



**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 11

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

#### Saturday, December 18

6:00 PM In Memory of  
Elizabeth VanderWoude  
from Barb Mathis

#### Sunday, December 19

8:00 AM In Memory of  
Bernard and Brian Herod  
from Mike Palmer

#### Sunday, December 19 **Lithuanian Mass**

1:00 PM In Memory of the Deceased  
Members of the Burelli Family  
From Anita Burelli

### Ministry Schedule

<b>December 11, 2021</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Lector	Brian McSweeney
Eucharistic Minister	Perry Cartwright
<b>December 18, 2021</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Lector	Lynda Lancaster
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Hargarten
<b>December 19, 2021</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
Lector	Brian McSweeney
Eucharistic Minister	Linda Sperling

## Third Sunday of Advent

Immediately following the Lord's Prayer at Mass, the prayer of the priest contains these wonderful lines: "That by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." There is a great difference between simply waiting and being expectant. One is a test of patience, the other is an expression of hope. Let us be people of blessed hope.

## Lessons Learned

When punished children finally get permission to play, they take new delight in their freedom. They learn the importance of good



behavior. They also learn that parents have authority that can be used for punishment or release. If parents have done their job well, children learn that both punishment and release happen because of their parents' love.

When ancient Israel ended up in exile, the people interpreted their loss as punishment for their sins. They had not listened to God. They had not been faithful to the covenant. In their punishment, they learned the importance of good behavior. They also learned that

God had authority over them, that God would remain faithful to the covenant, and that their behavior carried consequences.

Imagine the freedom they felt at these words from Zephaniah: "The LORD has removed the judgment against you." Their time of punishment was over. They could return to their homeland to worship, to work, to reunite with family—and to play. God gave them release.

Children who delight in freedom sometimes miss another truth: Their parents are happy, too. When punishment is over and children are free, parents are proud that their children have grown.

God does not take delight in what we experience as punishment. God takes delight in the lessons we learn and in the love we share when we are free.

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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.

## Sunday Mass

An 8:00 AM Sunday Mass has been added on the third Sunday of the month. The next Sunday Mass is December 19th at 8:00 a.m. It is Father Jon's hope that after the first of the year, we may be able to add the 8:00 AM Mass on a regular basis. It will all depend on the availability of priests and attendance of parishioners and visitors.

## Advent Prayer Service

Prepare for the coming of the Lord with the ancient prayer of the Church. An Advent Evening Prayer service will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Chesterton. All are welcome.

- **Sunday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m.**

## Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of the Chesterton council #5929 are having their business meeting on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. All council meetings will be at St. Patrick's Chapel Hall.

To join Knights of Columbus, sign up at [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) or contact Dwight Noble at 219-395-6822 or email Dwight at [dwrightwnoble@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightwnoble@gmail.com).

## Polish-American Cultural Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana on Wednesday, December 15th at 5:00 P.M. at St. Stanislaus School in Michigan City.

Join Father Wally Rakoczy in exploring Polish language, customs, and culture in a relaxed, informal setting. There is no membership fee and meetings are open to everyone.

Please use the entrance that is located between the church and the school. There will be signs to direct you to the ground level room.

For information call Theresa Child at 219-464-1369.

## 2022 Envelopes are available

Your 2022 St. Ann's envelopes are available on the table in the back of Church. Please pick yours up after Mass. If you would like envelopes, please contact the parish office at 219-879-7565.

## 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.



## Stewardship

**December 4, 2021**

Mass Collection (6:00 p.m.) ..... \$2,157.00

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](http://www.st-ann-of-the-dunes.org).

## Communal Penance Services

Advent Penance services are available at area Churches. Services are held at 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

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

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