ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
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contact@stannchurchandshrine.org
Pastor: Fr. Billy O’Riordan
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Vincent Nguyen

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:15 - 10:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday:
6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 AM Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday: 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 pm
or by appointment

Pray with us on Saturdays!
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 PM
Rosary 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM

St. Ann School
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4921 Meadowdale St.
504-455-8383
Lindsay Guidry, Principal

Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

The Baptism of the Lord
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It is fitting that on this final feast of the season of Christmas, we celebrate Jesus’ baptism, and with it our own entry into Christ’s life through the waters of baptism. During Christmas, we have reflected on the stunning recognition that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ. Now, as we make the transition to Ordinary Time, we think about what it means to follow this same Christ, the Anointed One of God. In baptism, we too are anointed. Baptism plunges us into Christ’s death and resurrection; in baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. Baptism, which is available to all who believe, draws us to the very heart of God. In baptism, we become the servants of the Lord, chosen ones who are called for the victory of justice, a light for the nations.

WHY ARE YOU COMING TO ME?

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist’s voice as he says to Jesus, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus’ response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God’s plan of love.

CHRIST’S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ’s body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God’s love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ’s mission your mission?

Today’s Readings: Is 42:1–4, 6–7; Ps 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10; Acts 10:34–38; Mt 3:13–17

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12 The Baptism of the Lord
   6 PM CYO Spiritual Night - Church
13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor
   9:30 AM Come & See - St. Ann Room
   9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
   7 PM KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - JPII & St. Cecelia Rooms
   7 PM RCIA - St. Ann Room
14 Fr. Vincent on Vacation 7/14 - 2/5
   9:15 AM Adoration - Chapel until 6 PM
   9:45 AM Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond
   6:45 PM PSR Classes - Cafeteria & Classrooms
15 8:45 AM School Mass
   9:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond
   1 PM Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond
   7 PM 2nd Grade Parents Sacramental Meeting - Cafeteria
   7 PM Confirmation Session 2 Class 1 - TBD & Classrooms
16 9:30 AM Adult Catechism - St. Raymond
   9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
   7 PM Adult Faith Formation - JPII Room
   7 PM School Advisory Council Meeting - Parish Office
17 St. Anthony, Abbot
   8:45 K - 1st Mass
   7 PM Children’s Bingo (PK4 - K) - Cafeteria
18 10 AM Confirmation Retreat
   6:30 PM Date Night - Cafeteria

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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ParishSOFT Giving
If you are using ParishSOFT Giving for your donations, now is a good time to review your information, donations, and the second collections for 2020. Please log in at https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stannchurch to review all of your information and make any changes necessary. If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, please create an account using the same link.

A list of Second Collections for 2020 is below and can be found on our website under Documents: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/giving

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Debbie Sommers in the Parish Office, 504-455-7071 ext 2221, dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org.

2020 Second Collections
Listed below are the Special 2020 Second Collections and their dates approved by the USCCB and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

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**ST. ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

*Walk Through Tours*
Every Monday and Thursday - 9:30am - School Office

*Open House*
January 8, 2020 - 7:30pm - Cafeteria

**ONLINE Registration for Returning Students - January 20-24, 2020**
Registration, Non-Support and iPad Fees due by Friday, Jan. 24, 2020
Tuition due by May 1, 2020

*New Student Registration*
February 3, 2020 – 6:00-7:00pm - Cafeteria
Registration and Non-Support Fees collected
We are currently accepting early applications for our PK2, PK3, and PK4 Programs

**PK2 - PK3 - PK4 PROGRAMS**
Children must be potty-trained for the PK3 and PK4 year old programs. Child must reach age 2, 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2020. Uniforms are required for all grade levels PK2-7th Grade.

**Early Application Fee:** PK2 / PK3 / PK4 - $25.00 (non-refundable but applied to Registration Fee)

**Registration Fee:** PK2 / PK3 / PK4 Programs - $175.00 per child (non-refundable)

**Tuition:**
- 2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (5) - M-T-W-T-F - $5790. per child
- 2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (3) - M-W-F - $3790. per child
- 2 or 3 year old - Half Day (3) - M-W-F - $2590. per child

PK2, PK3 and PK4 programs are separate from Kindergarten-7th grade. Families with children in both will not be offered a family tuition rate.

**KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE**
Kindergarten - child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020. Readiness skills are expected.

**Registration Fee:** $165.00 - 1 child / $150.00 - each additional child (non-refundable)

**Non-Support Fee:** $350.00 per child (non-refundable)

**iPad Fee:** $170.00 annually for 5th-7th grades

**Tuition:**
- 1 child - $ 5590.
- 2 children - $10,580. = $5590. (1st) + $4990. (2nd)
- 3 children - $14,270. = $5590. (1st) + $4990. (2nd) + $3690. (3rd)

Non-Catholic families do not receive the family tuition discount. St. Ann School continues to strive to keep tuition costs manageable.

*WHAT IS THE ST. ANN SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL?*

The Advisory Council is an advisory to the Pastor and the Principal. The Advisory Council is established to serve as a resource to the Principal in implementing Archdiocesan policies and in formulating policies on the local parish level. The Advisory Council consists of 9 members (with or without children at St. Ann School), the Principal, and the Pastor.

**WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER?**

Qualifications of potential Advisory Council members include:
- A practicing Catholic attending mass weekly at St. Ann and supporting the parish
- Able to attend monthly meetings, which take place on the third Thursday of each school month
- Willingness to serve on the Advisory Council’s various committees and attend committee meetings
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- Accepting the Advisory Council’s proper role as a policy making body, not an administrative body
- Able to keep completely confidential those matters discussed in executive sessions

Please prayerfully consider the person or persons you feel have the necessary spiritual gifts and skills in our community to serve on the St. Ann School Advisory Council. List the name(s) below.

**SELF-NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**

If you have any questions or need further information about the Advisory Council, please contact:
Kris Trahan at kjtrahan@cox.net or Megan Edwards at megedwards7@gmail.com.

Forms should be returned to the school office no later than Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Name ________________ Phone __________

Email ______________________________

Name ________________ Phone __________

Email ______________________________
"Our Love Stories" St. Ann Church & National Shrine

Date Night

Saturday, January 18, 2020
ST. Ann Cafeteria ~ 6:30 PM
$30 per Couple

Dinner & Entertainment

Babysitting Ages 4 and up

Date Night is limited to 75 couples.
Last year, this even sold out, so be sure to purchase your tickets early!
Tickets are available on our website or in the parish office
504-455-7071.
https://stannchurchandshrine.org/marriage-family-life-1

Sponsors are welcome and appreciated to help offset the cost of this event.
Please see our website for details or call the parish office.
https://stannchurchandshrine.org/date-night-sponsors
Men’s Spiritual Retreat

All men of St. Ann parish are invited to participate in the Archdiocesan Men’s Spiritual Retreat, entitled: “Mission Possible: Personal Holiness.” Our council of the Knights of Columbus will pay 60% of the cost of the retreat for any man of our parish wishing to attend. Your cost will be just $15 for the entire day. This will be held March 7 at St. Catherine of Sienna Church and includes lunch. Guest speakers include Jack Del Rio, Peter Herbeck, and Curtis Martin. More information is available online at https://www.neworleanscatholic.com

Contact the church office at 455-7071 to sign up. Reservations are limited!

Knights of Columbus Council #3465
Presents Their 3rd Annual Super Bowl Dance
Saturday February 1st 2020
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Tickets: $15.00 Each / $25.00 Couple

Table reserved with purchase of 8 tickets
DRINK SET-UPS PROVIDED

Music By: Russell & The Crossroads

Reservations, Tickets or Information Contact:
Coach Bob Stevens: (504) 454-3421 email coachbob03@hotmail.com
David Wilson: (504) 338-5229 text or call, email kc3465@gmail.com

Pre-sale tickets available NOW in the Church office!

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? What can we learn about her from Sacred Scripture? Find out the answers in this Lectio series on Mary, beginning Monday January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, and building upon his book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary,” this video-led series, entitled, “Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God,” examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God. This promises to be a very insightful and enlightening presentation.

The Little Ones

John tried to prevent him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Mt 3:14

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