

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



CURRENT WEEK

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• Saturday, February 20 - 6:00 PM

Intention: In Memory of Kevin Gaff from Terry and Nancy Kolasa

Intention: In Memory of Joseph Churilla from Teresa Churilla and family

MASS FOR OUR LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY

• Sunday, February 21 - 1:00 PM

Intention: For the People of St. Ann

NEXT WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

• Saturday, February 27- 6:00 PM

Intention: ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE of John Kern, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Kern and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wessel from the Wessel Family



Saturday, February 20, 6 pm - Kristina DAMBRAUSKAS

Saturday, February 27, 6 pm - Gloria BOLDUC

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, February 20, 6 pm - Ann BEESE

Saturday, February 27, 6 pm - Kira GEISS

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, February 20, 6 pm - Perry CARTWRIGHT, Joan BARUFFI

• Saturday, February 27, 6 pm - Frank AMBROSIC, Lynda LANCASTER

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

February 21, 2021 - Genesis 9:8-15; Psalms 25:4-9; First Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

February 22, 2021 - First Peter 5:1-4; Psalms 23:1-3a, 4-6; Matthew 16:13-19

February 23, 2021 - Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19; Matthew 6:7-15

February 24, 2021 - Jonah 3:1-10; Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

February 25, 2021 - Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalms 138:1-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

February 26, 2021 - Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalms 130:1-7a, 7b-8; Matthew 5:20-26

February 27, 2021 - Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48



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Genesis 9:8-15

THE RAINBOW COVENANT

People give things up for Lent, but they also do some things extra. They enter into the renewal that God desires for all creation. Renewal often demands both strategies: giving up and doing extra.

Take God, for example. At the end of the story of Noah, God gave something up. You remember the story. People had behaved so badly that God sent a flood to wipe out creation. But God took pity on Noah, his family, and pairs of animals. As the floods receded, God established a new covenant with Noah and set a rainbow in the sky as its sign.

What did God give up? God gave up global floods. "There shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God gave up giving up on people.

The story of our relationship with God did not end there. We know at the beginning of Lent where that story will end at Easter. God did more than give something up. God did something extra. God sent us a redeemer. By ending destruction and offering redemption, God set a perfect example of renewal.

Lent is like a desert. It is also like a flood. But most of all, it is like the balance of sun, water, and soil that yields a bountiful harvest.

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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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion... women and men of all faiths are invited to begin the healing process. Contact Rosanne at 219-552-2944 or email: nwinrv@outlook.com. More info at: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers private room and bath/meals/materials). Confidential/safe place to connect with others and process your experience. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. Sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life Activities, Diocese of Gary. Retreat Weekend is: March 5-7, 2021.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

EVENING PRAYER AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Join St. Patrick's Church parishioners in evening prayer during Lent. Evening prayers will be held every Thursday during Lent at 5:30 pm. Prayers will be held on February 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th and March 25th. Pre-registration is not required but a face mask and the practice of social distancing is required. St. Pat's Church is located at 638 N Calumet Rd, Chesterton.

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday evening at 6 pm, members of Spirituality and Worship Commission will lead parishioners in the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep and meaningful. Stations of the Cross will be held on the following dates: February 26th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th and March 26th. Attendance is encouraged. Pre-registration is not required. Masks and the practice of social distancing will be required.

THERE IS STILL TIME

There's still time to renew or subscribe to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. A one-year subscription includes 24 bimonthly issues of the newspaper which features official local, regional, national, and international Catholic news as well as coverage of local stories, events, and inspiring features. Subscribers also receive special publications and inserts, and the annual diocesan directory, for the low cost of \$26.00. Subscribe now through March 17th, using the envelope in your collection pack. Make checks payable to St. Ann of the Dunes. Subscribers can order an online e-edition (email address required) for \$13, or both versions of the paper for \$30. Subscribe online using the secure website at nwcatholic.com. Thank you for supporting diocesan communications!

PENANCE AND EASTER SUNDAY MASS NEWS

Penance services will be held at area churches during Lent. A full schedule will be published in the bulletin within the next couple of weeks. Easter Sunday Mass will be held here at St. Ann's at 8:00 on Easter morning. Registration on the save a seat registration site is not yet available for Easter Sunday mass.

LENTE FASTING GUIDELINES

Fasting means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals that do not equal the full meal (for those between the ages of 18-59). Abstinence means to not eat meat (for those ages 14 and older). All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MAILED

The parish financial statements were mailed on Tuesday, January 19th. Due to Covid19, mailing the statements is a safer procedure. Please keep in mind that only those who have contributed \$500.00 or more will receive a statement. This is what has been done over the last years at Saint Ann. Nothing has changed this year except they were mailed to your home. If you have given less and would like a statement, you will need to call the parish office and request one. It will then be printed and mailed out to you. The parish office number is 879-7561 or you can email the request to the office at stannesdunes@comcast.net

**\$\$\$ MONEY MANAGEMENT REPORT \$\$\$
for February 13 - February 14, 2021**

MASS COLLECTION	\$ 1,905.00
Diocesan Savings as of 12/31/20	\$ 77,990.53

Thank you for your practice of Stewardship to St. Ann. May God Bless you for your generosity.

Father Jon Plavcan

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>.

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.*

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.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

There are several openings available in 2021 to remember or honor your loved ones through a mass intention. Just send your request to St. Ann of the Dunes, P O Box 727, Beverly Shores, 46301. Right now, openings are available for the Saturday evening mass at 6:00 pm only. We will do our best to accommodate your requested date. Please leave a phone number we can contact you at in case of questions. The suggested donation to request a mass in memory or to honor your loved one is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to St. Ann of the Dunes.

SACRAMENTAL POLICIES

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 <https://www.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.

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: stannesdunes@comcast.net We look forward to hearing from you.

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

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. Or call 219-926-7117. Hours by appointment only.

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

SOCIALLY DISTANCED SCRIP BUYING

Scrip can now be shipped to your home using the Praise 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.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SCRIP COORDINATOR

Are you looking for something to assist Saint Ann Parish? What about volunteering to be the SCRIP Coordinator for the Parish. SCRIP is an easy way to provide some additional funds for the parish and at the same time provide you with something to occupy your days during COVID. Think about it and contact the parish office at 219-879-7565. What a great way to assist the parish to volunteer for this very important program.