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
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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
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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 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).

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.
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Today’s solemnity is like an identical twin to Christmas. Epiphany means that God has manifested himself to all nations, Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus is God’s **epiphany** - God’s self-disclosure! In Jesus we can walk in God’s ways. In Jesus we are co-heirs, sharers of God’s gifts, members of the same **Body** - brothers and sisters, and sons and daughters of God.

While Epiphany means God revealing himself in Jesus, it also means that we as Christians have to go on a journey, like the three kings, searching for Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. **The longest journey in the world is from our head to the heart.** Luke, in his Gospel, has the poor searching in the form of the shepherds. Matthew, in his Gospel, has the learned and the rich searching in the form of the Magi. The message is simple - there is room for all in this search, from no degrees to persons with PhDs - from poor shepherds to rich executives! **The journey is the same!**

The Magi are three searchers who did not find the answer to life in their horoscopes, but took a long journey to another country in search of the Christ. The story of the Magi is not just a pretty tale that conjures up in our minds three kings floating over the desert sands on the way to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the newborn King of the Jews. From the Magi we learn something very important - the gift of God is worth leaving everything for. Like the shepherds, the Magi, after they had given Jesus their gifts left the stable. In fact they went home by another way so as to avoid telling Herod where the Christ Child was.

As we look at the manger, we as Christians cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the Magi, we too are called to move out and take the light of Jesus Christ with us and be people of light for others in showing them the way of Jesus Christ. We are beckoned and summoned as Christians to make our families, homes, parish community, our school, and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalized. St. Thomas Aquinas said: **“It is better to illuminate than merely to shine.”** Saints are those who make it easier for others to believe in God.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday January 6**

4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, In Thanksgiving, Buddy Hyver, Alberta Basha, R. Bollinger (S.I.), Darlene Bruno, Bryan Eversole (S.I.), Sarah Gilberti (S.I.), John Coman, Mindy Gascon, Beth Tullier, Mae & Charles Gremillion; Gardner & McCleland Families, George Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura

8:00 am Gail R. Murphy

9:30 am Ralph Tortorich, Sr.

11:00 am Josephine Walch, Anna Dyer, Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Watermeier, Mrs. L. Roberts (S.I.), Rita Meilleur, Louis Meilleur, Hazel Deichmann, Clarence Deichmann, Louis Caesarl, Khanh V. Tran, Tu Tran, Clarence Sclamp, Jr., Cliff Reis, Sr., Marcia Williams; Tanjha & Gordon (S.I.); Deniese & Jamie (S.I.), Aline Richards

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Monday January 7**

6:30 am Frank Mason

8:45 am Daniel Rotolo

**Tuesday January 8**

6:30 am Ricky Michael Oddo

8:45 am Randolph Clifford Smith

7:00 pm Dominic Tran

**Wednesday January 9**

6:30 am Sr. Elizabeth Franco

8:45 am Verita S. Bachemin School Mass 2-7

**Thursday January 10**

6:30 am George A. Raynal, Sr.

8:45 am Elaine Gallagher

**Friday January 11**

6:30 am Khanh V. Tran

8:45 am Sidney Xavier Poursine

**Saturday January 12**

7:30 am Alice Songy Poursine

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**January 6 - 12, 2019**

“Sanctuary Candle” & “Altar Decorations”

In Memory of Alice & Sidney Poursine

“Chapel Sanctuary Candle”

In Memory of Ralph Tortorich, Sr.
Parish Calendar

1/6  8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHOIR REH./ST. CECELIA
9:30 AM CUB SCOUT MASS
12:30 PM BAPTISMS IN CHURCH
1/7  9:30 AM COME AND SEE
9:30 AM WALK THROUGH TOURS/SCHOOL OFFICE
6:30 PM ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY/ST. RAYMOND
1/8  9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY/ST. RAYMOND
3:30 PM FACULTY MEETING/MUSIC ROOM
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES IN CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS
7:30 PM ASHLEY CODE FUND COMMITTEE/ST.RAYMOND
1/9  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES 2-7
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
7:30 PM OPEN HOUSE FOR PERSPECTIVE NEW PARENTS IN THE CAFETERIA
7:30 PM SYNOD MEETING/ST. RAYMOND
1/10 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
9:30 AM WALK THROUGH TOURS/SCHOOL OFFICE
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BUSINESS)/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 1 CLASS 2/CAF. & CLASS
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
1/11 7 PM MOVIE NIGHT/PAJAMA PARTY 2ND & 3RD GRADES/CAF
1/12  8:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:  1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:  1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:  1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:  1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:  1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:  Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Men’s Emmaus Retreat January 25-27, 2019

Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the men’s Emmaus retreat the weekend of January 25-27, 2019. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

The retreat is based on the scripture passage “The appearance on the road to Emmaus” (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men’s lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. This retreat is open to men from every Parish and every religious denomination or faith background. Please don’t ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville! More info can be found here: https://catholicretreatcenter.org/upcoming-events/mens-emmaus-july/

You can also contact the following men for additional information: David Drude @ 985-974-0657, or Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411, or Rick Valadie @ (504) 655-8932

Louisiana Life March South

The Louisiana Life March South will be Saturday, January 26, 2019, in Baton Rouge. There will be a chartered bus leaving St. Edward the Confessor in Metairie at 7:45 AM. The price is $15 per seat (includes bus driver tip and 2 bottles of water). The deadline to reserve a seat is Friday, January 18, 2019. Please bring your own lunch and beverages. Royal blue and white “life” t-shirts are available for $10.00 each. For more information contact Yvette Fouchi at 504-874-9225 or email yfouchi@yahoo.com.
**ST. ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Walk Through Tours**
Every Monday and Thursday - 9:30am - School Office

**Open House**
January 9, 2019 - 7:30pm - Cafeteria

**ONLINE Registration for Returning Students - January 21-25, 2019**
Registration, Non-Support and iPad Fees due by Friday, Jan. 25, 2019
Tuition due by May 1, 2019

**New Student Registration**
February 4, 2019 - 6:00-7:00pm - Cafeteria
Registration and Non-Support Fees collected
We are currently accepting early applications for our
PK2, PK3, and PK4 Programs

**PK2 - PK3 - PK4 Programs**
Children must be potty-trained for the PK3 and PK4 year old programs.

Uniforms are required for all grade levels - PK 2-7th Grade.

**Early Application Fee:** PK2 / PK3 / PK4 - **$25.00** (non-refundable but applied to Registration Fee)

**Registration Fee:** PK2 / PK3 / PK4 Programs - **$175.00** per child (non-refundable)

**Tuition:**
- 2, 3 or 4 year old Full Day (5) - M-T-W-T-F - $5590. per child
- 2, 3 or 4 year old Full Day (3) - M-W-F - $3760. per child
- 2 or 3 year old Half Day (3) - M-W-F - $2520. per child

*PK2, PK3 and PK4 programs are separate from Kindergarten-7th grade.*
*Families with children in both will not be offered the family tuition rate.*

**KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE**

Kindergarten - child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2019.
Readiness skills are expected.

**Registration Fee:** $165.00 - 1 child / $150.00 - each additional child (non-refundable)

**Non-Support Fee:** $350.00 per child (non-refundable)

**iPad Fee:** $170.00 annually for 5th-7th grades

**Tuition:**
- 1 child - $5390.
- 2 children $10,180. = $5390 (1st) + $4790 (2nd)
- 3 children - $13,670. = $5390 (1st) + $4790 (2nd) + $3490 (3rd)

*Non-Catholic families do not receive the family tuition discount.*

*St. Ann School continues to strive to keep tuition costs manageable.*
*We are mindful of the investment that you are making in your child's future.*
*Please know that tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating your child.*
Knights of Columbus Council #3465 Presents Their 2nd Annual Super Bowl Dance Saturday February 2nd 2019 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Tickets: $15.00 Each / $25.00 Couple Table reserved with purchase of 8 tickets SET-UPS PROVIDED Music By: Russell & The Crossroads Reservations, Tickets or Information Contact: Coach Bob Stevens: (504) 454-3421 email coachbob03@hotmail.com Lynn Boudreaux: (504) 421-5955 text or call, email gkkc3465@gmail.com
INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ST. ANN SCHOOL

- St. Ann School is accredited by AdvancEd, the national accreditation signifying our commitment to educational excellence. The school also holds state accreditation.

- Our pupil-teacher ratio, when factoring in our administrative support staff, is approximately 12:1. Generally homeroom classes in grades K-4 have approximately 25 students or less per class. PK2, PK3 and PK4 class size is even lower.

- The administrative support staff includes the principal, assistant principal, counselor, curriculum coordinator, Student Assistance Director, religion coordinator, technology coordinator, development director, and School Program Director.

- A significant number of our seventh grade students qualify each year for the Duke Talent Search. This means that students scored a 95% and above on at least one subtest of the ACT Aspire Standardized Test. St. Ann students who participate in the Duke Talent Search testing have continually received state recognition as well as the honorable Grand Recognition.

- Our 2018 ACT Aspire percentiles are higher than the National average. We remain above National percentile scores in every grade level and subject.

- An impressive number of our former students have attained the recognition of valedictorian or salutatorian from the area Catholic high schools.

- Approximately 30% of St. Ann faculty members hold advanced university degrees. All faculty members meet Louisiana and Southern Association guidelines for accreditation.

- Each year a number of our 7th grade students receive academic scholarships to local Catholic high schools.

- The school campus facilities include a library, media center, music room, band room, science lab, gymnasium with stage, cafeteria, and computer lab.

- We offer a full lunch program and before and after care and Holiday Care.

- There are telephones and internet access in every classroom.

- The use of technology equipment and software enhances all aspects of the school. All classrooms have a network computer, a plasma monitor for digital media broadcasts, document cameras and iPad centers for student use. Our 5th, 6th, and 7th grades have a 1:1 iPad program to enrich learning, with an Apple TV in each classroom. Apple TV’s are also in the PK2 classrooms. Additionally, classrooms in PreK3-4th grade have SmartBoards.

- The school uses the services of School Messenger, a telephone broadcast system, to notify households and parents within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event. The service also can be used to communicate general announcements or reminders.

- Parents have access to the Parent Plus Portal, an internet service through which they can access current information about the school, as well as their child’s schedule and academic progress. A parent can view their child’s grade(s) as soon as they are posted by the teacher. The school can electronically communicate with all families through e-mail.

- Registration for returning students is conducted online. Fees and tuition may be paid by debit or credit card, or by bank draft. Additionally, tuition payments are set up as monthly recurring bank drafts when a bank loan is secured. Extended care attendance and payments are also managed online, as well as St. Ann Cafeteria lunch accounts.

- Exterior doors are secured by a magnetic lock system monitored by the security services of Sonitrol of New Orleans, Inc.

- Thirty-eight (38) staff members have been at St. Ann School 10 years or more.

- There are nineteen (19) former graduates on St. Ann’s staff.

- All third grade students learn to play a musical instrument.

- There are many extra-curricular school activities offered for the students, including choir, band, Art Club, Chess Club, Student Council, Beta Club, Builders Club, Junior Service Club, St. Joseph’s Club, Mary’s Club, Quiz Bowl, Spanish Club, Technology Club, Science Club, Lego Club, STEM Club, Cheerleading, and Student Ministry.

- The school participates in all the CSAL sports, including cabbage ball, volleyball, flag football and basketball. We also participate in several Metro Sports, including cross country, bowling, tennis, softball and baseball.