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

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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 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.

ROSAiry 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.

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"Why can’t priests just tell their congregations who to vote for?"

Whenever election season comes around, this is a question that often gets brought up in conversation by Catholics who are concerned about the morally problematic positions held by certain candidates. We Catholics are right to be concerned. After all, many political candidates openly and unabashedly declare their support for laws that promote certain actions that our Faith tells us are sinful.

Now, I’m not going to get into all the legal issues related to the involvement of clergy in politics. Obviously our Faith holds in high regard those Christians who have proclaimed the truth of the Gospel courageously in the face of persecution by civil authorities. When such Christians are executed for their Faith, we call them martyrs and venerate them as saints. St. Peter himself says in Acts 12:49, “We must obey God rather than men.” On the other hand, the same St. Peter commands Christians in 1 Peter 2:17, “Honor the emperor.” St. Paul is even clearer in Romans 13, which begins, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” These are strong words from apostles who lived under the rule of immoral and often insane Roman emperors! Obedience to legitimate civil authority is also part of the Christian life.

I’m also not going to deny that it is nearly impossible for priests to preach about our moral obligations as citizens without some in the congregation who will leave ready to swear, whether with delight or disgust, that they distinctly heard Father say “Vote for Bob.” This is enough for many priests to give up preaching about our obligations as citizens altogether. This is sad, and this is certainly a problem. Priests could use some encouragement to continue preaching about the moral principles that lead us to make good decisions.

But here’s the thing: ultimately, the political ordering of society is not the vocation of clergy or religious. It is the vocation of lay people! Did you know that to be a lay person is a vocation, just as much as priesthood or consecrated life? If you open the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and turn to numbers 898-899, the very first words you will find under the heading, “The Vocation of Lay People,” are these: “By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God’s will.” That’s a direct quote from Vatican II. The Catechism continues: “The initiative of lay Christians is necessary especially when the matter involves discovering or inventing the means for permeating social, political, and economic realities with the demands of Christian doctrine and life. This initiative is a normal element of the life of the Church.”

So why don’t priests tell us who to vote for? In response, my question would be: If the vocation of the laity is to form the political, economic, and social structures of our world, then why don’t laity, well-formed in their Faith, tell priests who to vote for?

Reflection by Deacon David
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### Readings for the Week

**Monday:**
- Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:**
- Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:**
- 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

**Thursday:**
- Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:**
- Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:**
- Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday:**
- 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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**Welcome Back Fr. Bill Y!**

We did a little decorating in your office while you were gone!
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.

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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: ___________________

*Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,*
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

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We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed for Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Hospice

The following sessions are for those Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have already been trained through the Office of Worship and would like to serve in a Hospital, Nursing Home or with those on Hospice. We need help in bringing Holy Communion to those who are unable to leave their medical facility. This training session will focus specifically on healthcare. Those wishing to attend this session must have completed the Office of Worship training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
St. Charles Borromeo Parish River Road – Destrehan, LA

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
St. Anselm Parish Madisonville, LA

Space is limited. Please register at: jtully@arch-no.org or by calling 504-227-3606.

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Peanut butter, Jelly, Red Beans, Small bags of rice, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned fruit, Cereal and other breakfast foods, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese Dinners.

Thank you for your support!

You are invited to a reception to welcome St. Ann’s new Parochial Vicar Fr. Vincent Nguyen

Sunday
August 5, 2018
Following 11:00 AM Mass
St. Ann Cafeteria

Want to reserve your meal in advance and be at the front of the line? Pre-sale tickets are available for sale in the Church Office during normal office hours.

Find out more about the dinner and our Council at http://www.kc3465.org/

Monsignor Charles Duke Council Knights of Columbus to Host Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit St. Michael Special School

Join our own Knights Council for a spaghetti dinner to benefit St. Michael Special School

Saturday, August 18
5:00 – 8:00 pm
St. Ann School Cafeteria

With your $10 donation, enjoy a homemade meal of spaghetti with meatballs, vegetable, tossed salad and bread.

It’s your choice to dine-in or take home.

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NOVENA TO ST. ANN CONTINUES THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 26

THEME: “LIVE LIKE A SAINT”

MASSES AT 10 AM AND 7 PM WITH NOVENA PRAYERS FOLLOWING THE MASS

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is now recruiting Foster Grandparents

Do you want to make a difference in a child’s life, connect with other likeminded individuals, and stay active in your community? Foster Grandparents pair men and women, age 55 and over, with local youth to serve as role models, mentors, and friends. Receive a small stipend in exchange for 15-20 hours of service per week. Call Priscilla Mantilla at 504-310-6882 to find out more.

August Respect Life Gathering
Mercy behind Bars
Pray together~Learn more about the issues~Network
Thursday, August 9, 2018~7 PM
St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

Please join us!
Hosted by
St. Edward the Confessor Church
4921 W Metairie AVE, Metairie
John Messenheimer of the Archdiocesan Prison Ministry will present on Mercy behind Bars
Light refreshments provided