

LENT



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.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
(8:00 a.m. is every third Sunday of the month.)
Lithuanian Mass 1:00 p.m.
(1:00 p.m. is 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, March 26

6:00 PM In Memory of Donald Graham
from Friends of Donald Graham

Saturday, April 2

6:00 PM In Memory of Tom Oberle
from Nancy Oberle Bishop

Saturday, April 9

6:00 PM In Memory of Martin Kovalan
and Bailey Rose Kovalan
from John and Janet Kovalan

Ministry Schedule

March 26, 2022

6:00 PM

Lector Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Ambrosic

April 2, 2022

6:00 PM

Lector Joan Baruffi
Eucharistic Minister Perry Cartwright

April 9, 2022

6:00 PM

Lector Lynda Lancaster
Lector Nick Gonzalez
Eucharistic Minister Robert Stanford

Lenten Reflection

Today's Gospel reading ends with the older brother remaining outside the family residence, mulling over his father's pleading with him to join the feast that celebrates the return of the younger, prodigal son. What will the older brother do? Swallow his pride and go in? Or wallow in his resentment and refuse his father's wish for reconciliation? What would I do?

Simple Blessings

Unleavened cakes and parched grain do not sound like much of a menu. But it was a banquet for the Israelites of long ago.



Freed from their slavery in Egypt, they made the long trek through the desert to reach the Promised Land. They trudged a long, tiring, and dangerous journey. Moses, their leader, had died. Now Joshua, his successor, had brought them to their homeland.

It was Passover, the festival commemorating their departure from Egypt. So the people celebrated the feast with food from their new home: unleavened cakes and parched grain. They no longer

ate the food of Egypt. They no longer ate the manna from the desert. Now, camped on a plain in Gilgal, they ate the food of their new home, the food of freedom.

You appreciate things more if you have had to go without them. Food tastes better if you are hungry. Employment satisfies more if you were unemployed. Shelter feels safer if you have been without a home. God's presence feels stronger when you rediscover prayer.

It may not seem like much—unleavened cakes and parched grain, but for the Israelites it was a banquet. They may not seem like much—the little blessings God gives us, but for those who experience God's mercy, they are heaven.

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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.

Area Penance Services

Join area priests for Lenten Penance Services and experience God's mercy. No reservations are required. Services are held at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM for your convenience.

- ◆ Monday, March 28th at St. Patrick's Church in Chesterton
- ◆ Thursday, April 7th at St. Paul's Church in Valparaiso

Sojourner Truth House Collection

Thanks to everyone who has dropped off disposable diapers and personal care products for Sojourner Truth House. The Commission on Peace and Social Justice will continue collecting these items through Sunday, April 17. On this Lenten journey, our care and concern for others brings us closer to the Living God. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Stations of the Cross

Please join our Spirituality and Worship Commission this Friday evening as they lead parishioners in the Stations of the Cross at 6 PM.

There are only two more dates left to attend this reverent and devotional moment on April 1st and April 8th.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Live Natural Family Planning classes are offered at the Pastoral Center at 9292 Broadway in Merrillville. Classes start the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M. Couples desiring to take these NFP classes will need to sign up and pay at www.ccli.org.

The Passion of Christ

The Live Theater Production will present "The Passion of Christ" at 1:00 PM (in Polish) and at 4:00 PM (in English) on Sunday, April 10th, at the Carmelite Fathers Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road, in Munster. Comprised of approximately 70 amateur volunteer actors and singers and directed by Cecylia Jablonska, the troupe has performed "The Passion of Christ" throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana as a Lenten tradition for the past 25 year. All are welcome, a free-will offering will be accepted. For information, call Live Theater Production at 773-544-6573 or the Carmelite Fathers Monastery at 219-838-7111 or check out Facebook at "Live Theater Production or www.livetheaterproduction.com.

Catholic Relief Services

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Stewardship

March 19 & 20, 2022

Mass Collection \$2,855.00
Lithuanian Mass Collection (1:00 pm) \$ 568.00

*Dear Parishioners and Guests-
Just as your home has expenses so does your church "home". Your generosity has assisted in the meeting of expenses of your Church "home". Thank you.*

..... *Father Jon Plavcan*

Online Giving

You may 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 Catholic Relief Services and parish utilities.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus, a week long summer parish mission for 1st-12th grade students, is coming to the Diocese of Gary. In its sixth summer, we have spread the Gospel message of salvation to hundreds of youth. The Diocese of Gary is currently looking for college aged men and women to serve as missionaries to the youth of our Diocese.

The Diocese will pay a stipend of \$200.00 and all food and housing is provided during the commitment from June 2nd -July 30th. For more information contact Sean Martin at 219-769-9292.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reflecting on a Spendthrift Father

We know this story by heart. A greedy son, an extravagant father, a big party, and an indignant second son. The first son comes to his senses. The father never loses his senses. The second son, after grumbling, remains a mystery .

- ◆ How do I, like the first son, come to my senses about God's perpetual love and care for me?
- ◆ How is God, like the spendthrift father, extravagant with me?
- ◆ How will I be generous to others? Works of Mercy may be a place to start.