periods. The first begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends with Ash Wednesday (February 14). The second and longest period begins after Pentecost and concludes on the Saturday after the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All the Universe. The word ordinary means “ordered.” The season is called Ordinary because we number the weeks outside of festal time to help us mark the time. During Ordinary Time, the Lectionary narrates the works of Jesus and outlines what it means to be a disciple. This season is not mundane or unimportant but a season to reflect on what it means to be a faithful disciple of Christ and to practice the faith we profess. During these weeks of Winter Ordinary Time, relish the quiet of winter, listen attentively to the Scriptures, and notice the simplicity of the decor in your parish church. Allow these few weeks to be a time of contemplation and of sharing the Good News, especially as we ready ourselves for the celebration of Lent and Easter.

Monday, January 8
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today marks the official end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Along with the wedding at Cana and the story of the Magi, this story reveals God’s presence among us. Adrien Nocent, osb, says, “The baptism of Christ, leads us even more deeply into the paschal mystery. For the baptism of Christ in the Jordan manifests the fact that salvation is now given to all: sin is destroyed” (The Liturgical Year, Liturgical Press, 2013). As Jesus comes up from the water, God reveals that Jesus is his beloved Son. Because of the waters of Baptism, we share in the life that Jesus promised. We have a share in the Kingdom and are required to work that all people have peace, justice, and love. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 or Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Acts 10:34–38 or 1 John 5:1–9; Mark 1:7–11.

Friday, February 2
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Though forty days after Christmas, this feast brings Christmas Time to mind. The liturgy for this day reminds us that Jesus is a light of revelation to the Gentiles (2:32). Simeon and Anna recognized the divine child, the King of Glory, who became like us in order to save us from our sins. This feast reminds us that Jesus is truly the light that banishes all darkness and purifies all peoples so they might share in God’s goodness. At Mass today, many parishes will bless the candles used throughout the year and invite parishioners to bring candles from home to be blessed. The liturgy begins with the blessing and a candlelight procession to remind us that Jesus is our light in the darkness. Today’s Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.

Saturday, February 10
St. Scholastica

Not much is known about Scholastica’s early life: she is the twin sister of St. Benedict and the foundress of the Benedictine nuns. Hagiography tells us that Scholastica was deeply devoted to prayer and deepening her friendship with God. The readings today point out both this idea of deep love for God and the theme of service to the Lord. Though Scholastica was cloistered, her devotion to God, her brother, and her community revealed the love and mercy of God to others. Take a moment today to read her story. There’s a gem that tells us of a time she outwitted Benedict. Today’s Readings (from the Memorial): Song of Songs 8:6–7; Psalm 148:1bc–2, 11–13a, 13c–14; Luke 10:38–42.
