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

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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).
With You I Am Well Pleased

As priest, one of the favorite ministries to do is to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism. Recently, I had the honor of celebrating the sacrament of Baptism for Brady, a ten-month-old boy. It was a beautiful celebration in which the boy was made the newest member of the Church. The most important part of the sacrament was when I poured water on his head, saying: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Being baptized in the Holy Trinity, the child truly became an adopted son of God.

The sacrament of Baptism is the foundation of the Christian life. It is the gateway through which we enter into the family of God. In that family, Christ Jesus is the Son of God by nature and we are God’s daughters and sons by adoption.

The rite of baptism gives us two options: either full immersion into water or pouring water on the head. Full immersion is preferred because it conveys the true meaning of Baptism: our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. Water gives life but also causes death. When someone is immersed into water, he has to hold his breath. Holding breath is the image of death. When he rises above water, he could breathe again - the breath of life. Being baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn into a new life - a life in the Spirit.

Christ Jesus was baptized in the water of the Jordan River. Why did Jesus ask John the Baptist to baptize Him? The Lord of heavens and earth asked to be baptized by a sinful man. Jesus had no sin to be cleansed. But by immersing into the water of Jordan, He cleansed the water so that from that moment on, those who are baptized will be cleansed from sins. The spotless Lamb of God was immersed into water so that He could take away our sins.

After Jesus had been baptized, “heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” Where else in the Bible could you find the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit together alongside the water? The very first page of the Bible. The first line of the book of Genesis says: “In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth … a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’”. At the beginning of creation, the Father spoke the Word and the Spirit breathed on the waters. That was the old creation. The Baptism of the Lord is the beginning of new creation. In the old creation, God the Father created all things through His Word. In the new creation, the Father makes all things new with His Word which is now made flesh.

When you and I were baptized, we are reborn into life in the Spirit; we are made part of the new creation. We need to live our lives according to our vocation of being God’s children so that the Father also says to us: “You are my beloved sons and daughters, with you I am well pleased.”

Fr. Vincent

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday** January 27

4:00 pm Vigil  Robert McGinnis, Mamie & Scottie Alexander, Buddy Hyver, Khanh V. Tran, Tu Tran, Bryan Eversole (S.I.), Sarah Giliberti (S.I.), Darlene Bruno, Mae & Charles Gremillion, Beth Tullier, Gardner & McCleland Families, George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Della Allemand Tabor, Tony Krummel, Dorothy Olano, Camillie Horridge, Mary Capaci, Theresa Hymel, Roseanna Morgan Catoire

8:00 am Ricky Michael Oddo

9:30 am Juanita Delhomme

11:00 am Labrano Family, Maria Estela Falco, Ralph Tortorich, Sr., Khanh V. Tran, Tu Tran, Cliff Reis, Sr., Mae & Charles Gremillion, Louis Perret, Rosamaria Reyes -Silva

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Monday** January 28

6:30 am Frank Mason

8:45 am Luis Toca

**Tuesday** January 29

6:30 am Willie Sonnier

8:45 am Randolph Clifford Smith

7:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

**Wednesday** January 30

6:30 am Ricky Michael Oddo

8:45 am Beverly & Sam Maggio (Wedding Anniversary)

2:00 pm Nofie Alphonso, Michelle Kitchen

Catholic Schools Week Mass Grades 2-7

**Thursday** January 31

6:30 am Khanh V. Tran

8:45 am Jules Encar, Sr.

**Friday** February 1

6:30 am Richard “Dickey” Hamilton, II

8:45 am Evelyn Gerard

**Saturday** February 2

7:30 am George Bourgeois

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**January 27 - February 2, 2019**

“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Khanh V. Tran

“Chapel Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Tu Tran
**Parish Calendar**

1/27  All day Catholic Schools Week: "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."
   8:30am Children’s Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
   6pm Family Fest Meeting/Cafeteria

1/28  9:30am - 10:30am Walk Through Tours/School Office
1/29  9:15am ADORATION/Chapel
   9:30am - 10:30am Bible Study/PMC St. Raymond
   3:15pm Children’s Church Choir Rehearsal/Church
   6:15pm PSR Classes in cafeteria and classrooms

1/30  8:45 am School Mass Grades 2-7
   9:30am - 12:30pm Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
   1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
   7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
   7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church

1/31  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
   9:30am - 10:30am Walk Through Tours/School Office
   7pm - 8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
   7pm Confirmation Session 2 Class 4 caf./classrooms
   7:30pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia

2/1  9:30am - 10:30am Adoration/Church
2/2  7:30am - 8:30am Men's Club & KC Mass/Church
   6pm Knights of Columbus Superbowl Dance/Gym

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- **Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- **Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- **Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- **Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- **Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- **Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

**School NEWS**

The Beta Club Induction was Friday, Jan. 25th. We are proud of our many sixth grade students who qualified for this distinguished organization. We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week. The theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.”

**St. Ann Lenten Mission with Mass**

**Save the Dates!**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**March 11, 12, & 13, 2019**

**Times: 10 AM and 7 PM**

with Fr. Jim Marchionda, O.P.

St. Ann’s Linen Committee is looking for volunteers
The St. Ann linen committee is looking for volunteers to help with the laundering of linens and towels. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office at 455-7071 ext. 222.
ST. ANN ‘PAYS IT FORWARD’ WITH SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

By Peter Finney Jr. Clarion Herald Commentary

We’ve been there, which makes the journey of recovery now facing St. Dominic Church in Panama City, Florida, both a history lesson and a teachable moment, filled with grace.

When Hurricane Michael, a near-Category 5 storm packing winds of 155 mph, slammed into the Florida panhandle in October, it created a 40-mile wide swath of destruction for hundreds of miles in its path.

“It was basically like a 40-mile-wide tornado,” said Father Michael Nixon, the 36-year-old pastor who was ordained in 2010 but never learned anything about hurricane theology in the seminary. “The devastation was just incredible. No, there was no training for this.”

Even before Hurricane Michael, St. Dominic was a blue-collar parish of 1,500 families, serving active and retired military from the nearby Tyndall Air Force Base, which was heavily damaged but may be rebuilt within the next three years.

There are pockets of poverty around the church. Many parishioners lived in trailer parks, which Michael destroyed. Homes that sustained catastrophic damage are now draped in blue tarps, awaiting insurance and honest contractors.

“We’ve seen some terrible things – even weeks after the storm, people are still living in those homes,” Father Nixon said.

St. Dominic Church lost its religious education building and parish hall. The parish office and rectory still are standing.

“We gutted those to the studs,” Father Nixon said. “That’s my new favorite phrase.”

The church, which sustained major roof damage, seems structurally sound enough to be “salvageable,” but Father Nixon said the long-term goal is not simply to restore buildings but to rebuild in a way “to further the parish’s mission.”

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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish office before March 1, 2019)
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
Pre-sale tickets available NOW!

Calling ALL students ages 9—14!
Your local Knight of Columbus Council is sponsoring a free throw basketball contest for ALL students ages 9—14 on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. in St. Ann Gym. There is no cost to enter, but students must arrive for 10:00 a.m. to register.
The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Age group winners will receive a Championship plaque and advance to the District Free Throw Championship announced at the end of the tournament.

Enter the Knights of Columbus Superbowl Pool!
Each square is just $20 and participants can win $400 per quarter (NO overtime!). Proceeds raised support the charitable work of your LOCAL Knights of Columbus council. For square purchases, contact Lynn Boudreaux: (504) 421-5955.

Be Kind Whenever Possible.
BTW, It's Always Possible!

Tuesday Morning Catholic Bible
ALL ADULTS are invited to a Catholic-Based Bible Study program here at St. Ann church on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). This Bible Study will take an in-depth look at books of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. This is open to anyone wishing to gain a firm foundation on 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. This topic of Scripture will last about 10-12 weeks. Participants will have the option of continuing with a new topic after the conclusion. We will meet every Tuesday following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Come Joins Us!