

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CURRENT WEEK

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

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

NEXT WEEK

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

• **Saturday, October 3 - 6:00 PM**

Intention: In Memory of Susan Bolla from John and Jan Kovalan



Saturday, September 26, 6 pm - Kathy TANTILLO

Saturday, October 3, 6 pm - Nick GONZALEZ

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 26, 6 pm - Linda SPERLING

Saturday, October 3, 6 pm - Perry CARTWRIGHT

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 26:** Kristina DAMBRAUSKAS,

Pat TANTILLO

• **Saturday, October 3:** Robert STANFORD, Don BRANDT

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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 27, 2020 - Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32

September 28, 2020 - Job 1:6-22; Psalms 17:1, 2-3, 6-7; Luke 9:46-50; Second Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalms 33:2-9; John 15:18-21

September 29, 2020 - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12; Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51

September 30, 2020 - Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Psalms 88:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Luke 9:57-62; Second Timothy 3:14-17

October 1, 2020 - Job 19:21-27; Psalms 27:7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Luke 10:1-12; Isaiah 66:10-14; Matthew 18:1-4

October 2, 2020 - Exodus 23:20-23; Psalms 91:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 10-11; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

October 3, 2020 - Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-16; Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Luke 10:17-24



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Ezekiel 18:25-28*

LIFE IS NOT FAIR

Even if you live a good life, if you do one thing wrong, people may never let you forget about it. They remind you of your past foolishness. Perhaps they call you a name. It does not seem fair because you have been so good otherwise.

Other people, hardened criminals, ask for mercy and get it. Sometimes they get rewarded. They get away with the wrong they have done. That just does not seem fair.

God speaks to Ezekiel that the unfairness lies with people, not in heaven. God is willing to let people change and grow.

Our opinions of our companions change less frequently than they do. People who are good make bad decisions. People who do evil repent. It is inconvenient for us to change our opinions of who they are.

But God sees to the heart. God knows a person's intent. God knows what a person is responsible for and how sincerely they are trying to do what is right.

That is a good thing for us. It means that if we who are basically good commit some wrongful act, we can still obtain mercy when we repent. Mercy comes from a God who expects us to change.

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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@dcdg.org or 219-769-9292 ext. 226. The theme this year is "Pray, Believe, Live."

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

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 Racism*

HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT TRINITY BANQUET HALL

Trinity Banquet Hall is located on the grounds of Saint Patrick Catholic Community in Chesterton, Indiana. Two event spaces, The Chandelier Room or Trinity Hall, offer you elegance and flexibility, and will serve as the perfect setting for your upcoming wedding reception, party, shower, professional event, fundraiser, or other celebration. Whether you are expecting 50 guests or 300 guests, thinking of a rustic theme or an elegant black tie affair; Trinity Banquet Hall can provide your guests the space and amenities to make your occasion memorable. For more information or to schedule a tour of Trinity Banquet Hall you may contact: Fran Antone 219.926.1282 ext.3. fantone@stpatparish.org.

RESPECT LIFE WEEKEND OCTOBER 3RD-4TH

Life Chain is Sunday, October 4th 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.

**\$\$\$ MONEY MANAGEMENT REPORT \$\$\$
for September 19 - September 20, 2020**

Mass Collection (INCLUDES LITHUANIAN MASS):	\$ 1,944.00
Budgeted Amount:	\$ 4,800.00
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (2,856.00)
YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (27,767.00)
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>.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

The Spirituality and Worship Commission will hold a CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND BENEDICTION on Sunday evening, October 4th at 6:00 pm. The Church will open at 5:30 pm for meditation before the Rosary and Benediction. This is a truly beautiful opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother in a very special way. Pre-registration is required through the Save a Seat program at stpatparish.org website-St. Patrick's Church-Chesterton There will be a special tab to select on the Save a Seat program. Please bring your confirmation email with you to the Church. Face masks and all Covid restrictions such as social distancing will be required. Spirituality and Worship Commission looks forward to sharing this wonderful event with you.

SACRAMENTAL POLICIES UPDATED

Baptism - Those requesting Baptism (for their children) must be registered and attending the Parish for mass at least six months prior to the request. There is a formation meeting before a date can be scheduled for the Baptism.

GodParents/Sponsors - In order to serve in either of these roles one must be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and if married, your marriage must have taken place before a Catholic Priest (or deacon). A Practicing Catholic is one who is registered in the Parish and attends Mass on a regular basis.

Wedding - Couples requesting a Wedding must be registered and practicing their Faith by attending Mass for at least a year before a date can be reserved. There are Pre-Cana classes as well as several appointments with the Pastor that are required. Please contact the Parish a year in advance.

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 stpatparish.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.

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

Lakeshore Bone & Joint - There are times in life when things just don't go right. Just when you're having fun or perhaps at work, an injury occurs. Maybe just getting around has been getting harder and harder. Wouldn't it be great to be able to speak with a professional that knows just what to do and genuinely cares? Here at St Ann's we are lucky enough to have many caring professionals. One of them is Dr. David Musgrave. Dr. Musgrave practices as an Orthopedic Surgeon at Lakeshore Bone and Joint Institute. His emphasis is on General Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, Joint Replacement. Dave and his family have been members of St Ann's for many years and he has served in many capacities including Pastoral Council. He is also the team physician for Andean High School.

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE ON THURSDAYS!

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.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 27, 2020 is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. We thank Father Jon Plavcan and Father George Schopp for patiently serving our Parish especially through this most difficult year. We also remember Father John Barasinski who faithfully served our parish for many years.