

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Schedule

CURRENT WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

• **Saturday, December 12 - 6:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Gene Whybrew from Terry and Nancy Kolasa

NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

• **Saturday, December 19 - 6:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Jerry Elliott and family from Fred and Rosemary Braun. In Memory of Greg and Lurlene Tischler from Ralph and Faith Caron
MASS FOR OUR LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY

• **Sunday, December 20 - 1:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Joseph Noreika from Family & Friends

CHRISTMAS EVE

• **Thursday, December 24 - 6:00 PM Family Mass** *Intention:* In memory of Father John Barasinski from St. Ann's Parish Family

CHRISTMAS DAY

• **Friday, December 25 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In memory of Joey Niepokoj from St. Ann's Parish Family



Saturday, December 12, 6 pm - Joan BARUFFI

Saturday, December 19, 6 pm - Lynda LANCASTER

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, December 12, 6 pm - Julie KASNIUNAS

Saturday, December 19, 6 pm - Cindy HARGARTEN

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, December 12:** Perry CARTWRIGHT, Vytas KASNIUNAS

• **Saturday, December 19, 6 pm** - Phil HARGARTEN, Ed RYSCUCK

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

December 13, 2020 - Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; First Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 14, 2020 - First Corinthians 2:1-10; Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17; Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27

December 15, 2020 - Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Matthew 21:28-32

December 16, 2020 - Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 7:18-23

December 17, 2020 - Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalms 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17

December 18, 2020 - Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalms 72:1, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-24

December 19, 2020 - Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Psalms 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

Weekly Readings



Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

IF ONLY...

We all have our own "if only." If only my hands didn't shake. If only my knees were stronger. If only I weren't afraid. If only we had enough rain. If only I could see more clearly. If only I could hear as I used to. If only I didn't feel trapped.

God understands. Even though life is not perfect, and even though our property and bodies deteriorate, God promises a restoration of all that is beautiful. The struggles of this life cause us to yearn for another, more glorious life.

Isaiah prophesies a day when God's glory will come. "Here is your God," Isaiah says. "God comes to save you." These words brought hope to those in exile, a people powerless and poor.

When Christians hear this text, we hear a promise that echoed all the way to the birth of Jesus. Jesus, whose name means "savior," is coming, and all will be made new in him.

Every time we strengthen the weak, help the needy, water the plants, or shovel the snow, we remove someone's "if only." We help them witness the coming of Christ.

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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 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 last prayer service will be 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 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.

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS – CHRIST THE KING ADORATION CHAPEL

Could you adore our dear Lord for one hour at Queen of All Saints Church, Legacy Center? The chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you wish to adore after 8:00 p.m., you can obtain a key from the rectory. Please come and visit Jesus any hour. “Could you not watch one hour with ME?” Adoration is still needed for certain times and days, please call Ann Fletcher at 874-4506 or Sandy Butler at 879-7142 for a list and more information.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

As we have begun a new Liturgical Year, with the season of Advent, I would like to thank the 150 parishioners who financially supported Saint Ann since January 1, 2020. Your practice of Stewardship is appreciated. May you know of the blessings of the Lord. *Father Jon*

FOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED

Peace and Social Justice needs your help to meet the growing need for food in our community at Christmas. Please bring your non-perishable food items to St. Ann on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and drop them in the box in front of church. They can also be dropped off before Saturday evening Mass at 6:00 pm. Or buy a Scrip grocery card that can be donated to the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. Send your check to St. Ann, P.O. Box 727, Beverly Shores, IN 46301. Be sure to write “scrip” on the front of the envelope! The people of St. Ann have given generously to the food drive in years past—please give as generously as you can. Thank you!

Please do not leave food items outside Church doors at any other time other than 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. 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*

2021 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Your 2021 St. Ann’s envelopes are available on the table at the back of Church. Please stop by after Mass to pick them up. They can also be picked up during office hours which are Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Masks are required in the office. Please note during the week of Christmas and New Year’s, the parish office will only be open on Monday, the 21st and 28th, from 9:00 AM-1:00PM

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. Please note during the week of Christmas and New Year’s, the parish office will only be open on Monday the 21st and 28th from 9:00 AM-1:00PM.

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. Please note during the week of Christmas, the parish office will only be open on Monday, the 21st from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

**\$\$\$ MONEY MANAGEMENT REPORT \$\$\$
 for December 5 - December 6, 2020**

Mass Collection:	\$ 3,616.00
Budgeted Amount:	\$ 4,800.00
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (1,184.00)
YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (54,140.00)
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>.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JON

The Catholic Service Appeal goal for Saint Ann of the Dunes is \$28,258.00. Due to the generosity of parishioners, we have collected \$23,835.00 to date. Just a reminder that what is not raised would need to come from the ordinary Sunday collection to make up the difference. The deadline to reach our goal is until the end of December. If you have not made a pledge, I am asking that you prayerfully ask the Lord to guide you to offer your many blessings that you have received back to the Lord. This is Stewardship!

For more details on how gifts are used or to make a gift online: <https://dchgary.org/csa>. You can also return your pledge 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.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to Christmas and New Year’s holidays, the Parish office will have reduced hours of operation. The Parish office will be open on Monday the 21st and Monday the 28th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bulletin announcements must be submitted by Sunday evening via email. If there is an emergency during those weeks, please call Father Jon Plavcan at St. Patrick’s Church at 219-926-1282.

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 (RESERVATION FULL)

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.

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 Wuerthele, 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

FINAL CALL FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THROUGH SCRIP

Scrip is a great way to shop during these socially distanced times. There is only one opportunity left in December that scrip cards will be available to purchase at the Parish House. Purchasing scrip helps the Parish and it doesn’t cost you anything extra.

Sharon Ambrosic will be at the Parish House on Thursday the 17th between 9:00 am-12:30 pm ready to assist you with your holiday shopping. 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 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 during the holiday season, example: Dazzle Days and Surprise Daily Bonuses. The info will be on the app.