



**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 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

#### Friday, December 24

6:00 PM In Memory of Margie Connell  
and Eugenia Kaukialo from  
Susan, Maureen & Jimi Connell  
and Jackie & Dean Conrad

#### Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM In Memory of Donald Graham  
from John and Linda Didelot

#### Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM For the People of St. Ann

### Ministry Schedule

<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
<b>December 24, 2021</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Lector	Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Ambrosic
<b>December 25, 2021</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
Lector	Joan Baruffi
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Beese
<b>December 26, 2021</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
Lector	Joan Crepeau
Eucharistic Minister	Open

## From Out of Nowhere

Victory is always exciting. But when the hero is a complete unknown who comes seemingly out of nowhere and performs as a pro, the victory electrifies all the more. The previously unknown hero thrills in many arenas—in sports, the arts, politics, and even religion.



Micah prophesied that God's chosen people would receive a new leader from a town of no reputation, some place called Bethlehem. This village was too small to be listed among the clans of Judah. Even so, God spoke through the prophet that Bethlehem would supply Israel with a ruler able to govern with divine strength. This ruler's greatness would reach the

ends of the earth and bring peace.

For Christians, the identity of this ruler is well known: Jesus, who, Luke says, was born in Bethlehem. Jesus brings excitement to the history of religions because he came from nowhere, from a town that had never accomplished anything great.

But the real significance of Jesus is not his unfamiliar birthplace. It is the extent and result of his reign. He rules the spirits of believers all over the world. He brings peace to those whose hearts are heavy. He brings hope to those who live in obscurity, whose good deeds go unnoticed and whose love goes without reward. The heroism of the just will never escape God's sight.

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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.

## 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 or designated envelopes are available in your envelope box.

The office must receive your completed form or envelope and donation by **Monday, December 20th**. This is a critical date for printing due to the holidays.

## 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 19th at 5:00 p.m.**

## Holiday Masses At St. Ann's

### **Christmas**

Friday, December 24, 2021—6:00 PM Family Mass  
Saturday, December 25, 2021—8:00 AM Christmas Day  
(No 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 25th)

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Sunday, December 26, 2021—8:00 AM

### **Mary, Mother of God**

Friday, December 31, 2021—6:00 PM Vigil Mass  
Saturday, January 1, 2022—8:00 AM  
(No 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022)

### **Epiphany of the Lord**

Sunday, January 2, 2022—8:00 A.M.

## 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

From the time of creation, God has been inviting us into a profound relationship of trust, which is the core of what it means to believe in God. We are called to trust that God is with us long before we are called to consent in doctrine. In fact, consenting to the teachings of our faith only makes sense in the context of a trusting relationship with God. There we discover God to be Lord of our lives, transforming our uncertainty into a sure foundation.



## Stewardship

**December 11, 2021**

Mass Collection (6:00 p.m.) ..... \$2,353.00

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.

- Tuesday, December 21st      Nativity of Our Savior, Portage

## 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 Oates and Oates.

## Oates and Oates

There is an old adage, "if you want something done, ask a busy person." If that is true, Jim and Lisa Oates would be the people to ask. Whether they are helping with projects here at St Ann's or advising clients in their Merrillville law practice, they can handle a multitude of tasks with the efficiency that comes with practiced organization.

Both Lisa and Jim have served on numerous committees and helped out with St Ann activities.

Their legal practice can help with almost anything from wills and estates to medical or even criminal law all with a knowledgeable and compassionate understanding of the interests of the client.

Check out their website <http://oatesandoates.com>