Issue 4  
January 28, 2018

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

RECONCILATION  
Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm  
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm  
5:00 to 5:30 pm

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Rev. Billy O’Riordan  
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WEBSITE POLICY  
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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).

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CHURCH HOURS  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

“Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.”

A teacher! Do you remember that special teacher? Of course you do. Why? There was something sincere about them, and they believed that you were greater than yourself. I share some interesting thoughts about teachers:

- A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart.
- A good teacher is a doctor who heals ignorance and an artist who inspires creativity.
- We are not just teachers. We are managers of the world’s greatest resource - children!
- Teaching is the profession that teaches all other professions.
- A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others.

Mindful of today’s Gospel, I feel that any of the above might well speak of Jesus the Teacher. He taught people with authority and not like the scribes. A good teacher speaks and shares from experience. Therefore, a good teacher speaks from within and not from without like a spectator reporting on something. Jesus speaks with authority because he has roots in the authority of God himself.

These days we have a glut of words from public figures because too many are not willing to make real what they speak about. Ralph Waldo Emerson said: “Do not say things. What you are stand over you and thunders so loudly that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary.” That shared, I think of the powerful words of St. Francis of Assisi: “Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” There is nourishment for our lives in the words and teaching of Jesus, but it’s not enough to listen to them; we have to do them. Ideally words should always be preceded by deeds. When people who have done something begin to speak, people listen.

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts and practice with our lives.

Lent is but a few weeks away and we will be reminded on Ash Wednesday of who we are and our need to turn away from sin and return to the Gospel. Like the man with the unclean spirit in the Gospel, let our being be quieted by Jesus’ invitation to change. We are not beyond the mercy of God no matter what we have done. Look at the crucifix - God’s mercy is bigger than any of our sins!

To be a Christian means to forgive the INEXCUSABLE because God has forgiven the INEXCUSABLE in you.

Reflection by Fr. Billy
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: LEARN, SERVE, LEAD, SUCCEED

1/28  CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION

1/29  9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN

1/30  9:15 AMADORATION IN CHAPEL

5 PM RCIA/ST. JOHN PAUL II

6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAF. & CLASSROOMS

1/31  1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND

2 PM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS (2-7)

7 PM SECOND GRADE RECONCILIATION/CHURCH

7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH

2/1  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND

3 PM BEGINNER CHOIR REH./CHURCH

7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 4/CAF. & CLASS

7 PM ST. ANN FAITH SHARING/JPII

2/2  9:30 AM ADORATION/CHURCH

1:15 PM GIRL SCOUT MARDI GRAS PARADE

6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPERBOWL PARTY

IN THE GYM AND CAFETERIA

2/3  7:30 AM MEN’S CLUB & KC MASS ROSARY FOLLOWING

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;
Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

ATTENTION:
FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES
Families of children who are making their First Communion this year are asked to contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your family to bring up the Gifts. You can contact Debbie at 504-455-7071 ext 221 or e-mail dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org.

ATTENTION: ALL HOMEBOUND EUCARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
ANYONE WHO IS BRINGING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN FITZPATRICK AT 504-495-5494 SO SHE CAN UPDATE HER RECORDS. THANK YOU

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish office before March 3, 2017)
Fr. James Kubicki was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1971 and was ordained in 1983.

From 1984-88 he served as the Vocation Director and from 1995-99 as the Director of Formation for the Jesuits of the Wisconsin Province, a seven-state region in the upper Midwest.

From 1989-95 he worked at the Sioux Spiritual Center, a retreat house for Native Americans in western South Dakota. During that time he was also the Assistant Director of the Diocese of Rapid City’s deacon and lay ministry formation program.

Since 1986 he has given preached retreats around the country, including at Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat House in Convent, LA.

In 2003 he became the national director of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer), a position he held for fourteen years. In 2017 he moved to the Rosebud Reservation in western South Dakota where he currently serves as the director of St. Francis Mission which was founded in 1886.

Fr. Kubicki appears regularly on Catholic radio shows around the country. His book “A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” was selected by the Catholic Book Publishers Association as among the three best spirituality books in 2012. His latest book is “A Year of Daily Offerings.”
Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office will host our third annual Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat at Camp Abbey on February 23-25, 2018. The retreat is open to anyone in grades 5-7. The theme for this retreat is ALIVE. We will focus on what it means to be fully alive and to recognize Christ living in each person. The weekend will include a variety of activities, talks, prayer experiences, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, music, and games. Young people may register individually. They do not need to have chaperones from their parish or school in order to register. The total cost for the retreat is $100. Payment is due to the CYO Office, along with the registration by February 9, 2018. There are limited scholarships available. Please call the office to inquire. If you have any questions, please contact Brigitte Burke at 504-836-0551 x3226.

The Beta Club Induction was Friday, Jan. 26th. We are proud of our many sixth grade students who qualified for this distinguished organization. We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week. The theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead”.

February 2018 Monthly Feature on FORMED.org

“And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry” (Matthew 4:2). The devil perceived Jesus’ hunger as weakness and tried to tempt him in the desert; however, Jesus’ fasting armed him with a clarity of mind that strengthened his refusal of worldly things. This month, we have the opportunity to make ourselves hungry, to remove distractions and pleasures, that we may clearly understand that only God can truly fulfill.

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.

Also once you have signed up, don’t forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put FORMED at your fingertips.

We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others.

To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: stannchurchandshrine.formed.org.
Super Bowl Dance Hosted by Knights of Columbus
Our local Knights of Columbus council presents their 1st annual Super Bowl Dance on Friday, February 2 from 8:00 pm — 12:00 am. Music will be by DJ Russel and the Crossroads. Tickets are $15 each or $25 per couple. Tables can be reserved with purchase of 8 tickets. Drink set-ups will be provided. Tickets can be purchased from the church office or by calling Coach Bob Stevens at 454-3421 or email coachbob03@hotmail.com or Lynn Boudreaux at 421-5955 or kc3465@gmail.com. Don’t Miss the fun! See you there!

Knights of Columbus Hosts Free Throw Contest
The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Free Throw contest for all students ages 9—14 years old. You do NOT have to be a parishioner or St. Ann school student, this is open to all boys and girls! The date is Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. There is no cost to enter and winners of the local contest advance to district, regional and eventual national competitions. For more info, contact Lynn Boudreaux at 504-421-5955

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:
- February 4—CYO Topic Night with Food in Youth House
- February 11—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7 pm
- CYO Spiritual Night in church with snacks
- February 18—CYO Sports Night in gym with food
- February 25—Service Night in Youth House with snacks

Vacation Bible School Seeks Adults!
No! It’s not near summer yet! However, as we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School, our team is looking for several adult paid volunteers to assist with the production of the event. Adults are needed to coordinate each station as well as a VBS coordinator also. Each position receives a stipend for time worked. This is easily, one of the BEST events we host each year! If you’d like to be a part of the program give us a call at 455-7071, ext. 225. We’d LOVE to have you join us this summer! Planned dates are July 2—13th.

“Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19)