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

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Parochial Vicar:
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ST. ANN SCHOOL
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Lindsay Guidry, Principal
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10 | Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth … You are the light of the world …”

At his daily Mass on May 24, 2015 Pope Francis said: Be salt of the earth, not museum Christians. Christians are called to be the salt of the earth, and if they don’t share the flavor of their faith, hope, and love with others, they are simply museum Christians, Pope Francis said.

Salt has meaning when it gives flavor to something. Salt kept in a bottle, with the humidity, loses its strength and is useless. When salt is used properly, it improves the taste of food … Christianity is to be salt for the earth bearing in mind that every person is given different gifts and talents. Surely we don’t want be insipid and uninteresting Christians.

Pope Francis said God gives each person faith, gifts and talents to share and bring the “taste of God” to the world.

Abraham Lincoln said: “In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”

Salt of the earth - Jesus’ compliment to start with, but then we must know that we must also bring “the taste of God” to the world. But what if salt loses its taste? Sadly, some people have lost their taste … have lost their appetite for spiritual realities … have lost their taste and curiosity for things of the spirit because they have an insatiable desire and curiosity for the things of this world and losing sight of the world to come. It is this taste for such things that has given them a distaste for the things of God.

Why have we lost our taste? Jesus doesn’t give the answer, but he is saying that it is up to us to preserve the ways of faith and to live lives that are a message and inspiration to others and the world.

“Your life is your message to the world. Make sure it’s inspiring.”

Reflection: Fr. Billy
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday**
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday**
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday**
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Parish Calendar

**St. Ann School News**

In addition to our strong academic program, our **Home and School Club** is happy to offer fun, community events for our students. Last month we had a pajama party and movie night for first through fourth grade students. We also had a PK4 through kindergarten bingo night and a Bonko for fifth and sixth grade students. The Home and School Club will also provide a special seventh grade student activity at Rock 'N' Bowl in the spring. The students always enjoy these special weekend activities with their classmates.

Hosted by St. Ann Men’s Club

**Stannmensclub.org**

**Saturday, March 14, 2019**
**12:00 - 6:00 PM**
**St. Ann Parking Lot**

Kid Zone $10 entire event
Cook-Off samples $2 additional food and snacks available

$5 Raffle on a Big Green Egg cooker

**Fr. Billy** met with altar servers and readers in the sacristy before St. Ann’s Catholic Schools Week Mass and explained the different symbols on the front of the Book of the Gospels.

**THINK! REACH! SHINE! #HaveFaithInCatholicSchools**
We have a new member of the Catholic Church at St Ann School. At our school Mass, one of our second graders made a profession of faith surrounded by his parents and his sponsor, our Assistant Principal Mrs. Janie Leingang.

Second Collection - February 15 - 16, 2020
Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa

Through the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. The collection will be taken up in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on February 15-16, 2020.

February Respect Life Focus
This month we focus on our brothers and sisters who are victims and survivors of human trafficking, for those who buy them and for those who sell them. May victims and survivors experience restoration and healing. May those who perpetrate trafficking experience conversion of the heart.

Spiritual work of mercy...
Join us as we pray the Novena for an End to Human Trafficking February 9-17. Go here for more information and to sign up via email.
https://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking

A corporal work of mercy you can do...
Baptist Friendship House is collecting items for their backpacks for victims of Human Trafficking. They are in specific need of ladies’ underwear sizes 5 and 6, deodorant and exercise pants/leggings.
If you can help, contact Baptist Friendship House at 504-949-4469.

St. Ann CYO is assembling a group to attend Abbey Youth Fest on March 21, 2020.
Forms and Fees are due to the parish office by February 19, 2020. The cost is $55 which includes registration, lunch, dinner, and a t-shirt.

For additional information, please visit our website: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/cyo

Blessings,
Noella Balint, CYO Director
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LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT

SEAFOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ST. ANN EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

Keep your eyes open for a flyer detailing the menus for each Friday of Lent.

There will be two traditional Lenten Seafood Dinners put on by the St. Ann Men’s Club.

There will be two dinners in the Cafeteria and two drive-through only dinners put on by the Knights of Columbus.

Stations of the Cross

Mark your calendars for Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ’s sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions.

You can find many resources about the Stations of the Cross on our website: stannchurchandshrine.org/stations-of-the-cross

Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. This event is for couples married 50 years or more. Each couple will receive a certificate and picture with Archbishop Aymond. Please register by Friday, March 20, 2020, by contacting the parish or going to nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

St. Ann Lenten Mission

Fr. Brice Higginbotham from the Houma Thibodaux Diocese will lead us in our Lenten Mission this year.

You may have seen some of his videos on Facebook answering questions about Why Do We Do That?

SAVE THE DATES!

March 9 - 11 with Masses at 10 AM & 7 PM

Confessions in Every Parish

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer Confessions in every parishes from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM on three consecutive Wednesdays:

March 18, March 25, and April 1

My name is Father Brice. I’m from a little town in south-central Louisiana called Church Point, where I lived from 1990 until 2009. I loved growing up on the Cajun Prairie where, in the words of Coach Speyrer, I learned the value of a relationship with God, of family, and of football—in that order. It's there too that I learned the value of hard work by practicing baseball with my Paran, crawling around in hot attics during the August heat to help my dad repair and service air conditioners or working my other jobs as a cashier & short order cook, janitor & maintenance assistant, and amateur computer repair man.

After falling in love with Jesus as a sophomore in high school, I resolved to follow wherever He might lead me. Little did I know that His call would lead me to Thibodaux, to seminary, and now to the great land of Morgan City! At 19 years old, I moved to Thibodaux to follow God’s call into the seminary. I can’t explain exactly why Jesus called me from my first home of Church Point to my new home of Houma-Thibodaux, but it has been a joy to be here in the diocese and to be here specifically in Morgan City for this year.

In the seminary, I loved the prayer and study of philosophy and theology, but hated to be away from my new home. I was ordained a deacon in 2016 and a priest in 2017, at whence time I was assigned to St. Francis Cathedral in Houma. I thought that I would be there for a couple of years, but God had other plans. First, after 6 months, He called me to serve at Christ the Redeemer in Thibodaux and now, after 18 months at CTR, he has blessed me with the privilege of pastoring Holy Cross and serving as chaplain for Central Catholic.
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First Reconciliation Celebrated Feb. 5th

Students from St. Ann School and Parish School of Religion received their First Reconciliation this past Wednesday evening! These second grade students went to confession to a variety of at least 8 priests here at St. Ann church. They are currently preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time on May 2 this year.

Congratulations to all and please keep them in your prayers!

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