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. Fr. Billy O’Riordan
455-7071, ext. 223
Parochial Vicar
Rev. Fr. Vincent Nguyen, ext. 224
Deacons
Rev. Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231
Rev. Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 257
Rev. Mr. David Frank
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Director of Religious Education
and Youth Ministry
Mr. David Wilson, ext. 225
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Director of Liturgical Music
Trish Foti, 559-8637
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Office Manager
Mrs. Debbie Sommers, ext. 221
Facilities/Maintenance
Dave McCloskey, ext. 226
Church Secretaries
Mrs. Linda Ehrhardt, ext. 222
Mrs. Ann Gauthier, ext. 222
St. Ann School - 455-8383
Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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.

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.
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“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” These words of Jesus conclude the Gospel passage for today, the twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I think we have a real problem receiving children. I would say “our culture has a real problem...” but sadly I think we have been so influenced by the secular culture that most Catholics are hardly any different than non-Catholics in this regard. Our society is being structured to make it increasingly difficult to support a large family on a single income these days. I’m told that the percentage of Catholic spouses who practice contraception is no different than non-Catholics. In a diabolical twist, many who claim to uphold women’s dignity instead treat pregnancy and women’s fertility as diseases that must be avoided or destroyed. Bl. Pope Paul VI, who will be canonized a saint next month, wrote prophetically about these things in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, “On Human Life,” which you can read online.

Perhaps a couple says they only want two children, but then they become pregnant with a third child. With their mentality, would they be inclined to view that third child more as a burden than as a gift from God?

And those Catholic couples who do have more than two children get all kinds of nasty looks and comments, even in public! This summer, a pregnant friend of mine was out shopping with her two other young children, when a total stranger told her, “You just couldn’t stop at two? You had to go for three, didn’t you?” Have we gotten to a point where it’s normal to make nasty comments to strangers about the size of their family, large or small?

I have several married friends who suffer silently with infertility. Others have suffered miscarriages or have health issues that have forced them to stop having children. These are people who would dearly welcome more children into their life. Perhaps they even feel God leading them to adopt children. Their hearts are generous hearts. All they want is more opportunities to give themselves in love. Are we working toward having generous hearts like that?

It’s like Fr. Billy says: our problem is that “it’s all about me.” Husbands, wives, unmarried—we all are infected by this selfishness, and it isn’t just about having kids. “I did it my way.” Modern marketing strategists are really cashing in on this. Every gadget is an i-gadget. You do you. Treat yourself. You deserve a break today. Have it your way. It’s your life.

No, it’s not. Did you create yourself? Everything in this life is a gift. How do we approach gifts? Do we receive them with gratitude? Do we trust that the gifts of God are good? Or do we tell God, “Thanks, but no thanks”? In receiving the gift of the child Jesus, our Blessed Mother showed us how to have a heart open to God, even when we don’t see the whole picture.

Today is a new day. Let’s ask God to give us new hearts that are receptive to all His gifts, including children, and thus more open to Him. Reflection by Deacon David
We are happy to celebrate Family Sunday, “Joy In the Family” on September 23! We will have complimentary donuts and coffee in the cafeteria after the 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Parish Calendar**

9/23 8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHURCH CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
9 AM—12 PM FAMILY SUNDAY/CAFETERIA AND GYM
9/24 9:30 AM COME AND SEE
4 PM SAS JR. VOLLEYBALL IN GYM
9/25 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
3:15 PM CHILDREN’S CHURCH CHOIR PIZZA PARTY/ST. CECILIA
5 PM RCIA/JPII
6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON DAVID/CAFETERIA
9/26 9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
9:45 AM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH MTG./PMC/JPII
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP IN CAFETERIA
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
9/27 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
9/28 T-SHIRT AND TENNIS SHOE DAY AT SCHOOL
9/29 8 AM FAMILY FEST BOOTH SET-UP/SCHOOLYARD
9/30 8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHURCH CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA

**Mass of the Roses**

in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux, “The Little Flower”

SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. ~ Flute prelude, Sr. Grace and Sarah Schettler
9:30 a.m. The Eucharist ~ Main celebrant and Homilist: Rev. Stephen Sanchez, OCD
After Mass ~ Distribution of Blessed Roses
10:30 a.m. ~ Refreshments & Shopping
Shopping at our expanded Gift Shop, featuring:
Items hand-made by the Sisters
Cookies, Pies and Bread from the Sisters’ kitchen
Variety of religious articles and books
Gifts perfect for any occasion

CASH OR CHECK – NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

DIRECTIONS TO THE MONASTERY IN COVINGTON:
From Collins Blvd (Hwy 190), turn onto Lee Road at traffic light. Turn left onto River Road. The Monastery is on the right, less than ½ mile.
PARKING SITES: 1) new lot: corner of River Road and River Glenn
2) Volunteers coordinate shuttles from the main gate of the Monastery
3) Residences designated by signs along River Road and side roads. Car-pooling is encouraged.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Carmelite Nuns, 73530 River Road, Covington, LA 70435 www.covingtoncarmel.org

**School News**

We are happy to celebrate Family Sunday, “Joy In the Family”. The St. Ann Home and School Club will provide refreshments after the 8:00 and 9:30 AM Masses this Sunday morning. The St. Ann School Advisory Council will meet on September 27th. Although this is the fourth Thursday of the month, ordinarily the council meets the third Thursday of the month. These meetings are open to all St. Ann parishioners and all school parents who wish to observe. Copies of the approved minutes of each meeting are available in the school office. The School Advisory Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor and the Principal in the implementation of current policies and in the development of new policies. The council does not discipline students, develop curriculum, approve instructional materials, hire/fire staff, write regulations or handle grievances. Anyone wishing to address the School Advisory Council concerning school policy and/or development must complete the required form, which is available in the school office. The completed form must be submitted to the School Advisory Council via the school office. You will then be contacted regarding your request.

The St. Ann School Advisory Council officers for 2018-19 are: Chuck Hebert – President. Courtney Fox – Vice President. Kris Trahan and Jessica Misuraca –Co-Secretaries.
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.

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: stannfa@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: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________ Zip: ________________
Contact Person: _______________________________________________ E-Mail: ___________________ Phone: _____________________
Donation Category: ______________________________________________________________ Amount Enclosed: ___________________

2018 ST. ANN FAMILY FEST SPONSORS

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

2018 ST. ANN FAMILY FEST SPONSORS

$2,000 TITANIUM STAGE SPONSORS
B&B Equipment
Belzona of Baton Rouge
Continental Insurance Services
Schiros' School Time Uniforms
Supreme Automotive
Valexco Energy Corporation
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Tangie Stephens Keller Williams Realty

$750 FAIR BUCKS SPONSOR
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St. Ann Parish is undertaking a census to guide its future plans. We’d appreciate your help by updating your family contact information & answering the questions on this card. This form can be dropped in the collection basket, returned to the Church office or completed on-line at [https://stannchurchandshrine.org/parish-census-2018](https://stannchurchandshrine.org/parish-census-2018).

Please, only one card per family & thanks for your help!

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* We won’t sell your email address! Please turn over the card over to continue the survey — Thanks!

Respect Life Focus of the Month September
Human Cloning/Stem Cell Research

Our spiritual work of mercy…

please join us in praying…

Lord God, you alone have the power to instill the spark of life, yet, you have made humankind the stewards of creation. Help us to be faithful to this sacred trust so that we may protect and promote the dignity of every human life from the very moment of conception, particularly the tiniest humans in the embryonic stage of human development who are so often forgotten by society & used by modern science. May the these tiny humans be given the full respect due all human life. May those entrusted to care for them protect them fully from all experimentation and harm. And may these tiniest of us be afforded the opportunity to grow to the fullness in this life for which they are created. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Our corporal work of mercy…

Abortion plays a key role in obtaining embryos for human stem cell research. Being a presence for the unborn makes a strong statement about the value of human life from *conception*... please join in adopting a day at this year's 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? The parish faith community of St. Ann Church invites you or someone you may know to a series of inquiry sessions that will invite inquirers to the Faith an opportunity to explore the church in a non-committal way. Invite someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. Your invitation may be the one that they are waiting for! Call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 for more information.

St. Ann Church and our Knights of Columbus present Rob Evans “The Donut Man” on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Gym. This is open to ALL children and families and will be an afternoon of fun, singing and learning in a fun way about Jesus. For more info, CD’s & DVD’s, visit donutman.com

We'd welcome your answer the following questions, circling YES or NO as appropriate for each:

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