

The Holy Family



St. Ann of the Dunes • Beverly Shores, Indiana

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

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

Friday, December 31

6:00 PM In Memory of Jerry Waszkowski from Terry and Nancy Kolasa

Saturday, January 1

8:00 AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM In Memory of Maria Pavlin from Ed and Lou Ann Rooks

Ministry Schedule

December 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Lector Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Ambrosic

December 25, 2021

8:00 AM

Lector Joan Baruffi
Eucharistic Minister Ann Beese

December 26, 2021

8:00 AM

Lector Joan Crepeau
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Ambrosic

December 31, 2021

6:00 PM

Lector OPEN
Eucharistic Minister OPEN

January 1, 2022

8:00 AM

Lector Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Ambrosic

January 2, 2022

8:00 AM

Lector Joan Crepeau
Eucharistic Minister OPEN

Offering What We Have Received

If you took a toddler to church and left the child there for the pastor to raise, you might be accused of negligence. But when we hear that Hannah performs a similar action in the First Book of Samuel, we are to emulate the holiness of her family.



Hannah had gone childless throughout her life, but Eli, the Old Testament priest at the temple in Shiloh, prophesied that she would conceive a son. Hannah promised she would give the son back to God. Eli's prophecy came true, and Hannah made good on her promise. She brought a bull, some flour, some wine—as well as her son—and gave them all to Eli. She later bore five more children. The first

son, Samuel, eventually succeeded Eli as priest of the temple.

Although Hannah's specific actions would seem strange today, the general intent of her spiritual life remains an admirable model. Hannah asked God for a particular petition. When God granted her heart's desire, Hannah returned thanks to God by offering in sacrifice some of what she treasured.

All our families strive to be holy. Not every mother has a son. Not every son becomes a priest. But every family can learn the basics of a friendship with God. If you want something, ask. If you receive it, give thanks. When you give thanks, do it with a sacrifice of something you treasure.

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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.

With Grateful Hearts

During this busy Christmas season, we would like to take the opportunity to thank so many of our parishioners and priests who have kept St. Ann's going this year. Thank you to our Choir, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Commission members and especially our maintenance guy, Mike Opat, who really keeps our Church going. We are so lucky to have all of you here at St. Ann's.

A special thank you to Father Jon Plavcan, Father Roque Meraz and Father George Schopp. We are very grateful for all that you do.

The Holy Family

On this feast of the Holy Family, consider that holiness is not about perfection. If that were the case, no family could be holy. Holiness begins in knowing that God has set us apart for a purpose, not just individually but in the midst of community. In the chaos and imperfection of family life, we have the opportunity to learn about our gifts and talents, our temperaments, what our callings may be and how to respond to needs in our world. We have the opportunity to pray not just for each other but with each other grounding our lives in the presence of God.

2022 Calendars

Be sure to grab one of the free calendars on the desk in the back of Church. Thank you to Edmonds and Evans Funeral Home for providing those to us.

Help Us For Free

It's so easy to help St. Ann's without costing you a penny. Select Saint Ann of the Dunes as your charity when you shop at Amazon Smile either on the regular website or the Amazon app on your phone. No special membership card to show or extra buttons to click during each purchase. One and done. It does take a couple of minutes to set up Saint Ann of the Dunes as your charity of choice at AmazonSmile, after that it is smooth sailing.

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

December 11, 2021

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

Due to the printing schedule for the holiday bulletin, the stewardship report for December 18th and 19th will appear in next week's bulletin.

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.

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.

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 Puntillo Crane Orthodontics.

Puntillo Crane Orthodontics

One of our continuing advertisers is Puntillo Crane Orthodontics. Parishioner Dr. Anthony Puntillo and his wife Mary Carol have been parishioners since 2007 and are always very generous with their time and talents in the St Ann Community.

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