September 22, 2019
25th Sunday Ordinary Time

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: 9:15 - 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
or by appointment

ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006
504-455-7071
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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

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
ext. 2227 or
(cell) 504-201-2767
Rev. Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 2257

Director of Religious Education
Mr. David Wilson, ext. 2225

Director of Youth Ministry
Miss Noella Balint, ext. 2229

Director of Liturgical Music
Mrs. Trish Foti, 559-8637

Office Manager
Mrs. Debbie Sommers, ext. 2221

Facilities/Maintenance
Mr. Dave McCloskey, ext. 2226

Administrative Assistant
Mr. Brian Sommers, ext. 2230

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

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

BAPTISM
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 3:20pm - 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
For students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

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).
Of all things that exist, man and woman are God’s masterpiece. We are made in the image and likeness of our Creator. He invites us to participate in His work of creation by entrusting to us the care of one another and of the created world. “Fill the earth and subdue it” is a divine command. God, who loves everything that exists, has given us the responsibility for the world (CCC 373).

The Lord condemns the wicked and evil who misuse the earth and mistreat their fellow human beings. In the first reading, the prophet Amos denounces those who “trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land.” For their own benefit, they are willing to lie and cheat. They go from bad to worse, from misuse of the earth to exploitation of man. They buy the lowly and the poor “for a pair of sandals”. To them the LORD has sworn: “Never will I forget a thing they have done!” However, they are not being punished right away. God gives sinners, even the most wicked, the opportunity to repent.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the dishonest steward. Knowing that he was about to lose his job, he reduced the amount owed by his master’s debtors to gain their favor. Though the steward was dishonest, he was praised for “acting prudently”. He knew how to use “dishonest wealth” to make friends for himself. He prudently planned his future.

We, the children of light, need to start planning our future, not only our earthly future, but more importantly, our eternal life. We need to learn to use perishable wealth with prudence so that we may be welcomed into “eternal dwellings.” How should we use earthly possessions to make friends? Be attentive to the poor and the needy. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Visit the sick. Earthly goods are entrusted to us, God’s stewards, so that we may use them in service for God and His people.

To conclude, I want to share a quote from my favorite preacher, Cardinal Luis Tagles, who says: “As stewards, we ought to attend to the concerns of this world in anticipation of eternal life. As stewards, we ought to be trustworthy in handling even the smallest things of this earth. And finally, as stewards, we ought to remain faithful to our Master. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

Reflection by Fr. Vincent
**Parish Calendar**

21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
22 Family Sunday - Refreshments in Cafeteria following 8 & 9:30 am Masses
   CYO 6 pm
23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina
   Come & See - St. Ann Room 9:30
24 Convocation of Priests
   Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service 7 pm
   Adoration - Chapel 9:15 am - 6 pm
   Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond 9:45 am
   PSR Classes 6:45 pm
   Adult Evening Bible Study - James - Cafeteria 7 pm
25 Convocation of Priests
   Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service 6:30 & 8:45
   Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond 9:30 am
   Sewing Seams of Faith - JPII 9:45 am
   Be The Face of Jesus - St. Ann 10 am
   Sewing Seams of Faith (class) - St. Raymond 1 pm
   Grandparents' Club - Cafeteria 6:30 pm
26 Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
   Convocation of Priests
   Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service 6:30 & 8:45
   Adult Catechism - St. Raymond 9:30 am
   Knights of Columbus (General) - St. Raymond 6 pm
27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
   Fair T-shirt & Tennis Shoe Day
   Fair Basket Assembly - Cafeteria 8:45 am
28 Fr. Billy on Vacation Until October 10th
   St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
   Family Fest Booth Set-Up 8 am

**Readings for the Week**

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See more of the students’ artwork on the bulletin boards outside church each week!
The St. Ann School Advisory Council will meet on September 26th. These meetings are open to all St. Ann parishioners and all school parents who wish to observe. Copies of the approved minutes of each meeting are available in the school office. The School Advisory Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor and the Principal in the implementation of current policies and in the development of new policies. The council does not discipline students, develop curriculum, approve instructional materials, hire/fire staff, write regulations or handle grievances. Anyone wishing to address the School Advisory Council concerning school policy and/or development must complete the required form, which is available in the school office. The completed form must be submitted to the School Advisory Council via the school office. You will then be contacted regarding your request.

The St. Ann School Advisory Council officers for 2019-20 are: President – Courtney Fox; Vice-President-Kris Trahan; Secretary-Emily Canizaro; Second Secretary-Jessica Misuraca.

In conjunction with RCIA beginning in October, I am beginning a “Come Home to Your Catholic Faith” ministry. Throughout the year I will be inviting our fallen away brothers and sisters to take a look at how to return to the faith of their Baptism. These messages will be available in our parish bulletin and on our St. Ann web page. You can reach me by leaving a message for me on our parish voicemail system at 504-455-7071 extension 2257. You can also approach me in person to set up an appointment.

Stay tuned for future invitations to Come Home to Your Catholic Faith.
Sincerely yours in faith and love,
Deacon Tom

Almighty Father, you desire not the death of the sinner, but that he may be converted and live. Pour out upon us Your mercy and hear the prayers of Your servants. Soften the hearts of Your children who have strayed from the true path which You established for their salvation. They are now forgetful of their duties as Catholics, and pursue the pleasures of the world. Grant that they may quickly return to the practice of every Christian virtue, so that their lives may shine with the integrity of faith, the fervor of piety, and the ardor of charity. Restore them all to Your sacraments and the life of Your grace, through the merits of the most precious blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen
**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-Task 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.

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**Friday Night Dining**

**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the cafeteria:**
- Shrimp Platter
- Catfish Platter
- Shrimp & Catfish Combo Platter
- Gumbo

**5:30 pm until sold out on the blacktop:**
- Drago’s charbroiled Oysters sold by 1/2 Dozen or Dozen

**All Weekend Treats**
Shrimp Po-Boys, Chicken Strips, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Mozzarella Sticks, French Fries, Jambalaya, Tamales, Funnel Cakes, Frozen Coffee, Ice Cream, Frozen Treats, Frozen Lemonade & More!

Don’t miss out on food & drinks from Zea’s, Reginelli's, Smoothie King, & LucyNuts!

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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: ____________________________

Amount Enclosed: ____________________________
I really thought I was blessed with the gift of prophecy but I keep getting these weird visions of words that don't make sense, like “Wi-Fi,” “LOL,” and “RAM.” I guess I don’t have the gift!