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

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

Deacons
Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231
Mr. Raymond Bertin,
    Facilities Manager, ext. 226
Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 257

Director of Religious Education
and Youth Ministry
Mr. David Wilson, ext. 225
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Office Manager
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Mrs. Linda Ehrhardt, ext. 222
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St. Ann School - 455-8383
Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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 Sun-
day 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 ar-
ranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must
contact one of the parish priests or dea-
cons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Of-
Fice 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 Wednes-
day 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).

MISION 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.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B  

**Touching the untouchable.** In Biblical times people did not touch lepers for fear of contamination, yet Jesus reached out and touched the leper, the sinner and the incurable. In some way we are all contaminated and in need of Jesus’ healing touch. Others may have rejected us and think poorly of us for whatever reason, maybe even talk about us - all the more reason to be courageous like the leper who called out to Jesus: “If you wish, you can make me clean.” *God can be more merciful than mankind.* Pope Francis says: “A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” With those words of wisdom I draw your attention to the second reading where St. Paul charges us to do everything for the glory of God including avoiding giving offence. He even says: “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” Can we make the same claim and boast?

Leprosy is clearly the theme of the first reading and Gospel reading. Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness and made victims an outcast. But Jesus reached out. In this way we see how a Christian community should deal with sinners and the people society reject and discard. Most of us are afraid of the sick, the very poor, and the beggar on the street corner. Some years ago a young couple, whose wedding I officiated at, began to bring small food items in ziploc bags to give to the beggar at the street corner on their way to work during Lent - a great idea for Lent 2018! Have you met Jesus in the beggar? I think I have on more than one occasion, and thankfully I helped them. **Be the face of Jesus to others!**

I share this quote: “Don’t worry about other people’s opinions of you. God never told you to impress people; only to love them.” *Kindness is almost as important to the sick person as medicine.* It’s amazing what people can do for others. They can rekindle hope, inspire plans for the future and restore self-respect and pride. **Acceptance is the answer to rejection!** Little gestures can give us greater insight into a person’s character. The big things show us a person’s power. The little things show us a person’s humanity.

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**Reflection by Fr. Billy**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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*February 11 - 17, 2018*  
“Sanctuary Candle “  
for Michelle Poole (Health)
**Ash Wednesday Schedule**

Wednesday, February 14

Mass and Imposition of Ashes will be during the 6:30, 8:45 am & 6:00 pm Masses and 12 Noon & 3:00 pm with Liturgy of the Word (No Mass) and Imposition of Ashes during the Liturgy of the Word.

**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)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- **Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- **Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- **Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Lent and Easter Fasting Regulations**

A distinction is to be made between Lent and the Easter Triduum. Strictly speaking, Lent ends with the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. The Ordo notes: Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is serious. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not necessarily considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion of life.
St. Ann Lenten Mission
“The Eucharist: God’s Greatest Gift”
Monday, March 5     “A Mystery to be Believed”
Tuesday, March 6     “A Mystery to be Celebrated”
Wednesday, March 7  “A Mystery to be Lived”
Times: 10 AM and 7 PM

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.”
What would our parish look like without our St. Ann CYO?

It would mean:
♦ No Catacombs exhibit
♦ No Living Stations of the Cross
♦ No Drive-in Movies
♦ No Dinner and Movie events
♦ No Safe, Christian-based activities for high school youth
♦ No Monthly Rosaries after Masses on Sunday evenings
♦ No youth involvement in the Sunday evening Masses
♦ No spiritual development of our youth
♦ No Volunteer Appreciation Dinner hosts
♦ No place for our youth to experience “church”

DON’T LET OUR YOUTH DOWN! VOLUNTEER TO HELP KEEP OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS GROWING STRONG!

February 2018 Monthly Feature on FORMED.org

Experience the Catholic Faith in a whole new way this Lent!
Experience the Catholic Faith in a whole new way with FORMED Lenten video reflections from Bishop Donald Hying, delivered right to your email every day.
Watch, Read, and Reflect for 10 Minutes a Day
Watch a beautiful video reflection from Bishop Hying’s ECHO series Read an inspiring passage from the Catechism Reflect on how God's truth applies to your daily life
To sign up for Daily Lenten Reflections, login to formed.org and click DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS

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.

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**PSR Classes Off for Mardi Gras Holiday**

Our PSR classes will NOT meet on Tuesday, February 13 due to Mardi Gras break. Students will return for classes on February 20th at 6:15 p.m.

Our second Grade students recently received their First Reconciliation on January 31 here at St. Ann Church. Please congratulate them as they work to prepare for their First Eucharist in April!

**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.

**CYO Seeks Donations for Human Trafficking Victims**

Our CYO here at St. Ann is partnering with the Young Adult Council group with the Archdiocese of New Orleans in conducting a donation drive to benefit young teenage victims of Human Trafficking. February has been called a month of prayer for an end to human trafficking, throughout the Archdiocese. Our CYO will be setting up donation boxes where parishioners can donate items such as: Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, pasta, canned goods, rice, sugar, flour, popcorn, dairy products, bread, feminine products, or any other basic hygiene products that will be donated to “Free Indeed Home,” a Northshore safe house. We will be collecting items for disbursement throughout the month of February, only. Thank you and God Bless!