

A SAVIOR IS BORN!



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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 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
- Saturday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary**
6:00 PM In Memory of Janet Plavcan from St. Ann's Parish Family
- Saturday, January 7 Epiphany**
6:00 PM In Memory of Barbara Weck from Terry and Nancy Kolasa

Ministry Schedule

- 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
- December 31, 2022 6:00 PM**
Lector Joan Baruffi
Eucharistic Minister Ann Beese
- January 7, 2023 6:00 PM**
Lector Gloria Bolduc
Eucharistic Minister Annaliese McSweeney

Thank you to all of our Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Choir who give so much of their time and talent to our Parish.

Salvation's Eyewitnesses

Whenever you see something great, you can feel the excitement.



Whenever you hear about something great, it just is not the same. Travelers give eyewitness accounts of their journeys, the people they have met, the places they have seen and the events they have experienced. If something exciting happens on your street, you will want to see it for yourself. Then you can feel the excitement.

Christmas is a celebration for the eyewitnesses of salvation. We have not just heard about it. We have experienced it. We know the

fulfillment of God's promises, the presence of Christ and the hope of believers. We have experienced the wonder of God in our families, our friends, our church, and our community. God is redeeming people.

Isaiah says, when those announcing good news about God come to the mountain of Jerusalem, they are beautiful to behold from head to toe. Even their feet are beautiful. "They see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion." These eyewitnesses bring back to the city the exciting reports of God's work. It is not enough for us to hear about it. We look, see, and experience firsthand the marvels God has done.

This Christmas we reflect on God's action in our lives. We experience the birth of salvation within us. We know from our own experience that God saves us. When we share that good news, we are beautiful. Even our feet are beautiful.

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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.

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to all of our parishioners and visitors to St. Ann's. We are so pleased you have joined us in celebrating the birth of our Lord. We wish everyone a joyful and Happy New Year. Many blessings to all.



Father Jon and Father Alan

A Prayer for Christmas

Jesus, our Emmanuel, we thank you for entering our world in order to bring light and love into the darkness of human suffering. We hope in your word and rejoice in your promises.

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

Mary, Mother of God Mass-Vigil Mass

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

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

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 17, 2022..... 6:00 PM
Mass Collection \$2,615.00
December 18, 2022.....8:00 AM
Mass Collection \$725.00
December 18, 2022 *Lithuanian Mass* 1:00 PM
Mass Collection \$783.00

*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.

The Nativity of the Lord

Everything we have been waiting for, hoping for, longing for is given to us today. From this day forward everything changes. It can feel a bit overwhelming as we try to grasp it all and what it means for each of us—from the poetry of Isaiah and the long, beautiful genealogy of Jesus to the messages of angels and the shepherds in their amazement. It's no wonder we sing out, "Joy to the World!" Our hearts are so full it's all we can do to keep from jumping up and down like a toddler about to tear into a brightly wrapped present.

In the midst of the excitement, the Gospel of John cuts through all of the details to the mystical heart of the matter: Jesus is the Word of God, the Logos, one and the same with God since before time began. And John assures us that if we live in him and with him, we will never be left in darkness, no matter how dark, the world may seem at times, even in the midst of celebration and twinkling lights. "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us," Isaiah prophesied.

Although the Incarnate God who entered the scene and was laid in a manger in Bethlehem is not physically among us as he was 2,000 years ago, he is with us just the same—indeed, even more so—because he lived and died and rose again so that we might have life and have it more fully. Jesus lights the way, the Word of God always present, if we are willing to listen, as St. Benedict said, with "the ear of the heart."