They left their nets and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:20

ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
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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 BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:15 - 10:00 am
Catholic Schools Week 2020 is celebrated from January 26th until February 1st. The benefits of a Catholic education have been studied and well documented. Results show that students who attend Catholic school receive a challenging, high quality academic experience in a supportive environment with an emphasis on Catholic values and college preparation. The self-discipline developed by students along with learning to accept responsibility and to respect others, work to create excellent life-long learners and academic excellence. Therefore, our students are taught to think, reach, and shine.

A few weeks ago, I came across a piece on Facebook entitled: A Priest’s Powerful Plea to Parents - Catholic Schools are only Catholic with your Help. It’s worth a read. He states that it’s not about putting up statuary here and there and saying it’s Catholic. It’s not about having religion classes as part of the curriculum. Yes, religion needs to be taught for sure, but more needs to happen. Parents and godparents need to keep their side of the agreement, actually their promise made to God and the Church in Baptism to raise their children in the ways of the faith by bringing them up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbor. Are you raising your children to be in that number when the saints go marching in? I am not talking football here. I am talking about the end times … Will they be in that number? You can make that difference as a parent in the ways of the faith.

Some say that they want their children to make up their own mind about what religion … I say: Do you let them make up their own mind about going to school, going to bed, getting up in the morning? Don’t shirk your responsibility. Be the difference that makes a difference, and build a firm and strong foundation for your children. It’s not enough to put a roof over your children’s heads. You need to build a solid foundation for them spiritually. The pilings for the foundation are like the sacraments of the Church. I encourage you to read Matthew 7:24-27 about building a foundation for the future. Think of it like this: It’s easier to build strong children than to repair broken men and women.

The response to today’s psalm is: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. Your words, your life can be spirit and life for your children. Don’t underestimate your witness and above all your testimony to faith. A family, like branches on a tree, can grow in all different directions, yet the roots remain the same. St. Paul in the second reading today speaks of the Body of Christ having many parts. It made me think about what St. Teresa of Avila said: Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks with compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he goes about doing good. Yours are the hands … Christ has no body now but yours.

Reflection: Fr. Billy
Fr. Vincent on vacation 1/14—2/5

26 Sunday of the Word of God
  6 PM CYO - Youth House
  7 PM Family Fest Meeting - Cafeteria
27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin
  9:30 AM Come & See - St. Ann Room
  9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
  7 PM Lectio: Mary - St. Cecelia Room
  7 PM RCIA - St. Ann Room
28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
  9:15 AM - 6 PM Adoration - Chapel
  9:45 AM Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond Room
  6:45 PM PSR Classes - Classrooms & Cafeteria
29 9:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond Room
  7 PM Confirmation Classes - Classrooms & Cafeteria
30 9:30 AM Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond Room
  9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
31 St. John Bosco - Priest
  St. Ann Pelican’s Night
Feb
1-2 Bethlehem Nativity Group (Holy Land Gifts)
  All Masses
  6 PM Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Dance - Gym

**Online Giving**

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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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
- Able to subordinate purely personal concerns as a parent from the overall welfare of all the students and the welfare of the parish and the school.

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 ________________________________

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Baptisms at St. Ann

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month (except during Lent) following the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the church office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth at 455-7071 and ask for the Baptism Coordinator to schedule an interview and date for the Pre-Baptism Seminar. The celebration of infant baptism will be arranged during the interview process.
"Our Love Stories" was a great success! The Date Night committee transformed the cafeteria to give married couples an evening that included dinner, entertainment, and babysitting provided by St. Ann teachers. If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact the parish office.

The menu included Cesar Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, and White Chocolate Bread Pudding for dessert and was catered by Wanda Mckinney.

We would like to thank the Brother Martin Culinary Club, St. Ann Confirmation Candidates, and volunteers from St. Michael Special School for doing an amazing job of serving dinner.

Two couples shared their Love Stories; we watched a funny video about How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anyone; and Fr. Billy helped us renew our wedding vows. Everyone had a beautiful night.

Photos and a slideshow of wedding photos are posted on our St. Ann Facebook page and printed copies of couples photos are available in the parish office, compliments of our Knights of Columbus Council.

Thank you to everyone who came out. We look forward to putting on this event again next year!  

That's Amore!
Respect Life Committee

This ministry assists the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in disseminating information to Parishioners in regards to all Life matters. The ministry’s main focus points are these:

To recruit volunteers to hand out the NCCB’s Respect Life Month literature after each Mass on a designated Sunday in October.

To assist the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in disseminating petitions, letters, etc., as requested by the Archbishop.

To assist the Pastor, the Pastoral Council, parents’ clubs and St. Ann School with the acquisition of pro-life literature, audiovisual aids and guest speakers and to facilitate any respect life activities.

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!

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!

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 Ministry 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.

Dear Annie . . .

This article will endeavor to collect and answer your common questions regarding our Faith, Church or practices. Submit your questions to stannreled@bellsouth.net or call the church office and leave a message on extension 2225.

Dear Annie,

After Communion, I have noticed some people go up to the altar and receive a blessing and leave Mass before everyone else. What’s that about? Signed, Observant

Dear Observant,

Since the Second Vatican Council, the role of the laity has seen increasing importance. One of the most important change has been in the role of “Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion,” (EMHC). The role of this lay person is to assist with distribution of Holy Communion in circumstances in which the number of bishops, priests or deacons is insufficient to adequately distribute Communion in a worthy manner. Another role is that they help bring Holy Communion to the many sick and homebound of our parish. After the congregation has received Communion, the EMHC’s are called forward, receive the hosts that will be brought to those unable to attend Mass. Since they are now carrying the Most Precious Body of our Lord, the proper protocol is that they leave immediately and go directly to the sick and homebound, stopping for nothing along the way. This is one of four proper “dismissals” during the Mass. The first being the children for the “Children’s Liturgy of the Word,” (right before the proclamation of the Word), followed by the RCIA candidates (just after the homily), the sending of EMHC’s (after Communion), and finally the sending of all the faithful to “go out into the world to proclaim the Gospel message by our lives.