August 18, 2019

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

ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
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504-455-7071
stannchurchandshrine.org
contact@stannchurchandshrine.org

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

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.

Pastor
Rev. Fr. Billy O’Riordan ext. 2223

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Fr. Vincent Nguyen, ext. 2224

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 2231
Rev. Mr. Gerard “G” Gautrau
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Rev. Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 2257

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Mr. Dave McCloskey, ext. 2226

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Mr. Brian Sommers 2230

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Mrs. Ann Gauthier, ext. 2222
Mrs. Kay Boutte, ext. 2222

St. Ann School
455-8383
Mrs. Lindsay Guidry, Principal
www.stannschool.org

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
For students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd 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.

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).
Jesus said: “I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were blazing ... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Unsettling words in ways because we want Jesus to be always nice, always understanding, always tolerant, easygoing, never challenging, and always ready to give us what we want. Jesus is not a vending machine. His unsettling words in today’s Gospel take me back to when I was 18 years old. I felt I was a good guy and not into trouble - mischief yes but ... However, after a Sunday Mass a young newly ordained priest said to me: “Billy, I hope the word of God disturbs you.” I took it as an offence at the time. Why should the word of God disturb me? In time, I have come to understand that the word of God should always move us and set a fire under us. If you don’t challenge yourself you will never find out what you could have become. You can’t spell CHALLENGE without change. I share this quote by Frank Clark: “If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn’t lead anywhere.”

Fire and division ... I think about being claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross traced on our foreheads as part of the Rite of Baptism. I think of the lighted candle being given to parents and godparents for their children to be kept burning brightly through faith. I think of sitting by a fireside on a cold winter’s day with a drink and telling stories. I think of a forest fire raging through the land devouring everything in its path. I think of the fire of the Holy Spirit driving the apostles from the Upper Room. With the thought of the Holy Spirit and fire, I think of St. Teresa of Avila who traveled through Spain establishing monasteries of her Carmelite Reform, and how she took an uneducated lay sister with her named Anne of St. Bartholomew. After St. Teresa’s death, Anne was promoted to the Choir and then elected Prioress of the Order against her will. She was subsequently asked not only to establish new monasteries, but to do so in foreign countries. Therefore, she complained to God in prayer saying: “Lord, can you ask all this of me? I am nothing but straw.” The Lord replied: “But it is with straw that I can light my fire.”

The fire of Jesus often causes division among peoples, in families, and within our own being. We are often torn between good and evil which is a good thing in a sense because it means we are alive and have a conscience, but some people give in and give up because it’s easier - giving themselves permission to be reckless - the work of Satan in an attempt to keep people lazy and sluggish and away from the Bread of Eternal Life in the Holy Eucharist ... The fire of Jesus will utterly destroy all habits of sin, impurity and vanity because the divine fire descending from heaven is not passive but active. It will drive its victims out of themselves to become missionaries of hope. Do you want to be in that number? The spark must become a blaze!

Reflection: Fr. Billy
PARISH CALENDAR

18 CYO 6 pm
19 Come & See /St. Ann 9:30 am
   SAM Meeting/ St. Ann 6:00 pm
   Men’s Club Meeting/Cafeteria 7:00 pm
20 Adoration/Chapel 9:15 - 6:00 pm
   Adult Bible Study/St. Raymond 9:45 am
   Children’s Choir Rehearsal/Church 3:30 pm
21 Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond 9:30 am
   Sewing Seams of Faith (class) /St. Raymond 1 pm
   Adult Choir Rehearsal/St. Cecelia 7:00 pm
   Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church 7:00 pm
22 Adult Catechism Study/St. Raymond 9:30 am
   Knights of Columbus (General)/St. Raymond 6:00 pm
   5th Grade Parents Technology Meeting/Café 7 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

The first Men’s Club meeting will be on August 19th. The Home and School Meeting for all mothers of our students will be August 26th in the school cafeteria. The St. Ann School Grandparents Club will have their meeting on September 25th in the school cafeteria. We are happy to have so many parents and grandparents involved in St. Ann School!

Knights of Columbus
Ladies Auxiliary

St. Ann Parish is excited to announce that a Ladies Auxiliary has been established! Our organization is a service organization lending a helping hand wherever we can. We are also a social organization with 53 members at this time.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Bonnie Jones aux3465@gmail.com.

We would also like to encourage you to invite others who may be interested in learning more about the organization. Any female who is a practicing Catholic (18 years or older) is invited to join us.

More information available on our website or call the parish office 455-7071

ONLINE GIVING

Your generosity makes a difference!

Online giving helps St. Ann Parish to save time and money. Recurring gifts help us to plan and give us financial predictability.

WAYS TO GIVE:
ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM, TEXT, MOBILE APP, PHONE THE OFFICE

RCIA

Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Call 455-7071

RCIA
The Feast of the Queenship of Mary
August 22

Why do we call Mary “Queen”?

In 1954 Pope Pius XII declared a feast day honoring Mary as queen of heaven and earth. But “queen” is one of the oldest titles given to Mary in Christian tradition. When Elizabeth spoke of Mary as “the mother of my Lord” (Luke 1:43), she used the words that mean “queen mother” in the Old Testament. Also, in the Old Testament, the Queen was often not the wife of the king, but the mother and she had a distinct role. She was reverenced and honored uniquely by the King, she interceded to the King on behalf of his subjects, and the King honored her requests.

Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God’s plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God’s word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus in an eminent way she won the “crown of righteousness” [See 2 Timothy 4:8] the “crown of life” [See James 1:12; Revelation 2:10] the “crown of glory” [See 1 Peter 5:4] that is promised to those who follow Christ.

As a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Catholic Counseling Service provides ongoing support to our local community through affordable quality counseling with a unique perspective that upholds the richness of our Catholic faith. Understanding that each person has God-given dignity and inherent goodness, we accompany our clients on their journey towards healing and change.

Making the decision to start counseling can be difficult. Let us accompany you on the journey by speaking confidentially with one of our intake coordinators. The intake coordinator will collect necessary information and match you with one of our counselors—who will contact you personally for an appointment.
2019 St. Ann Family Fest - October 4th – 5th
“St. Ann Hosts Family Game Night”

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-Task et 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: ___________________________ Phone: ___________

Donation Category: ___________________________

Amount Enclosed: ___________________________

Tuesday Adoration
Every Tuesday at St. Ann we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel following the 8:45 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. We are in need of adorers to commit to an hour with the Lord, especially the hours of 2 - 3 and 3 - 4. Several people have either moved away or had other circumstances that prevent them from continuing in this ministry, so we need some new people to help fill these time slots. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left alone while it is exposed. If you can spend some time with our Lord, you can sign up here: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/adoration-society or contact the parish office 455-7071.

Discover your faith with the best Catholic media at home and on the go
Create your free account on the FORMED app or at stannchurchandshrine.formed.org
Parish School of Religion Registration Night August 27th

Registration for the fall session of our Parish School of Religion is currently completed on-line by going to: shorturl.at/vHMW3 or the church website and clicking on the Parish School of Religion link. Our Registration Night 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.

Confirmation 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. To register, go to this link: shorturl.at/glty2

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.

Adult Faith Formation

Letter of James—Pearls of Wise Living

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