

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CURRENT WEEK

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• **Saturday, November 28 - 6:00 PM**

Intention:

In Memory of Father Dave Gosnell from St. Ann's Parish Family
In Memory of Zofia Wiklinska from Richard & Gosia Kinney

NEXT WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

• **Saturday, December 5 - 6:00 PM**

Intention: In Memory of Mary Whybrew from Terry & Nancy Kolasa

Intention: In Memory of Roman Wiklinski from Richard & Gosia Kinney

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

• **Sunday, December 7-6:00 PM**

Intention: For the People of St. Ann



Saturday, November 28, 6 pm - Lynda LANCASTER

Saturday, NDecember 5, 6 pm - 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.



Saturday, November 28, 6 pm - Perry CARTWRIGHT

Saturday, December 5, 6 pm - Sharon AMBROSIC

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, November 28:** Joan BARUFFI, Ed RYSCUCK

• **Saturday, December 5:** Gloria BOLDUC, Linda SPERLING

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

November 29, 2020 - Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; First Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

November 30, 2020 - Romans 10:9-18; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 4:18-22

December 1, 2020 - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

December 2, 2020 - Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

December 3, 2020 - First Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 16:15-20; Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

December 4, 2020 - Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31; Second Timothy 1:13-14; 2:1-3

December 5, 2020 - Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8



*First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5*

SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES

The first reading of the entire Advent season presents Isaiah's famous dream of a people at peace: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." How can we get that peace?

In Isaiah's vision, that peace comes from the word of the Lord. That word comes from Jerusalem.

The city of Jerusalem sits on a hill, but it is a stubby little hill. Other hills are larger. But Isaiah prophesies that Jerusalem's hill will be established as the highest mountain. All will stream toward it to hear God's word.

For Christians, when we hear this prophecy on the First Sunday of Advent, we imagine Isaiah's dream on a grander scale. We see heaven as the new Jerusalem, established higher than anywhere else. We see all peoples streaming toward it for instruction. The word that comes from the new Jerusalem is the Word made flesh at Bethlehem. We yearn to hear that word and form our lives by it.

This day, let us hear the word of God. Let us take the weapons we hurl at our neighbors—the angry words, the hurtful deeds—and beat them into plowshares that open fertile soil of communication and into pruning hooks that weave renewed relationships of peace.

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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 **Monday 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

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic campaign for Human Development! Your donation will support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Information on the Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

KEEPING THE SEASONS

Even though we are socially distanced this Advent season, there are resources available to everyone which will provide weekly Catechesis for Keeping the Seasons. To access the material, visit <https://ltp.org/BKSA21> and enter the access code A@tvG4v6.

PRAYER SERVICE AND ADORATION

During December, St. Patrick's Church in Chesterton will hold an evening prayer and adoration service on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. The prayer service will be held on December 3rd, December 10th and December 17th. No reservations are required and all are invited to attend.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES SCHEDULED

The priests of Porter County will be available for confessions three nights during Advent. They will gather at 4 pm and 7 pm for a short period of reflection and introspection, then you can go to any of the more than 10 priests gathered around the church for confession.

Wednesday, December 9th - St. Paul's Church, 1855 Harrison Blvd, Valparaiso
 Wednesday, December 15th - St. Patrick's Church, 638 N Calumet Rd, Chesterton
 Wednesday, December 21st - Nativity of Our Savior, 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

You are invited to attend Christmas Mass at St. Patrick's Church. The Mass schedule for St. Patrick's is:

December 24th - Thursday - Christmas Eve - 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM at St. Pat's Trinity Hall and 4:00 PM at the Church, Midnight Mass at 10:00 PM.

December 25th - Friday - Christmas Day - 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Reservations and face masks are required. Please use the save a seat reservation system through St. Patrick's Church. In light of the increases of COVID cases in Porter County, services may need to be cancelled or reduced. Please check the bulletin or website for up to date information.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Peace and Social Justice says thanks to all who have already donated money or food for the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry's Christmas distribution. We invite everyone to participate by sending a check to purchase scrip grocery cards or by stopping by the church during office hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.) to drop off nonperishable food items. To donate toward a grocery card, make your check out to St. Ann, and write "food pantry" on the memo line. Mail it to St. Ann Church, P.O. Box 727, Beverly Shores, IN 46301, and be sure to write "SCRIP" on the front of the envelope. We hope you can give, and we thank you for your generosity! Please do not leave food items outside Church doors at any othertime besides office hours because the raccoons and other wildlife may decide to enjoy your generosity.

WELCOMING OUR SEMINARIANS

I would like to welcome to Saint Patrick Catholic Community and Saint Ann two Seminarians that will be arriving on Monday, November 30, 2020. They will be continuing their studies and assisting me on a daily basis while they are home from the Seminary. They are Ivan Alatorre and Robert Budzius. Robert is one of the Seminarians from Saint Patrick. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and pray for our Seminarians. Ivan and Robert both attend Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota. It is with great Joy that I welcome them to the parishes.

Father Jon

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. You can also stop by during office hours to pick up the Oplatki. Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday- 9:00am-1:00 pm.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Your 2021 workbook is available in the Sacristy. You can also stop by during office hours to pick up the workbook. Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday- 9:00am-1:00 pm

**\$\$\$ MONEY MANAGEMENT REPORT \$\$\$
for November 21 - November 22, 2020**

Mass Collection: <i>(includes Lithuanian Mass)</i>	\$ 1,660.00
Budgeted Amount:	\$ 4,800.00
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (3,140.00)
YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (50,011.00)
 Diocesan Savings as of 9/30/20	 \$ 77,408.51

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>.

HOLY DAY MASS - DECEMBER 7TH

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin will be held here at St. Ann's on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 PM. Reservations and face masks are required. Please use the save a seat reservation system through St. Patrick's Church.

ST. ANN'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Masses for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years are as follows:

December 24th - Thursday - Christmas Eve - 6:00 PM

December 25th - Friday - Christmas Day - 8:00 AM

January 1st - Friday - New Years Day - 8:00 AM

Reservations and face masks are required. Please use the save a seat reservation system through St. Patrick's Church. In light of the increases of COVID cases in Porter County, services may need to be cancelled or reduced. Please check the bulletin or website for up to date information.

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.

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.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS

To all St Ann's Parishioners: One of the things that makes St Ann's a wonderful place to worship is the willingness of those that attend St Ann's to volunteer when needed. We are in great need of additional Lector/Commentators and especially Eucharistic Ministers. Due to job changes and relocation we have lost some of our volunteers and now have only a bare minimum to meet the weekly need. Please consider becoming a volunteer for these important ministries. We can train you! Contact the Parish Office directly at 879-7565. Thank You from the bottom of my heart. Mary Lou Marshall (Scheduler)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- A Little Something

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COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

THREE WEEKS LEFT TO SHOP UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Have you been working on your grocery list and Christmas shopping list? Scrip is a great way to shop during these socially distanced times. There are now only three weeks in December that scrip cards will be available to purchase at the Parish House. Last date to special order scrip cards is December 10th. Get busy this weekend with those lists and help St. Ann's at the same time.

Sharon Ambrosic is at the Parish House every Thursday between 9:00 am-1:00 pm ready to assist you with your holiday shopping. You can special order from a large variety of retailers. Give Sharon a call at 219-928-3124 and she will be happy to help you with questions about scrip. She can also be reached at the Parish office on Thursday mornings at 219-879-7565.

SOCIALLY DISTANCED SCRIP BUYING

Scrip can now be shipped to your home using the Raise Right app. There is a 3 minute "Ship to Home" tutorial that explains how to use the new app. by going to www.shopwithscrip.com/holiday-resources. Mystery bonuses will be available Nov. 28 - Dec. 4---with more to come during the holiday season, example: Dazzle Days and Surprise Daily Bonuses. The info will be on the app.