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
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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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 the Baptism and a Preparation Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231.

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).

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.
Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and the second last Sunday of the fifty days of Eastertide. Next Sunday the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost - a day of renewal for the Church, and a day to inhale the breath of God and be moved to new life in the Holy Spirit.

My friends in Christ, people of the WAY, as you can see I have some familiar faces in my bulletin article today. Dan Darmanin was our summer seminarian in 2016 and will be ordained a Deacon of the Church for service in the Archdiocese of New Orleans next Saturday, May 19th at St. Louis Cathedral at the 10:00 AM Mass. The ceremony will be broadcasted live so you can see it all on your computer or them hyped-up phones. Dan has given me a very special role in his ordination. He asked me to vest him. I told him that I would put the stole on the wrong shoulder and turn his dalmatic backwards, or maybe inside out … Dan will be ordained alongside Lee Poch e, Daniel Okafor, Andrew Rudmann, Doug Busch, Damian Zablocki, and Andrew Gutierrez. They come to us with so many stories and now they get ready to ascend the steps of St. Louis Cathedral to be ordained deacon by Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

On Pentecost Sunday, the newly ordained Deacon Dan Darmanin will serve and preach at the 11:00 AM Mass. Driven by the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit, we will have a reception for the newly ordained in the auditorium/gymnasium building on the school campus. I am sure Deacon Dan Darmanin will be available to give blessings …

Noting some ideas from Fr. Thomas Skeats, I share these thoughts. The Ascension of the Lord tells us of the extraordinary dignity of our Christian mission. Jesus ascends to the Father and tells us that he is going to prepare a place for us, a place in the heart of God who desires that all people should be saved. Because of Jesus’ ascension we now know our destiny - being with God eternally in heaven. This exalted vocation conferred on human nature calls for our response for we too have been commissioned like the first apostles to go and make disciples of all nations so that people might reflect more and more the dignity and love of God in this world. Through our response to God’s commandments, the ascended Christ is no longer restricted to time and place. We need to be like God with skin on so that the Lord may work in and through us. Then we can joyfully look forward to our ascending the steps to heaven and being with Jesus Christ in that place he has prepared for us in the Father’s house. Amen.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**May 13 - 19, 2018**

“In Memory of William A. Welsh, Jr.”
Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! There are many activities this month to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. There is still some availability in some grade levels for next school year. Please call the school office at 455-8383 for more information. The school Skate Night is Thursday, May 17th at Airline Skate Center.

St. Ann Parish Wedding Anniversary
Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, May 26th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office to RSVP by Monday, May 21st.

We’re pleased to announce that St. Ann Parish now provides online giving through software called ParishSOFT Giving. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit our website, www.stannchurchandshrine.org and click our online giving button. When you participate, your gift will transfer directly into the parish bank account. And you won’t have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! And if you still want to place something in the offertory basket, “I GAVE ONLINE” cards are available to use at offertory time. A letter with more information is being mailed to your home.

If you are currently using Faith Direct, you will need to create an account in ParishSOFT prior to June 30, 2018 when our contract with them will expire.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Debbie Sommers in the parish office 455-5071 (221) or dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org.
STAGE SPONSORSHIPS - Your business name and logo displayed on the stage banner all weekend at the St. Ann Family Fest! Additionally, your business name and logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirts (size and position of logo based on level of sponsorship). Deadline is JULY 15, 2018.

Titanium Stage Sponsor  
Extra large-sized business name and logo in a priority spot on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt + your name and logo displayed on the Family Fest Raffle Tickets, which are distributed to all school children and parishioners to sell. Position of logo will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Platinum Stage Sponsor  
Large-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

Gold Stage Sponsor  
Medium-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

Maroon Stage Sponsor  
Small-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

T-SHIRT SLEEVE SPONSORSHIP  
$1,000
Includes your name and logo displayed on the SLEEVE of the Family Fest T-shirt. Only TWO sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2018.

FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP  
$750
Includes your logo displayed on the Family Fest Fair Bucks. Fair Bucks are used for all food, drinks & games purchases throughout the fair. Only ONE sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Deadline is JULY 15, 2018.

T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP  
$350
Includes your name or logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided. Deadline is JULY 15, 2018.

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP  
$250
Display your company's banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from September 30th through October 13th. Banner not to exceed 3' by 9'. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP  
$200
Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP  
$150
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. It can be the name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

PRIZE CASH SPONSOR  
$25 to $100
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

PRIZE DONATION
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:

St. Ann Family Fest Committee • ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte • 4921 Meadowdale Street • Metairie, LA 70006

Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business: _____________________________________________________________

This is how it will appear on signs & acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous & appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

Address: ___________________________________________________________ Zip: __________

Contact Person: ________________________ E-Mail:___________________ Phone: __________________

Donation Category: __________________________ Amount Enclosed: ___________________
This Week at Home

Monday, May 14
St. Matthias
The First Reading tells the story of how Matthias joined the ranks of the Twelve. In the days following the Ascension, the Apostles decided to fill the place Judas had taken. Like Matthias, each of us has been chosen by the Holy Spirit to be followers of Christ. We are counted among the saints who make known God’s salvation. Have you ever taken time to consider your role as a disciple? Today’s Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17

Tuesday, May 15
Glorify the Lord
Today’s Gospel is part of a long prayer Jesus makes to the Father. Jesus is aware that the time has come for him to be glorified. Throughout his ministry, he has been preparing the disciples to know and understand that he is the one who saves. To have eternal life, we must come to know the living God. In Baptism, we were united to the living God and through our work we give him glory. In your prayer today, ponder what it means to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. Today’s Readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.

Wednesday, May 16
Teaching
Paul preaches to the presbyters of Ephesus in the First Reading. He tells them to be vigilant when he leaves because false teachers will surely pervert the Gospel message. Even today, we have false prophets among us and we must be vigilant that the Gospel is heard. Sometimes we might be the false teacher and so we too must be careful not to lead others astray. How have you shepherded another’s faith? Today’s Readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.

Thursday, May 17
United in Christ
Today’s Gospel continues Jesus’ long prayer in chapter 17 of John’s account. When read completely through, the reader gets a sense of how much Jesus cares for his people. He truly longs for the day when all will know him and be united to the Father. As you think about this Easter season, how have you grown in relationship with Christ? Like Paul, we must take courage as we bear witness within our families and communities. Today’s Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.

Friday, May 18
Feed My Lambs
In the Gospel, Jesus questions Peter three times about how much he loves him. Peter responds affirmatively and assures Jesus of his love. Like Peter, we are called to nourish God’s flock. Each of us has been given gifts and talents that will help with this mission. What gifts do you bring to assist in “feeding the lambs”? Imagine yourself in Peter’s place. How would you engage Jesus? Today’s Readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.

Saturday, May 19
So Much
“There are also many other things that Jesus did.” This line from the end of today’s Gospel is telling. It relates that there is much about Jesus’ life and ministry that we do not know. It also notes that the story of salvation is still unfolding. Let us rejoice in God’s awesome gifts. Write about or draw a story of your encounter with Christ. Today’s Readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.
Men's Club Family Cabbageball Registration Open

This year's Summer Cabbageball league will offer TWO separate rounds for our students and families to participate in. The first round will be each Monday and Wednesday from June 4—27. The second round will be Mondays and Wednesdays from July 9—August 1. Each session is a stand alone round and students entering grades Kindergarten up to 7th grade can participate in one or both rounds. Prices begin at $35 for one session but will be adjusted to number of sessions played and number of children in a family. Each round will receive team photos, trophies, weekly treats and activities and a closing party. For more info, contact Andrew Silva at 504-858-7103 or asilva06@cox.net. Parents can also volunteer as on field coaches! Register at: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/14124

Vacation Bible School

Plans for VBS 2018 are underway! Our theme for this year is VBS Beach Party! Registration for campers and student volunteers are now open! The registration link can be found on the church website at: http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school
We will host the events July 2-13 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The two options are 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The program will include Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and drama skits. Children entering pre-K (four years old) through 4th grade are welcome to participate as campers and students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group leaders and station assistants. Registration for volunteers is at: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/13765. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wishing to be a part of the program. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225

Make Mass More Meaningful!

St. Ann Church will be offering a video-led series with a focus on the Mass and Eucharist. This video is narrated by Dr. Brant Pitre and will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning May 22 in the Parish Ministries Center. There is NO COST to participate and all materials and refreshments will be provided. Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. The sessions will held from 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministries Center. Join us May 22nd to Make Mass More Meaningful!

2 Great Truths to Remember

1) There is a God.
2) You’re not Him!

Ministry Spotlight

Greeters/Ushers

Greeters/ushers extend a warm welcome to people as they arrive at church, assist with seating, collect the offerings from the assembly, direct the Presentation of Gifts Procession, and distribute the weekly parish bulletin and The Clarion Herald after Mass. Men, women and mature youth of the Parish are eligible to serve as greeters/ushers. Call the church office at 455-7071 to see how you can get involved!
St. Ann Church and Shrine

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Contact: Linda Ehrhardt (504)455-7071 ext. 222

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