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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: Fr. Billy O’Riordan
Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Vincent Nguyen

WEEKDAY CHURCH HOURS
M-W-Th-Friday
6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday
6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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

St. Ann School
stannschool.org
4921 Meadowdale St.
504-455-8383
Lindsay Guidry, Principal
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A  
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 I Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Well, friends in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, now that we have celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are back in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is called ordinary not because it is common, but because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us to transform our lives, and believe me there is nothing ordinary about that journey! The goal of the Church Calendar Year is that we be caught up in the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God and the King of the Universe. Ordinary Time will be interrupted by Lent and Eastertide, and will resume again with the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time on June 21st. However, as the baptized there should be nothing “ordinary” about our lives.

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus saying: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world … Ecce Agnus Dei …” The tragedy of society today is the downplaying or denial of our sinfulness. The problem with this is that if we downplay our sinfulness, we downplay our need for Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Some think it’s no big deal to miss Mass on Sunday … Pope Francis says: “Lukewarm Christians put God in a corner.” It’s not unusual for people to be habitually late for Mass and avoid the acknowledgment of sins in preparation to meet the Lord in word and sacrament - the sacred mysteries! The perpetually late should read Matthew 25:1-13 for reflection. I feel Jesus and the Holy Eucharist is treated more like some “take-out” … Some would be happy if we had a drive-up window for Holy Communion. Many people do not recognize Jesus Christ because they do not recognize themselves as sinners. Instead of downplaying our sinfulness, or denying it, we should admit it and seek out the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pope Francis constantly warns us about man’s oldest foe - the Devil. He says Satan doesn’t want our holiness and he doesn’t want us to follow Christ. The Devil is here … even in the 21st century, and he attacks the family. Be vigilant with Jesus Christ in the attacks! The Devil plants evil where there is good, trying to divide people, families and nations … sowing weeds in the fields of this life, and sadly we are often blind to the weeds. The Devil cannot stand seeing the sanctity of the Church or the sanctity of a person without trying to do something. The Devil often disguises himself …

**Rumors and gossip are weapons of the Devil.** He always seeks to separate us from God and sows seeds of pessimism and bitterness in our hearts. As Pope Francis says: “Many Christians wash their hands [like Pilate] when faced with the challenges posed by society … Putting God in a corner. What if God put you in a corner and washed his hands?

**Reflection: Fr. Billy**
**PARISH CALENDAR**

19 6 PM CYO Sports Night - Gym
20 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr
   St. Sebastian, Martyr
   Online Registration for Returning Students 1/20 - 1/24
   Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Holiday
   9:30 AM Come & See - St. Ann Room
   6 PM SAM Meeting - JP II
   6:30 PM KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - St. Cecelia
   7 PM Men’s Club Meeting - Cafeteria
   7 PM RCIA - St. Ann room

21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
   March for Life - 1/21 - 1/26
   6:45 PM PSR Classes - Cafeteria & Classrooms

22 St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
   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 Pastoral Council Meeting - St. Raymond

23 Science & Social Studies Fair
   No Hot Lunch - Chicken Strips Only
   9:30 AM Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond
   9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
   6 PM KC General Meeting - St. Raymond

24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
   3:45 Beta Club Induction Ceremony - Gym
   7 PM Bunco (5th & 6th Grades) - Cafeteria

25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
   1 PM Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby - Cafeteria & Gym

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

**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

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](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](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

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 6th-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.

We are mindful of the investment that you are making in your child’s future. Please know that tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating your child.

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 ____________________________
It's time to come home to YOUR Catholic Faith

As we begin another new year, a new decade, and the rest of our lives, it is good for us to look back at our lives and giving thanks to God our Father for the blessings we have been granted by Him thus far; for me it is the gift of my faith. I look forward with wonderment to what God has in store for me in this graced year of 2020.

The year 2020 sounds strange in a way. When I think of 2020 I think about vision. Perfect eyesight is 20/20 vision, so they say, but to me perfect eyesight is seeing God’s presence in every aspect of my life: in my family, friends, in my job, and especially here in our parish. I would like all of us to share in the 20/20 eyesight God has in store for all of our lives. If you, or someone you know has lost his 20/20 sight of God, this may be the year to improve that vision and return home to our Catholic Church, which always has 20/20 vision for all of God’s daughters and sons - that vision is for all to gain eternal happiness in heaven with Him.

On January 19th, we are beginning our RCIA program for 2020. RCIA stands for The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The program is designed to teach the richness and fullness of the faith to those who desire to enter into the Catholic Church. It is an opportunity to discover or REDISCOVER what should be the most important aspect of our lives. If you are already a Catholic who has fallen away from the practice of your faith, I would love the opportunity to share with you the course outline we are going to use this year.

Let this be the year for you to develop that 20/20 vision to attain eternal happiness with Him in heaven. Please contact me through our parish voicemail system at 504-455-7071, extension 2267 and I will be happy to help you to come home to your Catholic Faith.
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 40% of the cost of the retreat for any man of our parish wishing to attend. Your cost will be just $25 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!

Drinking From My Saucer
Author – Unknown

I’ve never made a fortune, And it’s probably too late now. But I don’t worry about that much, I’m happy anyhow. As I go through life’s journey I’m reaping better than I’ve sowed. For I’m drinking from my saucer, Because my cup has overflowed.

I don’t have lots of riches, And sometimes the going is tough. But I’ve got children who love me, That makes me rich enough. I just thank God for His blessings And the mercies He’s bestowed. For I’m drinking from my saucer, Because my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when all went wrong And my faith got a little thin. Then all at once the dark clouds broke And the sun peaked thru again. So, Lord, help me not to gripe About the tough rows I’ve hoed. For I’m drinking from my saucer, Because my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage when the way grows steep and rough, I’ll not ask for other blessings. For I’m already blessed enough. And may I never be too busy To help another bear his load. For I’ll keep drinking from my saucer, Because my cup has overflowed.

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!

Pray to Protect Human Life! January 21-29
“9 Days for Life” is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of Life. Sign up for daily prayers sent straight to your inbox January 21-29! Register on-line using the following link or email us at kc3465@gmail.com and we can send you the daily prayers. God bless! https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020-koc/

Calling ALL students ages 9—14!
Your local Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a free throw basketball contest for ALL students, girls & boys, ages 9—14 on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. in St. Ann Gym. There is no cost to enter, but students must arrive for 12:30 p.m. to register.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.