

# THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND

## JAMES 5:8



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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 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

#### Saturday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

6:00 PM In Memory of Fred Braun from  
Frank and Sharon Ambrosic

#### Sunday, December 25 **Christmas**

8:00 AM In Memory of James Beglin  
from Carol Dickerman

### Ministry Schedule

**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

## If Only

We all have our own "if onlys." If only my hands didn't shake. If only my knees were stronger. If only I weren't afraid. If only we had enough rain. If only I could see more clearly. If only I could hear as I used to. If only I didn't feel trapped.



God understands. Even though life is not perfect, and even though our property and bodies deteriorate, God promises a restoration of all that is beautiful. The struggles of this life cause us to yearn for another, more glorious life.

Isaiah prophesies a day when God's glory will come. "Here is your God," Isaiah says. "God comes to save you." These words brought hope to those in exile, a people powerless and poor.

When Christians hear this text, we hear a promise that echoed all the way to the birth of Jesus. Jesus, whose name means "savior," is coming, and all will be made new in him.

Every time we strengthen the weak, help the needy, water the plants, or shovel the snow, we remove someone's "if only." We help them witness the coming of Christ.

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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.

## Peace and Social Justice Food Drive

Peace and Social Justice Commission is collecting nonperishable items for the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. Bring your items to Mass and drop them in the big white box in the back of Church. If you would like to have your donation picked up, call Perry Cartwright at 773-391-5673 for assistance. Let's help our neighbors have a wonderful Christmas dinner.

## 2023 Envelopes Are Available

Your 2023 envelopes are available for you to pick up at the back of church. Envelope availability is based on usage in the past year. If you have any questions, please email the office at [stannesdunnes@comcast.net](mailto:stannesdunnes@comcast.net) or call 219-879-7565.

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### **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

## 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.

## Advent Penance Schedule

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

Thursday, December 15th Nativity of Our Savior Church

Monday, December 19th St. Paul's Church, Valparaiso

## 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 03, 2022..... 6:00 PM  
Mass Collection ..... \$1,830.00

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

## Third Week of Advent

We know enough of John the Baptist's life to know he didn't do anything halfway. He preached repentance and announced the coming of the Messiah, the one whose sandal he was not fit to unstrap, the one who would baptize with fire and the Holy Spirit. With our 20/20 spiritual hindsight, we assume John had some insider tip that let him know Jesus was the One. But in today's Gospel, from his prison cell, he makes clear he doesn't know, in fact, he wonders if he should be looking for someone else. Let that reality sink in. Is there anything in your life for which you would give up everything and risk imprisonment and even death without absolute certainty about the one you were proclaiming?

In a world where we like to know everything the minute it happens, preferably a minute before, it's hard to imagine the complete and utter trust in God that John's mission required. "John the Baptist is the summit of the whole Jewish tradition. He will be a great prophet who, with his own finger, can point to the Messiah, the Christ, and thereby the coming of the kingdom." writes Trappist Father Theophane Boyd in *Sundays at the Magic Monastery*. There is no mere holy man, and yet even this holiest of holy men has to act completely on faith. He knows the Light of the World is coming even as he is left in the dark of uncertainty.

God doesn't ask even a fraction of this fortitude and faith from us, but how easily we back away and question God's plan. Trust. Faith. Prayer. Action. That was John's recipe. It should be ours as well.