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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 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 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

December 24, 2022 6:00 PM

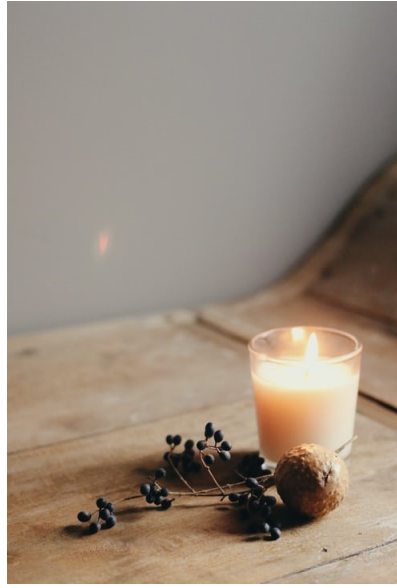
Lector Joan Crepeau
Eucharistic Minister Perry Cartwright

December 25, 2022 8:00 AM

Lector Frank Ambrosic
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Ambrosic

God's Signs

For Christians, the most famous prophecy of Isaiah is this: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."



Isaiah spoke these words to a king worried about the future of his dominion. God invited Ahaz to ask for a sign of favor, but Ahaz refused. In so many words, Ahaz did not want to put God to any trouble. Isaiah, exasperated, tells the king that God will give him a sign anyway. Whether or not Ahaz wants one, God will give a sign.

The sign Isaiah promises is a child born to a young woman. The child will be given a name that carried a message to the king and his people: Emmanuel. God is with us.

When Matthew wrote about the birth of Jesus in the first chapter of his gospel, he said it fulfilled this prophecy from Isaiah. Jesus is the sign that God is with us. The young woman, his mother Mary, conceived the child while remaining a virgin.

Where in the world do people not want to trouble God? How can you bring them a sign of comfort? No matter how impossible the situation might be, God is with us.

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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 wants to thank everyone who has participated in this year's Advent food drive to benefit the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. We will be collecting nonperishable items through next week—Saturday, December 24. So if you haven't yet participated, there's still time. We are very grateful for everyone's generosity. Thank you!

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 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 date:

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 10, 2022..... 6:00 PM
Mass Collection \$1,921.00

Dear Parishioners

Santa came early to St. Ann's this year. Thank you to the generous parishioner who gifted our parish with a \$5,000.00 gift. May God bless them for their generosity. Their practice of stewardship is greatly appreciated. Father Jon

CSA 2022 Reminder

As a reminder, the Catholic Service Appeal will end on January 31, 2023. If you want to take advantage of the full tax break for 2022, then your contributions will need to be satisfied before December 31, 2022. All CSA 2022 contribution letters will go out at the end of January and will come from the Diocese of Gary.

Thank you to all who generously gave to CSA. Your stewardship and generosity is greatly appreciated. You helped us reach our goals here at St Ann's. Father Jon

Fourth Week of Advent

Today's conversation between God and Ahaz made me laugh-in the best way-when I read it early one morning after sitting in prayer and telling God how fearful I was of too many things to list. And, as always, I prayed and wished for, a sign, that might lead me on the right paths and give me a clue as to how to be who I called to be. Then I walked downstairs to write this reflection, opened the lectionary to the day that was next on my calendar, and saw today's reading from Isaiah, reminding us that God wants us to ask him to guide us and to give us signs as outrageous as anything we can imagine.

But we, like Ahaz, often back away from that offer, maybe out of humility, but probably out of fear for what the sign we get might tell us or ask of us. And God, having had it up to here with Ahaz, like a frustrated father who says to his relentless children. "Don't make me come down there!" does just that. He decides to come down here. He doesn't just send a sign, he becomes the sign, by way of Mary, in the person of Jesus. A sign so outrageous it rocked the world, changed history, and continues to ripple outward in an endless pool of mercy and salvation and hope. But have we let it change us?