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

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
My dear sisters and brothers,

As many of you might have known, I had recently come back from a three-week trip to Vietnam. I was able to celebrate the Vietnamese New Year with my family for the first time in ten years. I had a great time with my dad, my family, and friends. I also met three new members of my family: a grandniece, a grandnephew, and a nephew-in-law. My family made a trip to visit La Vang and Tra Kieu, the places in Vietnam where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to help the persecuted Christians. In my prayer, I placed St. Ann’s family under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and I knew for sure that you were praying for me too. The proof of your prayers for me is that I have come home safely. Thank you so much for your love and prayers!

While I was in Vietnam, my friends and I visited some needy families who lived not too far from my hometown. We spent time listening to their stories, praying with them, and giving some food and financial support. I’d like to share with you the stories of two families we met.

In the first family, the father was killed in a traffic accident; he was survived by his young wife and three children. The middle child was a boy who lost his right eye and was about to lose the other one. The oldest daughter was about 14, but looked much smaller than her age who might have to quit school so that she could work to help her mother to provide for her younger siblings.

In the second family, the parents were in their 40s. They had three sons. All of them were born healthy and normal. But when they turned 9 or 10, they became paralyzed. All three of them had the same illness. When we entered their house, the boys were lying on the floor. The mother had to stay home taking care of the boys. The father, the breadwinner of the family, had recently been diagnosed with cancer. Can we imagine anything worse than what they had to suffer? Yet they did not lose their faith. In the midst of suffering, they still prayed and trusted in God.

I shared these stories in my homily last weekend. After Masses, several parishioners approached me to offer financial gifts to those needy families. Our St. Anthony Ministry also gave me a very big check to give to the poor families in Vietnam. I will contact the local pastor who will send these donations to the families. I am truly grateful to you for your love and concern for these disadvantaged brothers and sisters. I am proud of the generous spirit of St. Ann’s community. I am glad to be back now to pray and worship Our Lord with you.

May the Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of La Vang bless you abundantly!

Fr. Vincent

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**Mass Intentions**

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**February 16 - 22, 2020**

*Altar Decorations ~ May Kahl*

Sanctuary Light (Church)  
Mr. & Mrs Moore Gauthier
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)  
Tu & Thien Tran
**Parish Calendar**

16 6 PM CYO - Gym

17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
   President’s Day
   9:30 AM Come & See - St. Ann Room
   9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
   6 PM SAM Meeting - JPII Room
   7 PM Lectio: Mary - St. Cecelia Room
   7 PM Men’s Club Meeting - Cafeteria
   7 PM RCIA - St. Ann Room

18  NO PSR - MARDI GRAS BREAK
    9:15 AM - 6:PM Adoration - Chapel
    9:45 AM Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond Room

19  8:45 AM School Mass
    9:00 AM PK4 Mardi Gras Parade - Gym
    9:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond Room
    1 PM Sewing Seams of Faith - St. Raymond Room
    7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - St. Raymond Room

20  9:30 AM Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond
    9:30 AM Walk-Through Tours - School Office
    7 PM Adult Faith Formation - JPII Room

21  St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
    MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS - NO HOLIDAY CARE

22  St. Peter’s Chair
    MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday**  Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**  Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;  Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**  Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5;  Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday**  Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7;  Mk 8:27-33

**Friday**  Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6;  Mk 8:34 - 9:1

**Saturday**  1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;  Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday**  Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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**St. Ann School News**

We still have some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school at 455-8383 for more information. We continue to offer “Walk Through” tours for potential new parents every Monday morning at 9:30 am. No appointment is necessary, just come to the school office for 9:30 am.

**Think, Reach, Shine!**

Hosted by St. Ann Men’s Club
stannmensclub.org

**Satruday, March 14, 2019**

**12:00 - 6:00 PM**

**St. Ann Parking Lot**

Kid Zone $10 entire event

Cook-Off samples $2
additional food $5 Raffle on a
and snacks available

Big Green Egg cooker
**THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**

**February 22**

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact.

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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**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](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.

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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](https://stannchurchandshrine.org/cyo)

Blessings,

Noella Balint, CYO Director
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noella@stannchurchandshrine.org
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.

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

FORMED Lectio: Salvation
In Lectio: Salvation, Dr. Michael Barber will use the prayer tradition of lectio divina to help us understand the biblical basis for the Catholic teaching on salvation.
Sign up for free at stannchurchandshrine.formed.org
Dear Annie,

If Adam and Eve didn’t eat the fruit, would Jesus still die on the cross?  Signed, Cherry

Dear Cherry,

Jesus’ death was because of our sin. Therefore, had sin never entered the world, Jesus would not have had to die. This question, however, can only be answered in a “theoretical” way since Adam, Eve, and all of us did sin. Let’s say that your parents ate poison. The result of this poison is death. The only cure for this poison is to receive a transfusion of new and healthy blood from someone not affected. By analogy, you could say that Jesus entered the world without any effects of this “poison” so that He could offer the divine “transfusion” to Adam and Eve and all their descendants affected by the poison of sin.

But this question brings up another more interesting question. If Adam and Eve (and all us who descended from them) never sinned, would God the Son have become human? Would He have taken on human flesh through the Incarnation by the Virgin Mary? Though the death of Jesus was on account of our sin, His Incarnation (becoming human) was not solely so that He could die for our sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that one of the primary reasons for His Incarnation was “in order to save us by reconciling us with God,” but it also identifies three other reasons: “so that thus we might know God’s love,” “to be our model of holiness”; and “to make us ‘partakers of the divine nature’” (See CCC #457-460).

Therefore, it is speculated by some that even if there was no sin, God would have become flesh so as to fulfill these other effects of the Incarnation. Perhaps that’s a bit deep and is only speculation, but it’s beautiful to reflect upon nonetheless!