ST. ANN CHURCH
AND NATIONAL SHRINE
4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006
504-455-7071
Website: stannchurchandshrine.org
Email: contact@stannchurchandshrine.org

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
or by appointment

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd 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 the Baptism Coordinator at 455-7071, ext. 2230.

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.

ROSE 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.
“Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanities of vanities! All things are vanity!” We hear this declaration from Ecclesiastes as a statement urging us on to live our lives completely for Christ and those heavenly treasures he prepares for us. As the reading continues, “For what profit comes to a man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun?” In other words, if we work with all our focus and strength in order to have the benefits this world offers us, we actually have nothing. “This is also vanity.” The goods of this world are emptiness and meaninglessness if they take the place of God in heaven and all that he has to offer us.

The perspective that the readings for today are trying to give us is a heavenly one. We are being called to raise our eyes to heaven and “seek what is above.” This was the call of our Baptism, when we died and rose in the life of Christ. Our life is not for this world, and our life can never be satisfied or completed by anything this world promises. However, society tells us to pursue our dreams, devote everything for that sought-after career, get the job with the good pay. But, if we follow the ways of our society we will be like the greedy man in the Gospel. Jesus will say to us, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you.”

We can clearly see what happens to those who pursue worldly riches—not only money but anything the world says is valuable—they neglect that which is most important in their earthly life. For teenagers and young adults, faith and morals are neglected because they think, “we don’t really need to go to church. Besides, it is hard to talk about, and not all my friends go or agree, so it would just be easier to stop going to church.” Yet, the person who thinks like this and so chooses to no longer go to Mass might as well put themselves in hell. As Jesus says, “If you deny me before men, I will deny you before my Heavenly Father.” With parents, we see kids placed in school and aftercare because the parents are so busy working their long hours. Work more, earn more money, buy the bigger house, the nicer car, feel secure—all at the cost of wasting the time they have with their children and one another. And for what gain? To earn material goods and societal status that lasts a few years and then they die and go before the Judgment seat of God to give an account of their life. We must reject the temptation to pursue earthly wealth, and see ourselves as people in poverty, awaiting the reception of the riches God has to offer by following his way of life.

St. Paul tell us to “put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry.” Thus, we hear what it really means to pursue and work for earthly goods above heavenly goods: it is idolatry, worshipping someone or something other than God. Therefore, let us turn away from the world, reject the empty promises of society, and follow the model Christ gave us as he made his statement of love for us on the Cross. For, the wealth of God is the salvation of mankind.

~ Paolo Taffaro, Parish Seminarian ~
**PARISH CALENDAR**

8/4 CYO
8/5 9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann Room
    Back to School Night/Cafeteria
    CYO Laser Tag Adventure Quest 4 - 9 PM
    Adventure Quest -1200 S. Clearview Pkwy.
8/6 9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel
    9:45 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
    6:15 pm PSR Classes
    6:40 pm KC Ladies Auxiliary/JPII
8/7 First Day of School Grades 1-7
    Orientation PK2/PK3/PK4/K
    9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
    1 pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/St. Raymond
    7 pm - 9 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
    7 pm - 8 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
8/8 9:30 am Adult Catechism/St. Raymond
    6 pm Knights of Columbus (General)/St. Raymond
    6:30 pm Skate Night—Airline Skate Center
    7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal./St. Cecelia

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
        2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
        Ps 108:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2,
        8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

**Calling all 8th—12th Graders!**
August 5th
4 - 9 pm

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 455-7071 ext 2229
noella@stannchurchandshrine.org
Tickets can be purchased a the door or
online
https://adventurequestlasertag.centeredgeonline.com
/movie/movies

The faculty and staff members have returned
from summer vacation and are busy
preparing for the students.

**Back to School Night for parents is**

**Monday, August 5th**

**The first day of school is**

**Wednesday, August 7th**

We are ready to greet our students
for the 2019-20 school year
encourage all to

"THINK, REACH, SHINE!"

**St. Ann's Food Pantry is in need of several items**

- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Soup
- Small Bags of Rice
- Cereal
- Red Beans
- Green Peas

"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did for me"
MATTHEW 25:40

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED**
Msgr. Charles Duke Council #3465
Knights of Columbus
Invites you to a
Spaghetti Dinner
to Benefit

St. Michael Special School

Saturday, August 17
5:00 - 8:00 PM
St. Ann School Cafeteria

With your $10 donation, enjoy a homemade meal of spaghetti with meatballs, vegetable, tossed salad, & bread

Dine in or take out

RAFFLE - 50/50 - PRIZES

Pre-sale tickets are available in the Church Office during normal office hours (M-F 9-4 closed 12-1).

Find out more about the dinner and our Council at
http://www.kc3465.org
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: __________________________ Phone: ____________

E-Mail: __________________________

Donation Category: __________________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________________

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The members of St. Ann’s Sewing Seams of Faith Ministry are so pleased to have distributed so many Prayer Blankets at the Anointing Mass of this year’s St. Ann Novena. We would like to express our gratitude to those who so generously made a donation to our ministry. The money will help continue our efforts to make Prayer Blankets for those who are in need of their comfort and prayers. The blankets are always available in the church office.

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**Ashley Code Pay it Forward Memorial Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information**

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Thanks Mr. Sparky for being our Butterfly sponsor.

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**Please make your check payable to “St. Ann Men’s Club” and mail to**

Ashley Code Pay it Forward Memorial Golf Tournament, St. Ann Men’s Club
4940 Meadowdale, Metairie, LA 70006

Be sure to mail your artifact to dburnfi@entergy.com

Thanks for your support!
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.

Become a Knight!
Your Local Council of the Knights of Columbus is looking for a few good men! Council #3465 at St. Ann Parish is known as the Monsignor Charles Duke Council of the Knights of Columbus, new members are always welcomed to consider joining. The Knights are open to all Catholic Men who are at least 18 years old and lead a life consistent with Catholic teachings. To learn more, call 455-7071, ext 2225 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org.

Confimation Registration
All incoming 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ann Church should register for preparation classes that will begin in the Fall using the link below. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 2225 if you have any questions or concerns.
https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/18716

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 many of the twelve Apostles were martyred? Signed “Maker’s Dozen”

Dear “Maker’s Dozen,”
As you likely know, Judas took his own life (Matt. 27:1-5), and St. John, the son of Zebedee, was assigned by Jesus to take of his mother Mary (John 19:25-27), and a strong tradition holds that he later died of natural causes at an old age in Ephesus. The traditional “histories” of the rest of the Apostles is much different.

Scripture conveys that James (the Greater), the son of Zebedee, was martyred by King Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:1-3), although the king himself was struck dead by an angel not long afterward (Acts 12:19-23). There is abundant testimony in the early Church that St. Peter, who was imprisoned on the occasion of James’s execution (Acts 12:3), was martyred around twenty years later in Rome, along with St. Paul. St. James (the Lesser), son of Alphaeus, is often identified with St. James, “the brother,” i.e., relative, of Jesus, the bishop of Jerusalem noted in Acts 15, was who martyred by stoning in Jerusalem in the A.D. 60s. We also see that tradition holds that St. Thomas preached in India and suffered martyrdom there. In addition, tradition holds that St. Andrew was martyred via a form of crucifixion around A.D.60. St. Bartholomew—also understood by many scholars as “Nathaniel”—is also believed to have been martyred, reportedly either by beheading or being flayed alive. St. Philip may have been martyred in Hierapolis (located within modern-day Turkey).

St. Matthew, was martyred, although the manner of his death is disputed. Finally, tradition also holds that St. Simon (the Zealot), the son of Clopas and who is also called Jude, was martyred, as was his apostolic companion, St. Jude (Thaddeus).