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

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Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

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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).
In our Gospel we see Jesus as the Divine Physician. We see Him healing Peter’s mother-in-law. A huge part of Jesus’ ministry was to heal. Part of the reason that He became man was for healing. Paragraph #1505 in The Catechism of the Catholic Church talks about the healing ministry of Jesus. But the miracles that He did perform are to point us to the more important spiritual healing over sin and death. Not all are physically healed like Peter’s mother-in-law, but all are spiritually healed by Christ the Physician.

Jesus comes to us for healing, so how can we experience His healing? The most important means we experience the healing power of Christ is through the sacraments. We are all broken and in need of healing as a result of the Fall. The sacraments help to heal, bind, and make whole what sin has broken, wounded, and separated. This journey of healing through the sacraments begins at our Baptism.

Prayer is another means we experience the healing power of Christ. When we pray our hearts are united with His. As He came down to us, when we pray we rise up to Him. In this intimate exchange healing can occur. Just like we aren’t always made better immediately after seeing a doctor the first time, it can take time for the healing of hearts and souls to occur.

Suffering is another way that healing can come about. Jesus’ passion and death elevated our suffering to the level of redemption. When we join our sufferings to Jesus’ on the Cross our suffering, too, can become redemptive as well. This can bring healing as well, which is partly why suffering is a mystery to us. If we offer up our sufferings for others, that can bring healing. I think this can help us when we are experiencing a form of suffering that is not going away, whether physical or spiritual. God wills the good for us, and sometimes He sends us suffering because it is for our God. I’m reminded of the words from the Book of Job, “For he wounds, but he binds up; he strikes, but his hands heal.” (Job 5:18) God may bring us suffering, but mysteriously healing can come through it if we willingly accept it.

Let us always remember these ways in which we experience the healing ministry of Jesus the Physician, by receiving the sacraments frequently, fostering a habit of daily prayer, and accepting the sufferings that come our way that we cannot remove. Suffering can be our cross. May we imitate Jesus who willingly picked up His cross for us. The crosses in our lives bring us closer to Jesus, and lead to our redemption.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **World Day for Consecrated Life; Monday:** St. Agatha
- **Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions
- **Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
- **Saturday:** St. Scholastica

**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.”
The school celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week. The students participated in many activities designed to recognize the importance of their wonderful Catholic education. Students met with their buddies for cookies at the Buddy Bash, attended a special Catholic Schools Week Mass and wrote letters of encouragement and appreciation to seminarians. There was a pep rally where we recognized the 32 faculty/staff members who have been at St. Ann School for 10 years or more and the 16 former St. Ann School graduates who are now on our staff. The week ended with the Girl Scout parade. It was a fun filled week to create an awareness of the lifelong values instilled by a Catholic education. New Student Registration is Monday night from 6-7 pm in the school cafeteria.

February 2018 Monthly Feature on FORMED.org

A Lent to Remember
A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, A Lent to Remember explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ’s suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember communicates God’s invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

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 EUCHARISTIC 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

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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 7pm
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
March 4—CYO Topic Night with Food in Youth House

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.

St. Ann CYO Marches for Life!

Our St. Ann CYO attended the national March for Life in Washington, DC recently and stopped to pose for this picture at the Memorial to St. Ann mosaic in the Basilica of Immaculate Conception near Catholic University of America. Five students along with three adults represented our parish at the march. We continue to stand up for those who cannot! Pray for an end to abortion!