



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.

Contact Us

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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.)
Sunday..... 8:00 a.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
Associate Parish Administrator Rev. Roque Meraz
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

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, December 4

6:00 PM In Memory of Zofia Wiklinska
from Richard & Gosia Kinney

Tuesday, December 7 Holy Day Vigil

6:00 PM All Souls Remembrance of
Joe, Virginia & Bob Haegele
Tom, Bev & Dave Foster &
Agnes Koenig
from Leeann Foster

Wednesday, December 8 Holy Day

8:00 AM For the People of St. Ann

Saturday, December 11

6:00 PM In Memory of Cathy Heaston
from Barb Mathis

Ministry Schedule

December 4, 2021	6:00 PM
Lector	Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister	Linda Sperling
December 7, 2021	6:00 PM Holy Day
Lector	Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister	Linda Sperling
December 8, 2021	8:00 AM Holy Day
Lector	Joan Baruffi
December 11, 2021	6:00 PM
Lector	Brian McSweeney
Eucharistic Minister	Perry Cartwright

Second Sunday of Advent

In today's gospel reading, John the Baptist assures those coming to him for the baptism of repentance that God's work of redemption is continual. The same is true for us. This season reminds us that the work of spiritual preparation is ongoing. As we make our way back and forth over the rocks and stones of bad habits and attitudes, the way becomes smoother and we realize we are clearing a way for God to enter.

Restoring the Lost

If something you loved was ever taken away from you, you know the feelings of loss, invasion, injustice, and confusion. "Why would



someone take from me the desire of my heart? Why would someone hurt me? How can this happen when I lead a good life? How will I continue in the face of this loss?"

The one who suffered a loss in this passage from Baruch was not a person. It was a city. Jerusalem had lost many of her inhabitants to invaders, many of her treasures to thieves. The entire city was cloaked in mourning and misery.

But Baruch urges the people to stand on the heights and look

east. There they will see their scattered children brought together again. Carried away by enemies, they return on thrones. God promises that the hills will be leveled and the valleys will be filled. Those returning will speed their way on the road home.

Jerusalem suffered immeasurable loss. Those returning had been changed by their experience of exile and redemption. Those at home had been changed by their hurt and their hope.

During Advent, we celebrate God's promise of restoration. If we have suffered a loss, God can make things new again. We might be changed by what we experience. The memory of our ache may never fade. But God can restore trust, hope, and confidence for all who have lost what they most loved.

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Pray For,...

The Departed

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers who recently passed away especially John Vaio.

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.

Communal Penance Services

Advent Penance services are available at area Churches. No reservation is required and the services are held at 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

- Monday, December 6th St. Patrick Church, Chesterton
- Thursday, December 16th St. Paul Church, Valparaiso
- Tuesday, December 21st Nativity of Our Savior, Portage

Oplatki

In response to requests for the traditional Christmas "sharing wafers", we are happy to make available Oplatki/Oblaten. The wafers can be found on one of the desks in the back of Church.

The history of these wafers can be found on the back of the envelopes. A donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

You can also stop by the parish office on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to pick up the Oplatki.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

As Christmas approaches, we remember all of our brothers and sisters in the faith who have died in hope of the Resurrection. This year you are invited to make your donation for the parish's Christmas décor in memory of your loved ones or in thanksgiving of blessings received.

Forms are available in the hymnal rack at the back of Church. There will also be an insert in next week's bulletin for your convenience. You can always call or email the office and we will send you a form. The parish office number is 219-879-7565 or email us at stannesdunnes@comcast.net.

Please return completed flower form with your donation by **Monday, December 20th.**

Parish 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.



Stewardship

November 21 2021

Mass Collection (6:00 p.m./8:00 a.m.) \$4,322.00

Lithuanian Mass Collection (1:00 pm) \$ 441.00

November 28 2021

Mass Collection (6:00 p.m.) \$1,549.00

Diocesan Savings as of 9/30/21 \$79,762.96

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.

This weekend the second collection will be for Parish Utilities

Support Our Businesses

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

Edgewood Dental

One of our longest advertising supporters, Dr Noreika has been serving patients in Michigan City and the surrounding area since 1999.

Dr Vidas Noreika and his staff work together with their patients to develop the best strategies for maintaining a healthy smile.

He is a lifelong resident of the Michigan City area and also an active member in our Lithuanian community and in the Lithuanian Services here at St Ann.

Edgewood Dental has an informative website where you can get information on his services, insurance, and appointment scheduling and more! Find them at: www.edgewooddentalmc.com