Issue 41
October 14, 2018

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

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.

ROSSARY 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).

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.
Sin as Spiritual Illness

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.
If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off.
If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.”

Seriously?

If you and I follow these words literally, not so many of us are able to see or to walk. Of course Jesus does not mean it literally. Here Jesus wants to emphasize the serious damage to our soul and our body caused by sins.

Think of sin as an spiritual illness. If we do not get rid of the illness right away, it will spread to the whole body. In the same way, if we do not get rid of sins, it will infect our whole being.

Nowadays, it is very common in our society that people do not talk about sin anymore. Who are you to tell me what I am doing is wrong? What I consider right is right; no one should tell me what to do. It is like a sick person who does not know or doesn’t want to know that he or she is sick. One needs to acknowledge our sickness in order to be healed.

There is nothing called private sin. Since we are members of one Body - the Church, any sin committed infects the whole body. Sin turns our heart away from God, leading us back to the slavery of death from which Christ has come to set us free. To sin is to put something else in the place of God. When we do not put God in the center of our life, we make ourselves slaves again.

Sin is like an addiction. If we allow it to take roots in us, it will infect every corner of our being. To get rid of an addiction is difficult but it is possible. It requires discipline. It requires painful treatment. But it is doable.

We are sinners yet we are called to be saints. The first step to sainthood is to recognize our sins and to admit that we cannot save ourselves. Only God can save us from sins. Like a sick person seeking help from doctor, we turn to the Divine Physician. The best way to seek His forgiveness and mercy is the sacrament of confession. In the confessional, it is not the priest but Christ Himself shows us forgiveness and mercy.

Sin separates us from God and the Church. Sin points us to another direction, the direction to eternal loss. When we get lost in a desert, three things are needed for survival: food, drink, and a compass. The Holy Eucharist is the Spiritual Food and Drink on our journey home to the Father. When we get lost, we use a compass to point us back to the right way. The sacrament of penance is like the spiritual compass, always pointing to the right direction. We need to use this spiritual compass more often so that God’s forgiveness and mercy are always at work in us.

Reflection by Fr. Vincent
Parish Calendar

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

10/15  9:30 AM COME AND SEE
9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY/PMC/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/PMC JPII

10/16  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
6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON DAVID/CAFETERIA
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES IN CAFETERIA/CLASSROOMS

10/17  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES 1, 2, 4, 5
9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM NOTRE DAME HOSPICE GRIEF GROUP/JPII
6:30 PM CS PACK MTG./CAFETERIA
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 3/CAF. & CLASSROOMS
7 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL/ST. RAYMOND

10/18  7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/JPII
10/19 GRANDPARENT’S DAY PK2/PK3/PK4/K/CAFETERIA/GYM
6 PM GIRL SCOUT LOCK-IN/GYM

10/20  9 AM EMHC RE-DELEGATION/CHURCH
10 AM ALTAR SOCIETY/ST. RAYMOND

10/21 SECOND COLLECTION WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRE-MASS REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
9 AM MEN’S CLUB DONUT BREAKFAST/CAFETERIA

October is RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Every human is created in God’s image & likeness, and therefore every human life is sacred. Here in the Archdiocese of New Orleans we are working to build a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love that fosters the dignity & respect of all human life from conception until natural death. We rely on the teachings of the Holy Roman Catholic Church & the USCCB’s Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities in order to foster the dignity & respect for every human life through the means of prayer & worship, public information & education, promoting public policy, and pastoral care.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1;
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:  Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;
Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:  Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:  2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9
Friday:  Eph 1:1-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;
Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:  Eph 5:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:  Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

SCHOOL NEWS

Each October, our school participates in Respect Life activities. The school will have two Respect Life Masses this month. The St. Ann middle school students have been investigating the area Catholic High Schools. It is our goal to assist our students in reaching their highest level of success in high school. Each year we are proud of the number of our 7th grade students who receive academic scholarships to area Catholic High Schools. We are also proud that we have an impressive number of former St. Ann School students who have, through the years, achieved the honor of Valedictorian or Salutatorian at their Catholic high schools.

World Mission Sunday October 21, 2018
Calling All Mission Voices!

Next Sunday, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, we are called to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP through The Society for the PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

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!
# St. Ann Church

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

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## NET SURPLUS/SHORTFALL

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| Average Weekly Collection | $19,608 |
| Average Weekly Expenses   | $18,477 |
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:_______________________________________

Telephone (day):_____________________________________

Telephone (night):____________________________________

Mass Intentions
Name of deceased Date/Time Requested
1)____________________________________________________
2)____________________________________________________
3)____________________________________________________
4)____________________________________________________
5)____________________________________________________
6)____________________________________________________

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.

Notre Dame Seminary Christmas Luncheon
November 27th
Notre Dame Seminary will host their annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at The Roosevelt Hotel. All proceeds help fund the programs of priestly formation at NDS.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit 501auctions.com/NDSChristmas or contact the Development Office at (504) 866-7426, ext. 375 or cthriftfiley@nds.edu.
**THIS SUNDAY!!!**

**Rob Evans is THE DONUT MAN**

St. Ann Church and our Knights of Columbus present Rob Evans “The Donut Man” THIS 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

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**NEVER Stop Learning!**

St. Ann Church offers many adult faith formation opportunities to help ALL Catholics continue to learn about their Catholic faith! The various programs are offered during the day or evening, on a variety of days. So never feel like you’ve learned it all; even priests and deacons continue to learn after being ordained!!! Call the church office at 455-7-71, ext. 225 to learn more about these opportunities to continue studying about your faith, God and the sacraments. We hope to see you soon!!!

**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.

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**Call me Sometime, God . . .**

**Help save lives! BLOOD DRIVE**

All parishioners and friends are invited to participate in a blood drive THIS Sunday, October 14 from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon in the bus on the blacktop parking lot. All donators 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!!!

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**NEVER Stop Learning!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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**Ministry Spotlight**

**Bereavement Hospitality Committee**

The Bereavement Hospitality Committee provides food and refreshments to family members during wake services of deceased parishioners held at St. Ann Church.

**Hospitality Committee**

The Hospitality Committee provides opportunities for the St. Ann Parish family to join in celebration of special occasions in a variety of social settings, fostering a greater sense of community. Committee members are afforded opportunities to mold new friendships as they share their talents in service to the Parish.

Call the Church Office if you would like more info!