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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
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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 Saturday 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 am 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.
There is no rule for when a person will start to hear God calling them to a new state in life, whether it is marriage, priesthood, or religious sisterhood or brotherhood. Some people start to hear God’s call in high school, or college, or even much later. For me, it feels like the call was always present. In fact, my family has a video of me at three years old, walking around with a little green Gideon Bible in my hand, repeating a homily I had heard on the resurrection. So even when I was three years old, you could say I was drawn to priesthood in some way.

As I grew older, there were a few things that really added to my desire to be a priest. Being in a Catholic family, as a boy I read many books about the lives of the saints, which inspired me to want to live a life of similar dedication to serving God and His Church. The example of holy priests in my life also inspired me. My mom would take us to Mass several times a week, so I got to know my parish priests. I served as an altar boy for my pastor for almost seven years. During that time I really came to admire him and the joy he showed as a priest, as well as the other priests I knew. One priest who especially inspired me was my hero, Pope St. John Paul II.

Discernment varies from person to person, but with any vocation, often it involves simply stepping through doors that you think God is opening for you, and trusting that God will close those doors if that’s not actually what He wants. Discernment is usually not looking for miraculous signs. When God spoke to Elijah, God was not in the powerful wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the tiny whispering sound.

However, there were a few times that I did receive what I felt was a confirmation of my discernment. When I was a sophomore in college, I had a long conversation with my roommate about my discernment of the priesthood. For several hours, he asked me questions that I had never answered before about discernment, and I started to wonder how much I really knew about my own vocation. But five minutes after that conversation, I checked my mailbox and found a package waiting for me from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. When I opened it, I was pretty shocked to find a book specifically on diocesan priesthood discernment, sent to me by a seminarian friend who happened to have an extra copy lying around. I really felt this was God’s Divine Providence telling me that I was on the right track. (People don’t regularly send me books in the mail.) The book is called To Save a Thousand Souls by Fr. Brett Brannen. This incident certainly strengthened my decision to go to seminary, and in fact the book itself was very practically helpful in my discernment.

If you know anyone who might want to know more about being a priest in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, tell them to check out the website nolapriest.com, where they can learn more about priesthood and seminary, and even contact the vocations director. We need to encourage our young people not just to ask, “What do I want to do with my life,” but more importantly, “What is God calling me to do with my life?” Whether that is marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life, the answer can only come through prayerful discernment. You have not chosen God; God has chosen you. Do not say, “I am too young,” or, “I’m not good enough.” God doesn’t call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

Article by Deacon David Frank
Parish Calendar

10/7 FAMILY FEST TAKE DOWN
12:30 PM BAPTISM IN CHURCH
10/8 9:30 AM COME AND SEE
10/9 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY/PMC/ST. RAYMOND
3:15 PM CHILDREN’S CHURCH CHOIR PIZZA PARTY/ST. CECILIA
3:30 PM FACULTY MEETING IN THE MUSIC ROOM
5 PM RCIA/JPIS
6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON DAVID/CAFETERIA
6:45 PM PSR CLASSES IN CAFETERIA/CLASSROOMS
7 PM PSR MASS IN CHURCH
10/10 8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES K, 3, 6, 7
9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 1 CLASS 2/CAF. & CLASSROOMS
10/11 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BUSINESS)/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM EMHC RE-DELEGATION IN CHURCH
10/13 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
8 AM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE/ GYM & SCHOOL YARD
9 AM EMHC BASIC WORKSHOP IN CHURCH
1 PM ST. ANN SPECIFIC EMHC TRAINING IN CHURCH
5 PM FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR DEACON DAVID
10/14 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRE-MASS REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
9 AM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE
1 PM KC-DONUT MAN IN GYM

Dear Friends in Christ,

I take this time to thank staff, parishioners, school children and friends who sent cards and greetings to remind me that I am 60 years old. Some say it’s a milestone, so celebrate. However, I’m not getting older; I’m just becoming a classic. Recently a parishioner was asked: When is Fr. Billy’s birthday? Her response: Every day! A good answer ... Think about it. Every day is a birth day and therefore an opportunity to make the world a better place. We have the choice to use the gift of our life to make the world a better place or not to bother. I pray that we will be bothered to the point that “our hearts are restless until they rest in God.” [St. Augustine] Knowing this we recognize that the ultimate fulfillment of our heart’s desire will only be complete in heaven. Thus, the time we have as pilgrims in faith must be lived in such a way that it will lead us to our final destination with God.

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count; it’s the life in your years.” [Abraham Lincoln]

Thank you for your prayers and greetings,

Fr. Billy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

ST. ANN’S FAMILY FEST WEEKEND

Our Family Fest Weekend is here! Our fair is a wonderful, wholesome community event that has been a tradition in St. Ann Parish nearly 40 years. We thank the many people who support our fair. The fair proceeds help our school maintain our high educational standards. Tuition alone cannot cover all school expenses. St. Ann Parish subsidizes our school and is the reason we exist. But we need the support of all to expand and meet the needs of all parish families. Here are some other ways to contribute to our school:

1. Please clip and save the General Mills “Box tops for Education” labels and the Community Coffee UPC codes, “Cash Back to Schools”.
2. Please enroll in Coca Cola “Coca Cola Gives”.
3. Please consider a “matching gift” program with your employer or a future endowment to St. Ann School.
4. When you shop at Office Depot, please designate St. Ann School and 5% of your purchase will be credited to our school.
5. Please consider a personal donation to our St. Ann School Endowment Fund on Nov. 27th, the Archdiocesan “I Give Catholic” Day.

Our school Walk Through tours will begin on Monday Oct. 15 at 9:30 am. If you are considering enrolling your child in our school for the 2019-2020 school year, please come one Monday at 9:30 am for a tour!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Charles Duke Council 3465 will be sponsoring a baby bottle campaign for the benefit of Women’s New Life Center, 4612 S. Claiborne Ave. Bottles will be distributed to families on October 13 and 14. The Center is empowering women to choose life. Since their start in 2001, they have saved over 2,050 lives from abortion. Please generously fill the bottle with check or cash and return by October 27 or 28. We will have baskets set up at each entrance where you can place your Baby Bottles. Thank You!

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- Global Wildlife Foundation
- Holy Cross High School
- Ivanov's Gymnastics Academy
- Jefferson Performing Art Society
- Lakeside Camera Photoworks
- Longue Vue House and Gardens
- Louisiana Children's Museum
- Love Swimming
- Lynn Meadows Discovery Center
- Massage Envy
- Mount Carmel Academy
- The National WWII Museum
- Fantastic Sam's
- New Orleans Baby Cakes
- New Orleans Ballet Association
- New Orleans Museum of Art
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Opening of the 2019 Mass Book
The Mass Book for 2019 will be opened on Thursday, October 18 at 9:00 AM.

~Please submit your Mass intentions, Sanctuary Light, and Altar Decoration requests in person on Thursday, October 18 in the Parish Office. The requests will not be posted upon receipt, but will be posted in the order in which they are received.

~The offerings (stipends) requested are as follows: Mass intention - $5; Sanctuary Light - $10; Altar Decorations - $35.

~In fairness to everyone, we will accept SIX Mass requests and ONE Sanctuary Light request per family at this time. After all requests are entered, the book will remain open for additional requests.

~If your requested date/time is not available, we will contact you by phone to select an alternate date/time.

~In the event that a priest is away and a Communion Service is held in place of the scheduled Mass, those Mass intentions will be moved to another date/time as close to requested date/time as possible.

PLEASE PRINT so that information can be published in the bulletin correctly.

Request for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light and/or Altar Flowers

Please Print

Requested by: __________________________
Street Address: ________________________
City/State/Zip: _________________________
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Sanctuary Light

Week Date – One week request per family
(Begins on Sunday and burns for one week)

Altar Decorations

Week Date
(Begins on Sunday and lasts for one week)

If requested times/dates for any of the above are not available, you will be contacted to select alternate times/dates.

Do you want to be an Altar Server?

Any boy or girl in grades 4th through 12th who wants to serve God as an Altar Server is invited to complete the online form on the St. Ann website, under the Altar Server tab, and register.

Being an Altar Server is a fun and fulfilling way to learn about God, our Catholic faith and serve our parish.

"The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few."

NEW TRAINING CLASS
We will begin a new training class to coincide with the beginning of our liturgical year, Advent in November, 2018.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
The deadline to register is Monday, October 22, 2018.

REGISTRATION LINK
stannchurchandshrine.org/altar-servers

When you shop online and Start at smile.amazon.com and designate St. Ann Roman Catholic Church and Shrine as your charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Ann Church and Shrine. This costs you nothing extra and raises a little extra money for the parish. You can designate St. Ann Church and Shrine by following this link: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/72-0718917. We appreciate your help in spreading the word about this simple fundraising effort!
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 14 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

Help save lives!
Donate blood at our upcoming blood drive!

Knights of Columbus Sponsors Blood Drive
All parishioners and friends are invited to participate in a blood drive on Sunday, October 14 from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in the bus on the blacktop parking lot. All donors will receive a free t-shirt, donuts, juice and our gracious support! All blood collected will help support local needs for transfusions in our area. Help Save A Life! GIVE BLOOD!!!

Forgive Your Enemies . . . It Messes With Their Heads!

Ministry Spotlight
ALTAR SERVERS
The St. Ann Altar Server ministry offers a wonderful opportunity for young parishioners to serve God and the Parish. The ministry is blessed with 70 boys and girls from grade 4 through college; their role is to assist the priests and deacons at various Eucharistic Celebrations throughout the year, including weddings and funerals held at St. Ann and at special school liturgies.

Altar servers are given instruction on service during the Mass, as well as liturgical education so that they can better know the Catholic faith and become leaders in the faith community. If you are interested in serving, check out the registration info in this bulletin!

Tuesday Morning Catholic Bible Study Now Underway!!!
ALL Christians are invited to a Catholic-Based Adult Bible Study program began here at St. Ann church on Tuesday, October 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). This Bible Study will give an in-depth review of the Gospel of Mark. Come and learn HOW to read Scripture. Understand the HISTORICAL and CULTURAL significance of the Gospel. And learn how to APPRECIATE the revelation of God’s Word in Scripture. Each topic of Scripture will last about 10-12 weeks each and participants will have the option of continuing with each topic or only entering those that interest them. We will meet every Tuesday following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

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