

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**CURRENT WEEK**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

• **Saturday, September 19 - 6:00 PM**

*Intention:* In Memory of MaryEllen Lakin from the Lakin Family  
In Memory of Diana and Jack Simpson from  
Ralph and Faith Caron

**MASS FOR OUR LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY**

• **Sunday, September 20 - 1:00 PM**

*Intention:* In Memory of Father John Barasinski from the People of  
St. Ann

**NEXT WEEK**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

• **Saturday, September 26 - 6:00 PM**

*Intention:* Anniversary of Death of Terese Mildazis from Karl &  
Ausra Zarins



**Saturday, September 19, 6 pm** - Gloria BOLDUC  
**Saturday, September 26, 6 pm** - Kathy TANTILLO

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.



**Saturday, September 19, 6 pm** - Perry CARTWRIGHT  
**Saturday, September 26, 6 pm** - Linda SPERLING

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.

**GREETERS**

- **Saturday, September 19:** Phil HARGARTEN, Cindy HARGARTEN
- **Saturday, September 26:** Kristina DAMBRAUSKAS, Pat TANTILLO

**LIVE STREAMING**

**We will also be Live Streaming the Mass for those not able to attend or prefer to remain home. The streamed Mass will be available shortly before 6 p.m. on Saturday, and can be found on our Parish YouTube Channel. A link can be found on our Parish Website under Mass/Parish YouTube Channel.**



**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.**

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

**TRUST IN GOD'S WISDOM**

It is hard to figure God out. Looking around creation we see beautiful places but also areas of devastation. We meet charitable people but also others who are unkind. We see homes of the rich and the streets of the homeless. One family prospers. Another suffers multiple tragedies. What was God thinking by creating such inequality?

Our own lives are also filled with blessing and sorrow. Momentary incidents have forever shaped us. Friends have rescued us. Death stalks us. It is hard to figure out what God has in mind.

God spoke to Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." You can say that again. As hard as it is to read the mind of God, God does not choose to act the way we think a divine, loving Being should.

Through the prophet, God does not apologize for the way things are. Instead, God simply tells us we will never quite figure it out. The best we can do is turn to God for mercy.

To accept the wisdom of God requires faith and humble admission of our own inability to fully probe God's plan. It also takes trust that God will ultimately bring about the good that awaits all creation.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- September 20, 2020** - Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16
- September 21, 2020** - Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13
- September 22, 2020** - Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21
- September 23, 2020** - Galatians 2:19-20; Psalms 127:1-5; Matthew 16:24-27
- September 24, 2020** - Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Luke 9:7-9
- September 25, 2020** - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalms 144:1-2, 3-4; Luke 9:18-22
- September 26, 2020** - Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Luke 9:43-45

**Weekly Readings**



**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 during the office hours of 9am-1pm on Tuesday through Thursday. The office number is 219-879-7565. After office hours or on the weekends, please contact Father Jon Plavcan at 219-926-1282 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. Jon Plavcan.**

**NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE**

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL**

Be a partner in Christ's work – support CSA 2020. Thank you to those who have responded so generously to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet made your CSA pledge, please return your envelope to St. Ann's parish office @ P O Box 727, Beverly Shores, IN 46301 or mail it to Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center, Attention: CSA office, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville IN 46410. Be sure it is marked for St. Ann of the Dunes Parish - 101. We are blessed by your faithful stewardship. Together we are partners in Christ's work! For more details and to make a gift online go to <https://dcgary.org/csa>

**MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2020**

CONFERENCE 2020 is FREE this year! Bishop McClory will open the Conference. The Spiritual Renewal this year will be facilitated by Father Richard Fragomeni (English attendees) from Catholic Theological Union and Father Andres Beltran (Spanish attendees) from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attendees will be able to attend in-person (please bring masks). In order to have appropriate social distancing at St. Patrick's, we will be able to have 150 in-person attendees this year. The Conference will be made available to livestream virtually. Please register by October 2nd so we can make all the necessary arrangements. Contact David Herr if you have questions at [dherr@dcgary.org](mailto:dherr@dcgary.org) or 219-769-9292 ext. 226. The theme this year is "Pray, Believe, Live."

**DIOCESE OF GARY APPOINTMENT**

The Most Reverend Robert J. McClory, Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, has announced from the Chancery the following appointment: Reverend Michael Surufka, O.F.M., is appointed Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary and Pastor of Saints Monica and Luke Parish in Gary, effective September 9, 2020, the Feast of St. Peter Claver.

This appointment is made with the endorsement of the Very Reverend James Gannon, O.F.M., Provincial Minister of Franciscan Province of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the intention of forming a Franciscan community at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary. Rev. Surufka has been serving as Administrator of these parishes since June 2019.

For the time being, this appointment is in addition to Rev. Surufka's responsibilities as Pastor of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Cedar Lake.

**NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**

**RED MASS AT OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH**

On October 1st at 8:30 AM, Bishop Robert J. McClory will celebrate the annual Red Mass at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Merrillville, Indiana. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Foundation for Northwest Indiana. The Red Mass tradition goes back almost 800 years with blessings and prayers for the legal community at the start of the court season.

The Mass is open to all faiths and will be followed by a continuing education seminar. To reserve a spot, contact Judy Holicky at the Foundation at 219-769-9292 x 268 OR [info@catholicfuture.org](mailto:info@catholicfuture.org)

**BLESSING OF PETS AT ST. PAT'S**

Join St. Patrick's parishioners for Blessing of Pets for the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am at the St. Martin DePorres Grotto at St. Patrick's Church in Chesterton. This is a fun and inspirational event. Humans are required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

**OPEN WIDE YOUR HEARTS PROGRAM WITH FATHER GEORGE**

All of us are confronted with a call for change as a result of ongoing racial tensions and social unrest. As we look for a path to a better life together, what might our Catholic Faith have to say and contribute to this conversation, especially as it regards race? Two years ago the bishops of the United States published a pastoral letter focused on this issue. It is entitled "Open Wide Your Hearts". This fall Saint Patrick Parish Community will be sponsoring four sessions examining this document as we reflect upon recent events and our own personal experience. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning on October 7, 2020 at 7:00p.m. in Saint Patrick Church. They will be moderated by Fr. George Schopp. Please enter the Church through the north doors by the courtyard. Mask's and social distancing are required. Please call St. Pat's parish office at 219-926-1282 to reserve your place at the table. A copy of the Pastoral Letter will be supplied. *Reading, Praying, Discussing the Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racisms*

**\$\$\$ MONEY MANAGEMENT REPORT \$\$\$ for September 12 - September 13, 2020**

Mass Collection:	\$ 2,920.00
Budgeted Amount:	\$ 4,800.00
<b>WEEKLY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (1,880.00)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (24,911.00)</b>
Diocesan Savings as of 8/31/20	\$ 77,215.47

**ONLINE GIVING**

In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, online giving is a convenient option to continue to support St. Ann's and its mission. Whether you are attending weekly mass or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are. You may now opt to contribute to St. Ann electronically by using one of our online options. Access us on line at: <https://st-ann-of-the-dunes.org>.

**RESPECT LIFE WEEKEND OCTOBER 3RD-4TH**

Life Chain is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. Stand for life in prayer as a peaceful presence all along ridge road from Wicker Park in Highland to Illinois State Line in Lansing. Please arrive at the Wicker Memorial Park at the parking lot on Ridge Road and Prairie in Highland at 1PM for instructions and to pick up signs. Stay an hour long at anytime during the time frame of 1:00-3:00 pm or as long as you can. For more info, please call the Lake County Right to Life office at 219-838-1138.

**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH**

**LITHUANIAN MASS**

Father Gediminas Kersys is able to come to Saint Ann to celebrate the Lithuanian Mass on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the church can only accommodate 70 people. Face Mask must be worn in church and social distancing is practiced. The open chairs in the church are where people are able to sit. It is important that the chairs are not moved. Also, due to COVID-19 restrictions, at this time, food (treats) cannot be made available. It is the hope that at a future time, food would be allowed again. We are asking that those who attend this Mass abide by the regulations that must be followed for the safety of all who come to Saint Ann. Father Kersys will go over other guidelines with those who attend this Mass. Thank you for your generous financial support to Saint Ann of the Dunes Parish. It is greatly appreciated.

**SAVE A SEAT TO ATTEND MASS**

In order to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions while allowing the faithful the opportunity to attend Mass, you must sign up through Save-A-Seat. To reserve a seat at St. Ann's Mass, go to [stsparsparish.org](https://stsparsparish.org) website-St. Patrick's Church-Chesterton and scroll down to find the select button for St. Ann's. Enter your first and last names, your email address, your phone number and the number of adults and children that would like to attend. Check the box that says you have read and understand the general release. Double check to make sure your information is accurate. Then click the "reserve seat" button. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you entered. Please make sure that you bring this confirmation email with you to Mass. If you do not have this confirmation, you cannot be admitted to Mass. A facemask is required.

If you have been sick over the last 14 days, have a fever or a cough, please stay at home. If symptoms occur, please cancel your reservation. Please be considerate for everyone's safety.

**CCD-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education classes will begin on October 4, 2020. We will begin the year virtually and move toward in person instruction when possible. Contact the parish office for registration forms, one for each student and to pay the fees of \$75.00 per child. The office is open Tuesdays-Thursdays 9:00-1:00 pm. Masks are required. The Parish office number is 219-879-7565. Our Religious Education Director is Cindy Hargarten.

**PARISH EMAIL LIST**

If you would like to receive up to date information about our Parish and you are not already on our email list, please contact the office by email and we will add you to our email list. This way you will receive up to date information on everything happening in our Parish. The parish email address is: [stannesdunnes@comcast.net](mailto:stannesdunnes@comcast.net) We look forward to hearing from you.

**PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED**

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers who recently passed away especially Barbara Stefanek.

*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.*

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- A Little Something About Our Advertisers**

**Lake Effect Floral** - Have you noticed the beautiful flower arrangements in the church? Lake Effect Florals is responsible for most of them! They are located on the garden level of the Schoolhouse Shop. Whether you are looking for a centerpiece for a special event, planning a wedding, or just want some fresh flowers, owner, Audrey Drag will help you create an arrangement that reflects your personal taste. Visit their website to order online anytime! [www.lakeeffectflorals.com](http://www.lakeeffectflorals.com). Or call 219-926-7117. Hours by appointment

**COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS**

**PLEASE SUPPORT ST. ANN'S WITH SCRIP**

Won't you do your part to help support St. Ann's? Did you know every Thursday morning Sharon Ambrosic is here to help support St. Ann's Church? She is available to sell scrip just in time for your weekend shopping. Scrip cards are safe and easy to use online and at the store. It does not cost you anything extra. So stock up on toilet paper and hand sanitizer at Target, Walmart or your favorite store and help St. Ann's at the same time. Sharon is here every Thursday from 9 am until 1 pm at the Parish office. The inventory is a little smaller but every sale helps St. Ann's. Call ahead to see what is available and of course special orders are always available the next week. Call Sharon at 219-928-3124 for questions about our wonderful scrip program.

**PSALMS 96:11-12**

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever! During this autumn equinox, we pray Lord that, the heavens rejoice and the earth remains glad at Your beauty. Father, let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let the skies reflect Your divine mysteries and beauty in this special season, Amen.