ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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ext. 2224

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Mrs. Lindsay Guidry,
Principal
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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).
There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen, and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill from the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table … We all know the story. Lazarus was sick, maybe old, maybe fought in some war, was homeless, and it sounds like he couldn’t afford to see a doctor, but when he died, he was carried away by angels to heaven. The rich man was carried away to hell by the Devil and his angels, where he lived in torment. Stripped of his finery and sumptuous living he was the same as any other. There is no covering-up when it comes to standing before God. As Albert Einstein said: “Before God we are all equally wise and equally foolish.”

The parable begins with a description of the rich man and his life of luxury. He is a member of the elite. A poor man like Lazarus would not have been able to reciprocate the rich man’s generosity, so he was not important. Therefore, the rich man would naturally insulate himself from the needy to preserve his position and place in society with regard to others. St. Jerome, the Biblical scholar, wrote that Lazarus was laid at the gate and not in a corner, making his presence apparent and obvious. The needy in the Bible can be found in public places [Acts 3:2, Luke 14:21, Acts 14:8, Matthew 20:30, Mark 10:46, John 5:3]. Today, we often find them at traffic lights … It’s ironic that Lazarus longs for the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table in his earthly life, while the rich man longs for a drop of water falling from the finger of Lazarus as relief from his torment in Hades. The reversal becomes apparent as the story progresses.

The rich man probably had all the trappings associated with a rich man’s funeral, but there is no mention of Lazarus’ funeral and burial. His body was probably discarded in the local heap of burning refuse, discarded and not buried, yet carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham … Lazarus was cast aside but was carried by angels to his reward, while the rich man was carried to his marble tomb with dignity but was cast aside into torment … The rich man then asked for relief that he was unwilling to offer Lazarus. Maybe, he expected Lazarus to swap places with him.

Realizing his eternity and no relief, the rich man turns his attention to his brothers. This concern reflects his own self-interest and only looking out for his own - no concern for others and the plight of the poor. St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote that the rich man was still only concerned with his earthly life, whereas Lazarus was unconcerned about the past. Interestingly, Lazarus has no voice … He is given an identity as one dependent on others and who makes no demands. The rich man didn't have to go out of his way to be compassionate. All he had to do was look at this own gate … This illustrates the saying: “Charity begins at home.” Charity begins with small efforts. St. Teresa of Calcutta put it this way: “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

Reflection: Fr. Billy

Mass Intentions

Sunday September 29
4:00 pm George A. Sanderson Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Salvador D’Amico, Sherron Leggio, James Morris, Gardner & McCleland Families, Evan W. Beck (living), Sheryl Ann Khatri, Ernie Becnel, Melva Helwig, Jillian Clark, Gertrude Melancon, Frances DeBroy, John Howard Gilley Jr., Cynthia A. Garvey
8:00 am Lucian Dormoy
9:30 am Andy Williams
11:00 am All aborted babies, Jennie Macaluso, Clarence F. Schlamp Jr., Robert Karl, Tran Family (S.I.), Seltz Couvillion, Mabel Couvillion, Edgar Couvillion, Edward Couvillion, John Couvillon
5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday September 30
6:30 am Anna Vo
8:45 am Ramona Caro

Tuesday October 1
6:30 am Mr. Mrs. H.C. Alexander
8:45 am Mary Fish
7:00 pm Jillian Clark

Wednesday October 2
6:30 am Souls in Purgatory
8:45 am Ronald McCauley

Thursday October 3
6:30 am Deceased members of Daughters of St. Paul
8:45 am Frederick Doolen

Friday October 4
6:30 am Anna Gleason
8:45 am Aline Richards

Saturday October 5
7:30 am Mary Fish

September 29 - October 5, 2019
Sanctuary Light
Jack Demarest
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **29** Cub Scouts Selling Popcorn following Masses
  - Fr. Billy on Vacation until 10/15
  - CYO 6 pm
- **30** St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor
- **Oct 1** St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
  - Adoration - Chapel 9:15 am - 6 pm
  - Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond 9:45 am
  - KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - JPII 6:30 pm
  - PSR 6:45 pm
- **2** The Holy Guardian Angels
  - Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond 9:30 am
  - Sewing Seams of Faith - St. Raymond 1:00 pm
  - School Rosary - Church 2:40 pm
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecelia 7 pm
  - Youth Choir Rehearsal - Church 7 pm
- **3** Fair T-Shirt & Tennis Shoe Day
  - No Afternoon Daycare
  - Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond 9:30 am
  - Fair Basket Assembly - Gym 2:15 pm
  - Family Fest Booth Set-Up - School Yard 6:30 pm
  - Adult Faith Formation - JPII 7 pm
- **4** 1st Friday Adoration - Church 9:30 am
  - Family Fest Holiday - No School - No Holiday Care
  - Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi
  - Family Fest
- **5** Family Fest

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**Ashley Code**

Ashley Code wanted to serve others and to be the face of Jesus. Inspired by her generosity and love of Jesus and with the support of the Code family, St. Ann Men’s Club began the Ashley Code Pay it Forward Memorial Golf Tournament to raise money to support active St. Ann Parishioners and their families who are facing financial hardship due to debilitating illness. The Ashley Code Fund was created from the proceeds of the golf tournament. A portion of this fund is set up to provide financial assistance for those within St. Ann Parish community who have a financial need due to serious medical needs. Any St. Ann parishioner who is facing a debilitating illness should fill out the Assistance Application Form, which can be obtained on the St. Ann website under the Ashley Code Golf Tournament link within the Men’s Club tab or pick up a form from the church office.

[https://stannchurchandshrine.org/ashley-code-memorial-fund](https://stannchurchandshrine.org/ashley-code-memorial-fund)

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**FAMILY SUNDAY**

St. Ann Home and School Club worked in conjunction with St. Ann School and Parish offices to host Family Sunday on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Over 400 members of the St. Ann community came out to celebrate this year’s theme- LOVE- in the cafeteria and enjoyed donuts, coffee and family photo props following 8am and 9:30am masses. Also on display in the cafeteria were the “family hearts” projects turned in by each grade where students shared photos or drawings of their families on hearts to celebrate their love for their families.
Our students have completed nearly two months of school! The first quarter will be complete on Oct. 11th. This Thursday will be our first Pep Rally of the school year. We are preparing for a wonderful Family Fest next weekend.

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
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!

Schedule of Events
Friday - October 4, 2019
5-7:30 pm Lakeshore Drivers
8-11 pm Paperchase

Saturday - October 5, 2019
10 am Bubble Run/Fun Run
11 am St. Ann School Band
11:30 am PK4C, KC, 1C
12 pm PK4D, KD, 1D
12:30 pm St. Ann School Choir
1 pm St. Ann Cheerleaders
1:30 pm PK4A, KA, 1A
2 pm PK4B, KB, 1B
2 pm Old MacDonald Game in Cafeteria
4-6:30 pm Jenna Hunts Band
7-10 pm 90 Degrees West
10 pm $1,500 Raffle Drawing

Opening of the 2020 Mass Book
The Mass Book for 2020 will be opened on Wednesday, October 16 at 9:00 AM.

~Please submit your Mass intentions, Sanctuary Light, and Altar Decoration requests in person on Wednesday, October 16 in the Parish Office. The requests will not be posted upon receipt, but will be posted in the order in which they are received.

~The offerings (stipends) requested are as follows: Mass intention - $5; Sanctuary Light - $10; Altar Decorations - $35; Altar Flowers - $90 (Two sprays at $45 each – Contact Church Office to make arrangements)

~In fairness to everyone, we will accept SIX Mass requests per family at this time. After all requests are entered, the book will remain open for additional requests.

~If your requested date/time is not available, we will contact you by phone to select an alternate date/time.

~In the event that a priest is away and a Communion Service is held in place of the scheduled Mass, those Mass intentions will be moved to another date/time as close to requested date/time as possible.

PLEASE PRINT so that information can be published in the bulletin correctly.

Request for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light
and/or Altar Decorations

Requested by:___________________________________________
Phone :_________________________________________________
Alternate phone (if applicable): _____________________________

Mass Intentions
Name of Deceased                   Date/Time Requested
1_______________________________________________________________________
2_______________________________________________________________________
3_______________________________________________________________________
4_______________________________________________________________________
5_______________________________________________________________________
6_______________________________________________________________________

Sanctuary Lights
(Begins on Sunday for one week)
Name of Deceased                        Week Requested
Church ________________________________________________
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Altar Decorations
(Begins on Sunday and lasts for one week)
Name of Deceased                                      Week Requested
________________________________________________________

If requested times/dates for any of the above are not available, you will be contacted to select alternate times/dates.
Want to Learn More About the Catholic Church?

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.

Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

A meeting for all sponsors of students wishing to be Confirmed at St. Ann will be held on Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If a sponsor is unable to attend, a parent of the Confirmation candidate should attend in their place. Questions should be forwarded to dwilson@stannchurchandshrine.org.

Knights of Columbus Offers the Louisiana Tuition Lottery Program

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus Council is currently promoting the new Catholic School Supplemental Tuition Lottery Program. This program is open to Knights of Columbus members in good standing in Louisiana or are “Online Members” assigned to a Louisiana Division. Widows of Louisiana knights who were in good standing at the time of their death are also eligible.

There will be 4 drawings for the year (one each quarter). Four (4) entries will be drawn each quarter. (A total of 16 entries will be drawn for the year.) Each winning entry will receive $500 which will be paid directly to the child’s Catholic school.

This program is designed to both support Catholic Education, as well as Catholic families. This is just another example of the benefits of becoming a Knight of Columbus! To learn more about joining the Knights of Columbus, call 338-5229 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org.

Knights of Columbus

Faith Family Fraternity!

Life Has Many Choices Eternity Has TWO!

Knights of Columbus Catholic Essay Contest

All students in grades 8—12 can enter the Knights of Columbus Catholic Essay Contest for a chance to win prizes at the local district, state and National levels!

The essay should be approximately 500-750 words on the theme “Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity.” Entries will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme – which should showcase creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

Essays may be turned in to the church office by Monday, October 14th. Questions may be forwarded to kc3465@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Pencil Program Pushes Forward!!!

As many of you know and have been supporting, the St. Ann CYO is trying to collect One Million Pencils!!! Yes, that’s right One Million Pencils! This is part of a Respect Life Project that will be displayed when the goal is reached. Can you imagine seeing a million pencils in one place?? The purpose of this program is to visually show the more than One Million Babies that are lost each year through abortion IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE!!! Please help support our awareness efforts by bringing in ALL pencils. We need all sorts of pencils: big ones, little ones, new ones, old ones, short ones, long ones, skinny ones, any color, any style, any condition. We have drop boxes in the church entrances or we can even come and get them from you. Email noella@stannchurchandshrine.org with questions.