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St. Ann  
of the Dunes

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## Mission Statement

We are a unique, caring, Christian family of the Catholic faith, co-creative of the Kingdom of God, worshipping and witnessing together in love and joy.

We are composed of People from diverse backgrounds who accept personal responsibility

for the stewardship of St. Ann's resources, people, and talents, and strive for full and equal participation among all of its community.

We, by interaction with and responsibility to a diverse community, are enriched through worship, education service, and living examples of Christ's teachings.

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## Office Hours

**Tuesday and Thursday**..... 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Lithuanian Mass**..... 1:00 p.m.  
*(Every third Sunday of the month.)*

## Other Sacraments

**Baptisms:** After 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday. Contact the parish office for additional information.

**Reconciliation:** As listed in the bulletin and upon request.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request.

## Parish Staff

**Parish Administrator**..... Rev. Jon Plavcan

**Clergy Assistant**..... Rev. George Schopp

**Pastoral care for the Lithuanian Community** ..... Rev. Gediminas Kersys

**Director, R.C.I.A. & Adult Religious Formation** ..... Perry Cartwright

**Director, Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**..... Adam Antone

**Sacristan Coordinator** ..... Phil Farese

**Liturgy & Music Director**..... Marsha Jerome

**Organist**..... Karen Erminger

**Maintenance** ..... Michael Opat

**St. Ann Guild President**..... Joseph Estep

## 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 on our website or you can contact the office at 219-879-7565. 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.*



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, October 2

6:00 PM In Memory of  
Megan Young from Dan Bariball

#### Saturday, October 9

6:00 PM In Memory of Dorothy Kelley  
from Chris Juricic and family

### Ministry Schedule

#### October 2, 2021

Lector Joan Baruffi  
Eucharistic Minister Robert Stanford

#### October 9, 2021

Lector Brian McSweeney  
Eucharistic Minister Joe Estep

## Making Testing and Deciding

There are at least three take-aways from the readings today. In the making of man and woman in this second creation story, God builds them up from the same stuff. In the first creation, they are made into God's own image and likeness (Genesis 1:27). Made as equals. In the testing of Jesus, The Pharisees try to trip him up with legal loopholes. Jesus does not play the game. In deciding who belongs to the Kingdom of God, it is Jesus and not his handlers who choose. Children are important. So is everyone else.

- How will I foster the equality of both women and men?
- How will I avoid loopholes and, instead, tell the truth?
- Just like Jesus, how will I treat everyone the same as equal members of God's Kingdom?

## Try Again

God keeps trying. If things don't work out the way God wants them to, our creator never gives up. God keeps trying.



The Book of Genesis tells the story of God's attempt to create a partner for the solitary man. God tried everything. Out of the ground came various wild animals. Out of the air came various birds. God brought each of them to the man, hoping one might make a good partner. The man gave names to all of them. But none proved to be a suitable partner.

You can almost sense the disappointment that God and the created man must have felt. The earth is filled with wondrous creatures. In the view

of the writer of the Book of Genesis, all those creatures were made for delight. But none ultimately satisfied.

Finally, God reached not into the ground, not into the air, but into the man himself, withdrew a rib, and fashioned it into a woman. God kept trying.

When the man saw her, he recognized that she was his partner. God desires our happiness. Sometimes we move from friend to friend, house to house, school to school, and job to job, looking for the right source of satisfaction. God never gives up on us. God keeps trying.

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## Pray 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.*

### **Our Military**

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.

## October is Respect Life Month

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Candlelight Rosary and Benediction

The Spirituality and Worship Commission will hold a Candlelight Rosary and Benediction on Sunday evening, October 24th at 6:00 pm. This is a truly beautiful opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother in a very special way. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Sheagley

We congratulate Grace Polka and Aidan Sheagley who were married here last weekend. May God Bless them with a long and happy faith filled marriage. Grace is the daughter of Michael and Jacqueline Polka, parishioners of St. Ann's. All of us here at St. Ann's Parish offer our very best wishes to the newlyweds and their families.

## Conference Registration is Open

The Diocese of Gary training and renewal conference for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Care will be held November 12th & 13th at St. Patrick's Parish in Chesterton. For more information and to register online, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conference-21-english-event-tickets-172252591137>. The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes an Agape meal on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

## There is Still Time

Have you signed up yet to participate in Catholic Charities Sip, Savor, & Support Dinner and Wine Pairing Event on **Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **Trinity Banquet Hall** located at St. Patrick Catholic Community in Chesterton, Indiana?

Tickets are **\$55 per person**, and you must be 21 to attend. Guests will delight their taste buds and expand their wine knowledge as Sommelier, Patrick Cullars—Manager at William B's Steakhouse at Blue Chip Casino—shares the wine selections that pair well with dinner and dessert.

To help support our Northwest Indiana neighbors in need this charity event also includes a live auction and some exciting raffle items! Sponsorship opportunities that will showcase your business, organization, group, or an individual are also available. To learn more about this elegant dinner and wine pairing event, please visit <http://www.catholic-charities.org/events/dinner>, or contact Esther Miller at 219-689-3153.



## Stewardship

**September 25 2021**

Mass Collection (6:00 p.m.) ..... \$2,247.00

Diocesan Savings as of 6/30/21..... \$79,167.72

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

..... *Father Jon Plavcan*

## Online Giving

You may now opt to contribute to St. Ann electronically by using one of our online options. Access us on line at: [www.st-ann-of-the-dunes.org](http://www.st-ann-of-the-dunes.org).

**Collection for Parish Utilities is this weekend**

## Support Our Businesses

Please support the businesses who advertise on the back of our bulletin. Their ads pay for all of our bulletin costs. Thank you to each and every one of our advertisers This week we are featuring Michigan City Monuments.

## Michigan City Monuments

We don't usually think of a visit to the cemetery as being a fun or even pleasant event, but have you ever noticed how peaceful it can be? It often provides a much-needed chance to reflect and remember. It gives us a chance to reconnect with our past and one of the ways we do it is through the monuments we have placed to honor our loved ones throughout the cemetery.

Since 1937, Michigan City Monuments has been serving Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan. They specialize in custom monuments and also offer many services including headstone cleaning and restoration and even QR code memorials. Their products include not only monuments, but also pet memorials, cremation urns and even garden benches and décor. They are conveniently located on Johnson Road and you can visit them on the web at: <https://kovenzmemorial.com>