

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CURRENT WEEK

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 • **Saturday, February 8 - 6:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Bruno Zeps from Family and Friends
 • **Sunday, February 9 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Marlene Ness from Family and Friends
 • **Sunday, February 9 - 10:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Father Dave Gosnell from St. Ann's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 • **Saturday, February 15 - 6:00 PM**
Intention: In Memory of Douglas and Roger Sanders from their children and grandchildren
 • **Sunday, February 16 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In memory of Richard Brennan from Donald & Dorothy Kurtz
 • **Sunday, February 16 - 10:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Felicia Smigiel from Husband Felix and Family
MASS FOR OUR LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY
 • **Sunday, February 16 - 1:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Kristina Zutautas from Diana Noreika



Saturday, February 8, 6 pm - Andy MICHEL
Sunday, February 9, 8 am - Nick GONZALEZ
Sunday, February 9, 10 am - Joan BARUFFI
Saturday, February 15, 6 pm - Kathy TANTILLO
Sunday, February 16, 8 am - Nick GONZALEZ
Sunday, February 16, 10 am - Frank AMBROSIC
 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, February 8, 6 pm - Phil HARGARTEN, Cindy HARGARTEN, Scott STOLARZ
Sunday, February 9, 8 am - Dora KOVACH
Sunday, February 9, 10 am - Lu De WULF, Robert STANFORD, Jim VAN de KEERE
Saturday, February 15, 6 pm - Joe ESTEP, Dorothea PLATH, Linda SPERLING
Sunday, February 16, 8 am - Keira GEISS
Sunday, February 16, 10 am - Sharon AMBROSIC, Ann BEESE, Ralph CARON
 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, February 9:** ERMINGER AND JEROME Families
 • **Sunday, February 16:** The HAGGERTY Family
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, February 8, 6:00 PM:** Erika STOLARZ
 • **Sunday, February 9, 8:00 AM:** Ron and Dora KOVACH
 • **Sunday, February 9, 10:00 AM:** Faith CARON & Joan BARUFFI
 • **Saturday, February 15, 6:00 PM:** Joe ESTEP
 • **Sunday, February 16, 8:00 AM:** Nancy LAKIN
 • **Sunday, February 16, 10:00 AM:** Mary KEANE & Sharon AMBROSIC
 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

February 9, 2020 - Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalms 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; First Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16
February 10, 2020 - First Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalms 132:6-7, 8-10; Mark 6:53-56
February 11, 2020 - First Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalms 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11; Mark 7:1-13
February 12, 2020 - First Kings 10:1-10; Psalms 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23
February 13, 2020 - First Kings 11:4-13; Psalms 106:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40; Mark 7:24-30
February 14, 2020 - First Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalms 81:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mark 7:31-37
February 15, 2020 - First Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalms 106:6-7, 19-20, 21-22; Mark 8:1-10



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

NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Thank you to all NWI Catholic Subscribers— you are the foundational supporters of Catholic communication in our diocese. You will continue to find your subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic a great value and great way to support diocesan communications. *NWI Catholic* is excited to continue to partner with you to share the "good news" of the Diocese of Gary. Your one-year subscription comes at the low-cost of \$26, with the e-edition available at \$13, or you can receive both the online and print versions for the reduced rate of \$30. You can subscribe now through March 18 using the envelope in your collection packet, making your check out to St. Ann's. You may also renew or begin a new subscription online (nwicatholic.com). Contact Erin by phone (219)769-9292 ext. 251 or email (eciszczon@dcgary.org) if you are interested in setting up a gift subscription today.

VOCATION SUMMIT

On Saturday, February 22nd, the Diocese of Gary Vocation office is hosting a Vocation Summit for Clergy and Laity at St. Francis Xavier in Lake Station. Our new Bishop McClory will celebrate Mass. Father Brannen and Sam Alzheimer will also be leading a day-long workshop for all in the Diocese who wish to promote and cultivate vocations. The Summit will begin at 8:00 am and end at 2:00 pm CDT. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. Inspiring presentations will equip laity to do meaningful work in our parishes and schools. Information on registration is available at garyvocations.com or call 219-962-8626.

SPRED NEWS

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "Do something beautiful for God!" You are invited to consider the Spred program (special religious development). You would be doing something beautiful for people who live with developmental, intellectual, or learning challenges of any age or level of abilities. They, too, need to deepen their relationship with the Lord. Spred is a way especially developed to make this happen. If you are a parishioner who enjoys meeting people, growing in your own faith, and being a friend to a person with special needs within a small faith community, then join us for more information. An adult volunteer does not need experience with people with special needs. There will be a SPRED Information Gathering for parents and interested men and women on Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m., in the St. John the Evangelist parish office conference room, 11301 West 93rd Avenue, St. John, Indiana. Contact Elizabeth Sivek at e.sivek@sbcglobal.net for questions.

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

Couples wishing to deepen their relationship and have a great evening together are invited to attend Marriage Date Night. Included is a superb meal, great speakers and time to socialize with other Catholic married couples. The dinner will be held on Friday, February 28th from 5:45pm to 8:30pm CST at Don Quijote Restaurant at 119 E Lincolnway in Valparaiso. The cost is \$65.00 per couple. Cash bar starts at 5:45 pm and dinner starts at 6:30 pm. The program "Turning Water into Wine" will begin at 7:30 pm. Contact Rosanne Kouris at rkouris@dcgary.org or at 219-769-9292 ext 259 on information on how to register for this fun filled evening..

2020 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING DATES

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. The second course will start on February 17th. A full course consists of 3 classes, each one month apart. Classes begin at 6:30 PM. Preregistration is required and can be done online at www.ccli.org. Feel free to contact Rosanne Kouris at 219-796-9292 ext 259 or rkouris@dcgary.org with any questions. Classes are also available in Spanish. Contact Yanelly & Nestor Soto @ 219-455-8880 for Spanish classes.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

She hid her secret for 26 years. She knew in her heart that God had forgiven her for the abortion, but she could not forgive herself. She thought she deserved to go to hell. Rachel's Vineyard is a program for individuals who are experiencing the post-abortion trauma of stress, guilt, and shame. It brings hope and healing. Northwest Indiana retreat - March 6-8, 2020. Contact Rosanne Kouris at 219-769-9292 ext 259 or rkouris@dcgary.org or on the confidential Rachel's Vineyard phone line at 219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com. Website: www.helpafterabortion.net or the international website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

POLISH PLATTER DINNER

St. Stanislaus Koska Parish invites everyone to attend their Polish Platter Dinner on February 22nd in their parish hall. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. The dinner will be held from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The menu includes homemade polish sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, chicken and noodles, pierogi and more. St. Stan's Church is located at 1501 Washington St in Michigan City.

ST. JOSEPH CARMELITE HOME FOR CHILDREN GALA

On Monday, March 16th, the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph Carmelite Home for Children will be hosting their annual gala, "Hoops, Habits and Brackets" at the Halls of St. George in Schererville. Silent and Live auctions are just some of the activities that are sure to make for an exciting evening. 100% of all proceeds raised will be used for the needs of the Carmelite Home children. Open Bar/Auction begins at 6 pm. Dinner follows at 7pm. Program to follow dinner. Evening attire is business casual or wear your favorite NCAA team shirt. For additional information or to make reservations contact Dee Young at dyoung.carmelite@gmail.com or 219-397-1085. Website address is carmelitehome.org

The Halls of St. George is located at 905 East Joliet St., Schererville. \$125.00 per reservation. **Please reserve by February 14, 2020.**

SAINT STEPHEN, MARTYR PARISH FUNDRAISER

St. Stephen the Martyr Woman's Club is hosting a dinner night out fundraiser. Pepe's Restaurant will donate 15% of all dinner sales when you present this "coupon", during the entire week. Good for dine in and carry out from the dinner menu only. Not available with other coupons or specials. **BRING THIS FUNDRAISER COUPON TO PEPE'S.** Pepe's is located at 260 E. 84th Drive, Merrillville, In. 46410. Call 219-769-7191. Join them Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 PM for parish night or anytime the week of Monday, February 24-March 1.



ST MATTHIAS MARDI GRAS

St. Matthias in Crown Point will host Mardi Gras, a family fun fair on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:00-7:00 pm. The event will feature games, prizes, a King and Queen contest with meals starting at \$5.00. Bring the family and enjoy Fat Tuesday! Inquiries are welcome by calling St. Matthias Parish at 219-663-2201 or by emailing familylife@stmatthiasparish.net.

ST MATTHIAS CARNIVALE

St. Matthias in Crown Point will host Carnivale: "A Vegas Night Experience" featuring Vegas Night Game Tables, Jersey Raffles, Texas Hold "Em, Roulette, \$1 Black Jack and \$1 Bingo. A different buffet featuring a variety of foods will be served every 2 hours. The event will take place on Saturday, February 22nd from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Entry tickets for Carnivale can be purchased for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Inquiries are welcome by calling St. Matthias Parish at 219-663-2201 or emailing jackiemgentry@yahoo.com. All proceeds benefit Catholic education programs at St. Matthias.

HIGHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

The Saint Pope John Paul II Council 16008 Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting their 6th Annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 15th from 6-11pm at the St. James Parish Hall, 9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland. Cost is \$40/person and it includes dinner buffet, dessert, rose for the lady, favors, open bar, and dancing until 11pm. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Robert Mikuly, 219-776-8773, or the St. James parish office during normal business hours. Last day to buy tickets is Sunday February 9th.

ST. THOMAS MORE CAREER ASSISTANCE

St. Thomas More Career Networking Group will host a seminar on Wednesday, February 12th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The seminar will be presented by Linda Newman who is a Business Owner with a 35-year Background in Retailing, Business and Finance. Email STMCareerGroup@gmail.com for additional information. The seminar is free.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

NW Indiana's largest and best pro-life Interdenominational meeting. 1st Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm, St Agnes Center on the St. Paul Campus, 1855 W Harrison in Valparaiso. Open to the pro-life public. Bring a friend. Teens and young adults welcome. For additional information email rspclif.ministry@gmail.com

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

Thank you so much for your devotion to our Parish. It is very important that you arrive 10 minutes prior to mass starting and check in with the Sacristan. We are fortunate to have some new Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and they may not always recognize your friendly face. So please help them out by checking in with the sacristan before Mass starts.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT READY FOR PICK UP

The 2019 Contribution statements are now available in the back of Church. Contribution statements have been generated for those who made a onetime donation of \$250 or more, or those who contributed a total of \$500 or more for the year. If you did not receive a statement and need one, please contact the Church office at 219-879-7565. Please pick up your statement as soon as possible so we do not have the additional expense of mailing the statement.

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers who recently passed away especially Joan Sitar, Susan Bolla, Nancy SONS, and Bob McDonald, brother of parishioner Janet Kovalan.

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

Jannsen's has been around since 1988 and has advertised in the bulletin for many years. Most of you are familiar with them and it goes without saying that it's a great place to stop on the way to the beach or the train if you need something. Owners Beth and John Jannsen as well as their staff are always smiling and helpful. They are famous in the area for their amazing soft serve ice cream cones which come in Chocolate, Vanilla or "Zebra"! Check them out after Mass for some great donuts too.

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

BUY SCRIP

While PLANNING your weekly shopping THINK BUY SCRIP. It is easy to use, safer than a debit or credit card. Cards frequently used are on hand each week, especially gasoline and grocery cards. A few local businesses are available each week, Chesterton Garden, Third Coast, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Starbucks, plus others. A list is available for over 300 additional retailers that can be Special Ordered. All Special Orders must be paid at the time of the order, usually arriving the following weekend. Try buying a card to see how easy it is to use SCRIP!

STEWARDSHIP: SPEAK LIFE

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.