**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

**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.

**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).
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In our readings this weekend we hear a lot about trees. The first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel talks about “a majestic cedar” planted on the heights of Israel. On a completely random tangent, if there are any Lord of Rings fans out there, this reminds me of the White Tree of Gondor, which descends from Teleperion, one of the two primordial trees that provided light for the world before the sun and moon were created. I only mention this just to show how Catholic J.R.R. Tolkien was. For him, the light of the sun and moon came from two special trees. When we read the first chapter of Genesis, we see how trees and plants were created before the sun and moon were. His cosmology comes from a very biblical and Catholic perspective. In short, one sees Catholic theology in artistic form when one reads his books.

Returning to the task at hand, in the Gospel we hear the Parable of the Mustard Seed, which Jesus tells us is the biggest of trees. He also tells us that the birds of the air find refuge under the large branches of this tree. This tree represents the Church, the birds us. The Church is our refuge. We should find a home and a refuge in the Church. The Church provides truth, freedom, and sustenance through the sacraments for all. We know this to be true because Jesus founded it. The Church isn’t a creation of the Apostles or the Pope. Jesus founded it and the Holy Spirit sustains it through time.

May we be thankful that we belong to the Church, who is our mother and the Bride of Christ. But there are also some who are only partially part of the Church through a common baptism, have drifted away from the Church, or have never belonged to her at all. I personally have friends and family who seemingly want nothing to do with the Church and the faith of their youth.

May we pray for those who are away to come back to the Church, to know the comfort and refuge that only she can provide, and ultimately to know the freedom and joy that only comes when one knows that they are uniquely loved by Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
Parish Calendar

6/18
9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN
5:30 PM SUMMER CABBAGEBALL/BLEETOP
7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/PMC
7 PM MEN’S CLUB MTG./CAFETERIA

6/19
9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
5 PM RCIA/JPII
6:30 PM MAKING MASS MORE MEANINGFUL/PMC

6/20
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
5:30 PM SUMMER CABBAGEBALL BLACKTOP
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL IN CHURCH
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
7 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL/ST. RAYMOND

6/21
9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ST. ANN FAITH SHARING/JPII
7:30 PM SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL/PARISH OFFICE

6/24
9:30 AM MASS INDUCTION FOR NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL
12 NOON FAREWELL FR. BRAUD IN CAFETERIA

June Respect Life Focus

End of Life Issues/
Assisted Suicide/
Euthanasia

Our corporal works of mercy

1. Angels’ Place is in need of gift cards for the families they serve. Often the family members of these children come from out of the area and have miscellaneous needs. A gift card from Walmart is perfect for a variety of their needs.

2. Angels’ Place also has need of specific school supplies for this fall for the children they serve and their siblings. They are also in need of paper towels, hand sanitizer, markers, flash drives, and Clorox wipes.

3. Do you have a Healthcare Advanced Directive? The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops have created one for us.

You can bring the gift cards to St. Ann’s Parish Office. We will collect them until the end of the month and bring them to the Respect Life Office.

To help with our work of mercy for Angels’ Place, please email the Respect Life Office at respect-life@arch-no.org. PLEASE NOTE-only requested donations will be accepted.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Needed for Healthcare Ministry

If you are currently an EMHC and are interested in bringing Communion to those Catholics in healthcare facilities (hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers or hospice), please contact Deacon Jeff Tully at either jtully@arch-no.org or at 504-227-3606. There is a need in Southshore facilities, Northshore facilities, East-bank facilities and Westbank facilities. WE NEED YOU!!!

If you are interested but are NOT currently an EMHC, please talk with your Pastor. Once he has approved you in that role, please contact the Office of Worship to inquire about the education sessions they offer.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AND A CELEBRATION IN THANKING THE LORD FOR THE GIFT OF FR. BRAUD

On Sunday, June 24th at the 11:00 AM Mass with a farewell reception following in the cafeteria.
2018 St. Ann Family Fest, October 5th and 6th
“St. Ann Celebrates New Orleans”
Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the St. Ann Church Bulletin

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 · · · · · · · · · · · · · $2,000
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 · · · · · · · · · · · · · $1,500
Large-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

Gold Stage Sponsor · · · · · · · · · · · · · $1,000
Medium-sized business name and logo on the stage banner + on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt.

Maroon Stage Sponsor · · · · · · · · · · · · $500
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.

BOOTHS 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: ________________
The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) will sponsor its annual Day of Refreshment for Women on Saturday, June 23, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the school gym of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kenner. The theme is “We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight.” Patti Mansfield and Kim Lukinovich will teach; Andi Oney and Denise Beyer will lead praise; Janice Charbonnet and Mary Lukinovich will give testimony. Cost is $30 and includes lunch. Women from the region come to enjoy teaching, fellowship, small groups, prayer ministry and music by Mercy Beaucoup. Register online at www.ccrno.org by Wednesday, June 20, 2018, noon, to order lunch. On-site registrations are accepted but no lunch is guaranteed. For more information, call CCRNO at 504-828-1368 or visit www.ccrno.org.

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and talk-radio show guest.

A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the award-winning author of nine books on popular spirituality and the presenter on four bestselling DVDs. He has trained spiritual directors for ten years. He lives in Texas

You can visit Fr. Albert’s website here: www.AlbertOFM.org
You can view an introductory video here: https://youtu.be/9RjUT6_J27o

The school office is closed. There is some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school office at 455-7051 ext. 110 for more information. Happy summer to all!

St. Ann church is a meeting place for many groups of people, Daily Mass, Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals. We have noticed people are leaving food, food wrappers and trash on the floors in the pews. Please keep our church clean! Thank You for your cooperation.
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 until June 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 CLOSED for the second week! You can register 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.

Ministry Spotlight
Pastoral Council
The St. Ann Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body of parishioners, consisting of eleven members—9 selected for three-year terms by discernment process; two appointed by and who serve at the discretion of the Pastor—and 5 ex-officio members.

The Council, serving in a consultative capacity only, meets monthly with the Pastor and ex-officio members to discuss issues and to make recommendations to assist the Pastor and the pastoral staff in carrying out the mission of St. Ann Parish, the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and the Church. If you wish to be a part of the Pastoral Council, speak with our pastor, Fr. Billy O'Riordan. Thank you!