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

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.

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).

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.

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.
Last week I had the joy of being present as my college classmate, Sister Simeon Marie, made her first vows as a Dominican Sister of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. (Their website is www.sistersofmary.org if you haven't heard of them before.) After the Mass, we went to a reception held in the sisters’ convent, where Sister Simeon Marie gave us a tour of the buildings and grounds. I was fascinated by this behind-the-scenes glimpse into the lives of a thriving community of religious sisters, and it got me thinking. There were about 180,000 religious sisters in the U.S. in 1965, but by 2014 there were less than 50,000. And that number is still dropping. Yet these Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who were recently founded in 1997, now have over 120 sisters. That’s quite a few new vocations in the last 20 years! What is different about them?

It’s not because religious life is easy at the convent in Ann Arbor. My visit with Sr. Simeon Marie made that clear to me. But here are three characteristics of these sisters that stood out to me. First: They seem so joyful! And as Pope Francis is always reminding us, joy is what attracts others. We cannot be, as Pope Francis said, “Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.” Sisters who radiate joy are more likely to attract others to want to live the same way of life.

Second: While many religious communities over the last few decades have moved away from actually living in community, the Dominicans in Ann Arbor have a strong community life. This is attractive to many young women who are discerning whether God is calling them to give themselves to Him in a profound way that looks much different than their single lifestyle.

Third: The whole point of a sister’s vow of chastity is to remind the rest of us of what we’re all made for: a joyful union with God in heaven, where there will be no more earthly marriage, as Jesus says in Matthew 22:30. The full black and white habits of the Dominicans in Ann Arbor are very obvious external reminders of the kingdom to come, helping the sisters to witness to the whole point of their vow of chastity! Those who are called to chastity are called to be witnesses, not just to give up something good—and the habit allows them to witness more openly.

Which brings me to a final point: When young women would see so many sisters in Catholic schools, there was more of a chance that they would consider being a sister someday. The witness was everywhere. Well, the Dominicans in Ann Arbor are school teachers, and their order is expanding. When Archbishop Aymond was still bishop of Austin, TX, he invited those sisters to come work in that diocese, where they are now building a new convent. Do you know someone whom God might be calling to be part of a revival of religious life in this country? Encourage them and pray for them! I still have hope that one day there will be many sisters and brothers in our Catholic schools again.
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

**Tuesday:**  
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:**  
Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:**  
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:**  
2 Cor 9:8-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Saturday:**  
Hb 1:12 -- 2-4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:**  
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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**Divine Court Justice Anthony Kennedy’s announcement that he will retire has catapulted Roe v. Wade (the Supreme Court’s landmark abortion case) into the news. Pro-abortion groups are pulling out all the stops to urge the U.S. Senate to reject any nominee who does not promise to publicly endorse Roe. And they are misrepresenting the legal and social reality of Roe and what would happen if it is overturned.**

The upcoming Supreme Court vacancy provides us with yet another occasion requiring focused prayer. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee. However, given this historic moment, the U.S. bishops are urging all people of good will to pray that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

From Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena.

Participants will also be provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade and share that information with their representatives.

**Friday, August 3rd to Friday, September 28, 2018**  
Novena Prayer  
May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

You can also go the USCCB.org Call to Prayer for more information.
The school office is open.
There is some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school office at 455-7051 ext. 110 for more information.

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 August 20, 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 is 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.

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:
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Bible Study with Deacon David

Beginning August 21st, Deacon David will be leading a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Ministries Center. The theme of the Bible Study will be “The Book of Revelation.” Deacon David will lead the presentation and discussion of how we, as Catholics, read the Bible in general, and specifically, how we understand the Book of Revelation. Bring your own Bible (New American Bible or Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition are preferred). See you August 21st!

Get off of Facebook and into MY Book - - - God

Ministry Spotlight

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

At the 9:30 a.m. Mass, during the Introductory Rites of the Mass, children in grades K-4 are dismissed to the Parish Ministry Center, under the instruction of an adult catechist, to hear the Sunday scriptures and to learn how the readings apply to their daily lives. This is all done at a child’s level of understanding. The children are given activity sheets that are based upon the Sunday Readings and then return to the church in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you would like to assist in any way, contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 and see how you can help!
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