

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CURRENT WEEK

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 • **Saturday, December 7 - 6:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Beatrice, David and Brenden Mello
 ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE from Jim and Camille Mello
 • **Sunday, December 8 - 8:00 AM**
Intention: In Memory of John S Lanigan from Mary and Jude Lanigan
 • **Sunday, December 8 - 10:00 AM** *Intention:* For Greg & Lurlene Tischler from Ralph & Faith Caron
 • **Wednesday, December 11 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Sam Falbo from Parish Family
 • **Friday, December 13 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Donna Polkowski from Parish Family

NEXT WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 • **Saturday, December 14 - 6:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Terrence Murphy from Family
 • **Sunday, December 15 - 8:00 AM**
Intention: ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE of Kern, Wessel and Davies Families from the Wessel Family
 • **Sunday, December 15 - 10:00 AM**
Intention: In Memory of Felicia Smigiel from Husband Felix and Family
MASS FOR OUR LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY
 • **Sunday, December 15 - 1:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Jonas Vaznelis from St. Ann's Parish Family
 • **Wednesday, December 18 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Brian Herod from St. Ann's Parish Family
 • **Friday, December 20 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Father Heeg from St. Ann's Parish Family



Saturday, December 7, 6 pm - Kathy TANTILLO
Sunday, December 8, 8 am - Gloria BOLDUC
Sunday, December 8, 10 am - Frank AMBROSIC
Saturday, December 14, 6 pm - Diane ESTEP
Sunday, December 15, 8 am - Nick GONZALEZ
Sunday, December 15, 10 am - Joan BARUFFI
 If unable to read at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you.
 Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.
 To all 10 am Lector/Commentators: When a CCD student is scheduled for Readings at your assigned Mass, please only do the Introduction, Prayers of the Faithful, and other announcements as needed.



Saturday, December 7, 6 pm - Joe ESTEP, Dorothea PLATH, Scott STOLARZ
Sunday, December 8, 8 am - Ron KOVACH
Sunday, December 8, 10 am - Sharon AMBROSIC, Lou FALAT, Ruth PALONIS
Saturday, December 14, 6 pm - Dorothea PLATH, Linda SPERLING, Scott STOLARZ
Sunday, December 15, 8 am - Julie KASNIUNAS
Sunday, December 15, 10 am - Ann BEESE, Lu DeWULF, Janet KOVALAN
 If unable to serve at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you.
 Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.



ALTAR SERVERS

Servers, you are an important part of our parish liturgical services. We will be conducting on the job training. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you are interested. **REMINDER: Those children who made their First Communion are eligible to serve as Altar Servers.**

HOSPITALITY

• **Sunday, December 8:** The ADENT Family
 • **Sunday, December 15:** JACOBUCCI and BEGLIN Families
Treats after the 10 AM Mass have been a long-time tradition here at St. Ann's. Please consider volunteering to provide either homemade or purchased treats. If you have any questions, please ask one of our Hospitality Ministry Coordinators for details. Thank you!

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS

- **Saturday, December 7, 6:00 PM:** Joe ESTEP
- **Sunday, December 8, 8:00 AM:** Ron & Dora KOVACH
- **Sunday, December 8, 10:00 AM:** Mary KEANE & Lisa OATES
- **Saturday, December 14, 6:00 PM:** Erika STOLARZ
- **Sunday, December 15, 8:00 AM:** Kira GEISS
- **Sunday, December 15, 10:00 AM:** Faith CARON & Joan BARUFFI

SCRIP is always looking for extra volunteers to help sell SCRIP. If you can help out, stop by the SCRIP table to find out more information. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12
Monday, December 9, 2019 - Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5:17-26; First Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalms 130:1-8; Matthew 11:25-30; Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalms 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, December 12, 2019 - Isaiah 7:10-14; Second Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Luke 1:39-47
Friday, December 13, 2019 - Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday, December 14, 2019 - First Corinthians 2:1-10; Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:10-13



WELCOME TO ST. ANN OF THE DUNES!

Whether you come from another part of the world or a nearby parish, we welcome you to St. Ann of the Dunes! We thank you for sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist with us and we appreciate your generosity. We invite you to join our parish family if you are looking for a spiritual home or a summer church home. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to getting to know you. **All parishioners are asked to keep us informed of change of address, phone number or email address. Should you need the Eucharist brought to you, please let one of the Greeters know and we'll be sure that someone will bring Communion to you at your seat.**

HELP US - HELP YOU!

"I was hospitalized and my pastor did not visit me." "I was in the hospital and wanted to receive the Eucharist but no one came." Do these comments sound familiar? There are two solutions to solve the issues:
 • When you are admitted to the hospital, request that they notify your pastor that you have been admitted. They can enter the name of your parish on the admitting form.
 • You or your family can call the parish office at 879-7565 to notify the parish of your hospitalization.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

St. Ann is honored to have members serving in both the Armed Services and the Peace Corps. As a community of Christ's people, we at St. Ann's honor their service and salute their dedication by offering prayers for their safety and welfare. Please remember all members of the U.S. military in your prayers. **Please note, we have been asked not to publish individual names, ranks, and locations of our military for security and safety reasons.**



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Any items you would like to be included in the bulletin each week need to be to the parish office, preferably via email, by **Tuesday for the week you wish to include the information. Further, if you wish to post something on the parish bulletin board, please request permission from Fr. John.**

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Diocese is offering live natural family planning classes at the Pastoral Center in Merrillville. A new course will start the third Monday of each month for the rest of 2019. A full course consists of 3 classes, each one month apart. Classes begin at 6 PM. Preregistration is required and can be done online at www.ccl.org. Feel free to contact Rosanne Kouris at 219-796-9292 ext 259 or rkouris@dcgary.org with any questions.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW BISHOP

Pope Francis announced on November 26th, that he selected Monsignor Robert J. McClory, a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, to serve as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Gary. Bishop-elect McClory, 56, has served the Archdiocese of Detroit since his ordination to the priesthood in 1999. His ordination and installation as the fifth bishop of Gary is scheduled for the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11, 2020. Bishop-elect McClory currently serves as the pastor and rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan. He also serves on the Archdiocese of Detroit Episcopal Council, College of Consultors and Priest Assignment Board. As a part-time faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary graduate school of theology in Detroit, he has taught Introduction to Canon Law, Sacramental and Ecumenical Law, and the Theology and Law of Marriage. Previously, Msgr. McClory served as the vicar general and moderator of the curia of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Prior to becoming moderator of the curia, Msgr. McClory served as chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit, administrative secretary to Cd. Maida, and as an associate pastor at St. Isidore Parish, Macomb Township and St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Shelby Township. Bishop-elect McClory studied philosophy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. He was then sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sacred theology in 1998 from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Father McClory completed his advanced graduate degree in canon (church) law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 2000. We look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect McClory to St. Ann's Parish.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have chosen your servant Monsignor Robert McClory as a successor to the Apostles, grant him, we pray, that as he is ordained to the Order of Bishops, he may manifest a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Mary of the Lake Parish invites you to their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, December 8th from 9 am to 2 pm. Shop and dine in their Winter Wonderland. There will be cookies and pictures with Santa. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 6060 Miller Ave, Gary. For more information, call the Church at 219-938-1373

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH QAS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
 Join Queen of All Saints Young Adult Ministry as they enjoy food and fellowship at the Legacy Center on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 pm. Bring a side dish to share and a canned good for charity. A main dish will be provided. Bring a gift for a Christmas gift exchange. \$10.00 or less. Remember, everyone is welcome – your kids, Catholic or not, divorced, single, married-everyone! Contact jessicar@qas.org.

20/20 VISION IN 2020

St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point is proud to present "20/20 Vision in 2020: Setting our sights on Christ", a monthly educational session on various topics that will help you explore your faith and give you more clarity in your life goals. Attend one session or all. To sign up for individual sessions, contact the St. Matthias Parish office at 219-663-2201.
 December 14, 2019 12:00 pm Goal Setting Fr. Jim Wozniak
 January 18, 2020 10:00 am Strengthfinders Fr. Jim Wozniak

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

OPLATKI/OBLATEN

In response to requests for the traditional Christmas "sharing wafers", we are happy to make available: Oplatki/Oblaten. The wafers can be found on the table next to the scrip table at the back of church. The history of these wafers can be found on the back of the envelopes. A donation of \$5.00 would be greatly appreciated.

PENANCE SERVICE-WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 11TH

A reminder a Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 11th here at St. Ann's from 6:00-7:00. There will also be an opportunity for confessions in Lithuanian.



PARKING LOT GATE IS INSTALLED

A new parking lot gate has been installed at south entrance to the parking lot. The gate will be open for all Masses however it will remain closed throughout the week. Please be cautious and drive slowly when approaching the parking lot. You will need to use the north entrance of the parking lot to access the Church and Parish office during the week.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

If your children/grandchildren would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Family Mass, please look at the sign up list on the bulletin board at the back of church near the treat table. There are opportunities for greeters, lectors, gift bearers, and singers and bell ringers in the choir! Contact Marsha Jerome at 219/742-0658 if you have questions or would like more details. We plan to have a few choir rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, Dec 10 and Dec 17 at 6 pm. The Youth and Family Christmas Eve Mass is at 6:00 PM.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION FOOD DRIVE

Peace and Social Justice is once again organizing a food drive to benefit the Westchester Food Panty during the Christmas season. Please bring non-perishable food items to church or stop by the scrip table to purchase and donate a grocery card. You can help make Christmas dinner memorable for so many of your neighbors! Thank you for your generous support!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

We are grateful every year to those who donate for our Christmas Flowers. We are so blessed as a Parish. We would like to make sure we are spelling your name and those you would like to honor correctly. Please print clearly so we can easily read your intention. Thank you so much.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Celebration of Holy Mass: 8 am every Wednesday and Friday
Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, December 15th, at the 10 am Mass
Penance Service: Wednesday, December 11th, between 6:00-7:00 pm with an opportunity for confessions in Lithuanian
Sunday, December 15th: Mass for our Lithuanian Community at 1:00 pm
Christmas Eve: Youth and Family Mass at 6:00 pm
 Traditional Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00 pm
Christmas Day: There will be **NO** 8:00 am Mass
 Solemn Christmas Mass at 10:00 am
New Years Eve: There will be no Mass on New Years Eve
New Years Day 2020: Mass at 10:00 am **ONLY** – Solemnity of Mary



PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers who recently passed away.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ICY PARKING LOT ALERT

You may have noticed our parking lot is often icy. Because it is a gravel lot, the water is unable to drain away in winter. This creates icy conditions when water is left on the surface then freezes and thaws. Please be careful as you make your way through the parking lot.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- A Little Something

About Our Advertisers

Ultimate Flooring - This week, we are featuring Ultimate Flooring & Supplies. St Ann's carpeting was purchased at Ultimate Flooring and they have had an ad in the bulletin for quite some time. President, Brian Wuerthle, and his staff are committed to prompt and professional service and even offer an in-home consultation where they bring the samples to you so you can choose just the right color or style for your home. They offer a variety of flooring from carpet to hardwood, ceramic and vinyl so you can always find what you are looking for! With over 30 years of experience, they can help turn your decorating and remodeling dreams into a reality. Visit their website at: www.ultimateflooringsupply.com

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

LAST WEEKEND TO SPECIAL ORDER SCRIP--DECEMBER 14-15

Scrip will be sold all weekends before Christmas arrives. Please make your purchases early so an order can be placed in case Scrip has sold out of the item(s) you are requesting. Check the poster next to the scrip table for a complete listing of retailers available. From coffee to hotels, from books to airlines, from next door to Disney is available for ordering. CHECK IT OUT, IT'S CHRISTMAS!

STEWARDSHIP: ARE YOU READY?

Some storytellers lead you gently into their tale by setting the scene, introducing characters, unfolding the plot, and building up tension toward a climax. Mark does not bother with such methods! In his Gospel there are no descriptions of Jesus' noble ancestry or Mary's pregnancy or the birth in Bethlehem. There are no accounts of shepherds and wise men, wicked Herod or the journey into Egypt. The whole Gospel is summed up in the words of the very first sentence: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). The word gospel means "good news," and Mark brings a particular urgency to the message. The name Jesus is a version of the Hebrew name Joshua—"the Lord saves"—and Christ is the Greek version of the Hebrew title Messiah, meaning "anointed one." Anointing was a sacred act usually conferred on kings. So here, in just one sentence, we are given good news: God is here to save the people through this anointed one, descendant of kings and a King himself. Jesus' arrival is announced by his cousin John, who is the "voice . . . crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3) also mentioned by the prophet Isaiah. Perhaps John the Baptist's own disciples are trying to convince John that he is the promised one, but John knows otherwise. He is not the Messiah; his task is to prepare the way. He is to baptize with water for the forgiveness of sins, but the one who is to come will give his life for the forgiveness of sins and will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit. As we hear again about this coming Savior, the question we must ask ourselves is, are we ready to receive him? To receive him means being prepared to follow him and do his will.