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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.
In today’s Gospel from St. Luke, we hear the familiar teaching of the Our Father. The disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. This is an important point, since it is the Lord who teaches us how to pray. St. Paul in the second reading even declares that we have been joined to Christ in Baptism. Through that joining with Christ, we are able to pray with and through the Son to the Father in Heaven.

The Lord teaches us to pray, “give us each day our daily bread.” This is how Christ teaches us to ask for whatever we may need in daily life, all of the graces and aid that will help us to accomplish that which the Lord has called us to. But, in another place, Jesus tells us that the Father in Heaven knows what we need before we ask. So, why do we need to ask for things if God already knows? We are told to ask because God wills for us to be partakers in his very act of giving. This should fill us with all humility and gratitude! The Lord of heaven and earth, the creator, redeemer, the One who is, who was, and who will be forever has invited us into his act of generous love. We do not stand apart from God as separate and cut off, but we have life in God. For, “even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him.”

Therefore, Christ has invited us into that incredible generosity of the Father. The love of the Father is such that, while he created us in freedom without our help, he wills for us to be a part of recreating ourselves through our cooperation with Christ. In light of this, our prayer of asking for our daily bread from God is a practice in conforming ourselves to Christ: the one who was praying to the Father when the disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. Thus, let us turn to the Lord in prayer, trusting that he is truly a good Father, and ask that he may give us what we need to serve him in holiness of life.

~ Paolo Taffaro, Parish Seminarian ~
**Parish Calendar**

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| 7/28 | 11 am Pastoral Council Induction in Church  
6 pm CYO |
| 7/29 | 9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann Room  
6:30 pm St. Anthony Ministry |
| 7/30 | 9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel  
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond |
| 7/31 | 9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond  
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/St. Raymond  
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church |
| 8/1  | 9:30 am Adult Catechism/St. Raymond  
7 pm Adult Choir Reh./St. Cecelia  
7 pm Adult Faith Formation in JPll |
| 8/2  | 9:30 am Adoration in Church |
| 8/3  | 7:30 am Men’s Club & KC Mass in Church |
| 8/4  | 9:30 am Cub Scouts Mass in Church  
12:30 pm Baptism in Church  
6 pm CYO |

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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**Willwoods Retreat**

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey’s Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, La.

A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need! A once a year commitment to attending a retreat as a couple is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other!

To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend!

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**Save the Date!**

**A Retreat for Married Couples & their Children, ages 7-17**

**November 16th - 17th – ONLY $50 per family**

“A Family That Prays” is a powerful weekend designed to enrich marriages, faith and family. Spouses will grow closer in their sacrament, children will explore a deeper encounter with God and families will be strengthened in their love for one another!

The retreat will be held at the St. Joseph Abbey in Covington and will begin on Saturday, November 16th at 8:00 AM and end after lunch on Sunday, November 17th. Space is limited to only 30 families so please reserve your spot today for this free, fun and faith-filled family getaway! To register go to FaithhandMarriage.org or call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 for more information.

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**St. Ann CYO**

Calling all 8-12 grades! On Monday August 5, St. Ann CYO will be hosting a recruitment and fundraiser at Adventure Quest Laser Tag (Located 1200 South Clearview Parkway). We would love for you join us anytime between 4-9 pm for unlimited laser tag, bumper cars, and mini golf for only $20! This is a chance to get acquainted with the current CYO members and learn ways to get involved while having a blast. Please mention "St. Ann CYO" to participate at our event! For more information, contact Noella Balint ext 2229 or at Noella@stannchurchandshrine.org

Tickets can be purchased a the door or online at https://adventurequestlasertag.centeredgeonline.com/movie/movies
Heavenly Host of Stars Gala

On August 18, 2019, the Grammy-nominated and legendary Hall of Fame group, The Whispers, will take stage at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans in a benefit performance for the Sisters of the Holy Family. The “Heavenly Host of Stars Gala” is a major fundraising event to help sustain the long-standing ministries of the Sisters of the Holy Family as well as retirement needs of elderly Sisters. The patron party begins at 5:30 PM and the gala starts at 7:00 PM. Please offer your support by purchasing tickets or becoming a sponsor for this event! For more information call 504-241-3088 or http://www.sistersoftheholyfamily.com/Gala-Info.html.
2019 St. Ann Family Fest - October 4th – 5th
“St. Ann Hosts Family Game Night”

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

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 28th through October 12th. Banner not to exceed 3’ by 9’.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP- - - - - - - - - - - - $200
Includes a large individual sign with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are 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 & RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc. and 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 Christy @ 729-0659 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or you may call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business:

This is how it will appear on signs & acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous & appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

Address:

Zip: __________________

Contact Person: ____________________________

E-Mail: __________________ Phone: ____________

Donation Category: __________________________

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Matt Keller

Matt Keller is a Metairie native and a graduate of St. Ann School, Archbishop Rummel High School, and The University of Southern Mississippi. He is currently joining the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) as a campus missionary. As a campus missionary, he will be reaching out to college students at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana and calling them higher to place their identities as sons and daughters of God. There are three ways that you can help in this mission to bring college students closer to Christ.

1. Become AWARE: read, study, and talk to these students.
2. PRAY: for missionaries and the future leaders within the college campus. Nothing is possible without God. He is the one who heals and changes hearts.
3. Consider SUPPORT: All missionaries are responsible for fundraising 100% of their salary with the help their community in order to allow them to get to campus as quick as possible.

Please reach out to Matt with any interest, questions, or concerns at matthew.keller@focus.org or 504-210-5567. For more information about FOCUS, please visit focus.org.

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Human Trafficking Training

For those working in ministries serving the vulnerable

Monday August 12, 2019
6:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Kenner

Please join us
Our quarterly Human Trafficking Basic Training will be held at
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
in the La Rose Center, 1908 Short St., Kenner

“Human Trafficking: Awareness, Red Flags, & Reporting”

Light refreshments provided
Parish School of Religion
Registration for the fall session of our Parish School of Religion is currently completed on-line by going to: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/19398 or the church website and clicking on the Parish School of Religion link. Our Registration Day will be Tuesday, August 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. You may complete registration, pick up textbooks, pay fees, and meet the teachers for the upcoming year at this registration night. Any student in grades Kindergarten thru High School who is not attending a Catholic school will need to be registered through the Parish School of Religion. The fee structure is a flat $35.00 per student. Our classes are held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3 from 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Contact David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 2225 for more info.

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. 2225 for more information.

Wrinkled With Burdens?
Come To Church for a Faith Lift!

Adult Faith Formation
Here are some opportunities for Catholic Adults to Increase the Knowledge of your Catholic Faith:
Mondays, 9:30 a.m.—Come and See Prayer Group in Parish Ministry Center
Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.—Adult Bible Study in Parish Ministry Center (PMC)
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.—Rosary Prayer Group in PMC
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.—Adult Topic Discussions in PMC
1st/3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.—Adult Faith Sharing Group in PMC
All adults are welcomed to join at any time. There is no cost for any of these groups!

Dear Annie . . .
This article will endeavor to collect and answer your common questions regarding our Faith, Church or practices. Submit your questions to stannreled@bellsouth.net or call the church office and leave a message on extension 2225.

Dear Annie,
How come we don’t refer to Old Testament figures as saints? Can they be used as Confirmation names? Signed “Saintly”

Dear “Saintly,”
Your question is an excellent one, and the answer is a bit complex. It is true that, in the Catholic Church, Old Testament figures have not been formally canonized and given the title of “saint.” I suspect that this has to do with the historical process by which that title came to be assigned. In the earliest centuries of the Church, only those who had been martyred for their faith were commemorated liturgically on their anniversaries. St. Martin of Tours, who died in 397, was probably the first nonmartyr assigned a feast day. Since then, sainthood has generally been ascribed to people who provided outstanding examples of lives modeled after the teachings of Jesus (which would exclude those who lived before Christ).

Does that mean that we cannot pray to Old Testament figures or seek their intercession? By no means. The word “saint” is commonly taken to mean someone who followed the will of God and is now in heaven. Surely, Moses and Elijah are safely there, since they appeared with Jesus on Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration. Catholic Churches of the Eastern rite (Greek or Byzantine, for example) do, in fact, celebrate specific feast days for Old Testament figures: Joshua and Moses, Daniel, the seven Maccabee brothers, etc. The “Roman Martyrology,” a compilation of those honored as saints, includes such notable Old Testament figures as Isaiah, Abraham, and King David. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also has this to say in No. 61: “The patriarchs, prophets, and certain other Old Testament figures have been and always will be honored as saints in all the Church’s liturgical traditions.”

So the great figures of the Old Testament, though never formally canonized by the Latin-rite Church, are worthy of our devotion and our imitation, and yes, can be used as Confirmation names!!!