

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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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.  
**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 and Anointing of the Sick:** ... Upon request.

## Parish Staff

**Parish Administrator** ..... Rev. Jon Plavcan

**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** ..... Stephen Hughes

**Sacristan Coordinator** ..... Phil Farese

**Liturgy & Music Director** ..... Marsha Jerome

**Organist** ..... Karen Erminger

**Maintenance** ..... Michael Opat

**St. Ann Guild President** ..... Joseph Estep

## 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 3

6:00 PM In Memory of Lech Wiklinski  
from Richard and Gosia Kinney

#### Wednesday, December 7

6:00 PM For the People of St. Ann

#### Saturday, December 10

6:00 PM In Memory of Maria Pavlin  
from Ed and Lou Ann Rooks

#### Saturday, December 17

6:00 PM In Memory of Donald Graham  
from John and Linda Didelot

#### Sunday, December 18

8:00 AM In Memory of Morris Blake  
from Terry and Nancy Kolasa

#### Sunday, December 18 **Lithuanian Mass**

1:00 PM In Memory of Leo Dambrauskas  
from Roma and  
Kristina Dambrauskas

### Ministry Schedule

#### December 3, 2022

**6:00 PM**

Lector Gloria Bolduc  
Eucharistic Minister Phil Hargarten

#### December 7, 2022

**6:00 PM**

Lector Joan Baruffi

#### December 10, 2022

**6:00 PM**

Lector Lynda Lancaster  
Eucharistic Minister Joe Estep

#### December 17, 2022

**6:00 PM**

Lector Gloria Bolduc  
Eucharistic Minister Robert Stanford

#### December 18, 2022

**8:00 AM**

Lector Brian McSweeney  
Eucharistic Minister Cindy Hargarten

## The Jesse Tree

Today's first reading inspired the Advent custom of the Jesse tree.



During Advent some households read stories from the Bible about the people and events that led up to the birth of Jesus. Those who hear the stories create depictions of them and hang these on a tree. The idea of decorating a tree comes from Isaiah's prophecy that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." A "Jesse tree" reminds us of God's marvelous plan for salvation.

The entire passage is filled with words of comfort. The shoot sprouting from Jesse is to be a leader filled with God's spirit—a

spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. The reign of that ruler will even bring peace to animals. The lamb will host the wolf. The calf and young lion will be the playmates of a child.

Because Jesse was the father of David, the prophecy foretells an idealized time under a great king. When Christians hear this prophecy during Advent, we look farther down Jesse's lineage all the way to Jesus. Jesus was anointed with God's spirit and brought enemies together around a common belief in God's mercy.

The Jesse tree does not stop growing with Jesus. It continues with us. Through the new birth of baptism and the anointing of confirmation, God has filled us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are anointed, like Jesus, to be agents of peace.

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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 Father Frank Torres and James Beglin, son of long time parishioner Arlene Beglin.

*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.

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Wednesday, December 7th 6:00 PM St. Ann's

### *Vigil of Christmas-Family Mass*

Saturday, December 24th 6:00 PM St. Ann's

### *Christmas Day Celebration—The Birth of the Lord*

Sunday, December 25th 8:00 AM St. Ann's

### *Mary, Mother of God Mass-Vigil Mass*

Saturday, December 31st 6:00 PM St. Ann's

*As we prepare to give gifts to others, please do not forget St. Ann of the Dunes Parish. An extra monetary gift to the Parish would be a Blessing.*  
Father Jon Plavcan

## Advent Penance Schedule

Communal Penance Services will be held at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 6th St. Patrick Church

Thursday, December 15th Nativity of Our Savior Church

## 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.

## Polish-American Society of NWI

Join facilitator Father Wally Rakoczy on December 14th as he leads informal discussions on Polish Advent and Christmas customs. Meetings are held at St. Stan's School on 1506 Washington St in Michigan City and begin at 5:00 PM. For more information call Father Wally Rakoczy at 219-406-4345.

## 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 19, 2022 ..... 6:00 PM**

Mass Collection ..... \$1,497.00

**November 20, 2022 ..... 8:00 AM**

Mass Collection ..... \$905.00

**November 20, 2022 ..... 1:00 PM**

Mass Collection ..... \$489.00

**November 26, 2022 ..... 1:00 PM**

Mass Collection ..... \$1,709.00

*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*

## Second Week of Advent

Today's readings offer a study in contrasts. Paul makes us feel uplifted and hopeful with his words of endurance and encouragement, harmony and welcome. John the Baptist, on the other hand, snaps us back to attention with his "brood of vipers" comment and warnings of the "unquenchable fire." There's no way to avoid feeling a little unsettled after the Gospel reading. Are we among the "brood"? Will we end up on the threshing floor? This is where these two seemingly disparate Scripture readings converge, offering us a choice. Will we be like the Pharisees and Sadducees who were warned by John, who thought they had reached a spiritual pinnacle but blocked others from entering the path to God? Or will we model ourselves after Jesus, who welcomed not only existing believers but prostitutes and tax collectors, and so many others typically relegated to the margins? Jesus came to save all, not just a few, and so we are called to welcome all not just those who agree with our political or even spiritual opinions. St. Benedict of Nursia wrote in his Rule that his monks should "receive all guests as Christ." It sounds so simple on the surface, but it's not always easy when "all" includes people who don't fit the mold we've created in our own minds. Think of how dramatic it must have been when the disciples of Jesus began to welcome Gentiles and pagans into what had previously been a Jewish community. Who are the people we see as "other," and how can we soften our hearts and open our minds to welcome them to the table of the Lord as Jesus did, as Paul did, as we are called to do?