



**Church:** 433 East Golfwood Road  
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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 the Sacristan know prior to Mass and we'll be sure that someone will bring Communion to you at your seat.*



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, October 7

6:00 PM In Memory of  
George and Louise Spisak  
from Spisak Daughters

#### Saturday, October 14

6:00 PM In Memory of John Kovalan  
from  
Carlos and Barbara Sanchez

#### Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM For the People of St Ann

#### Sunday, October 15 Lithuanian Mass

1:00 PM In Memory of  
Revita Durtineviciute  
from Maria Deksnis

### Ministry Schedule

#### October 7, 2023

**6:00 PM**

Lector Frank Ambrosic  
Eucharistic Minister Annaliese  
McSweeney  
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Ambrosic-C

#### October 14, 2023

**6:00 PM**

Lector Gloria Bolduc  
Eucharistic Minister Ann Beese  
Eucharistic Minister Linda Sperling-C

#### October 15, 2023

**8:00 AM**

Lector Brian McSweeney  
Eucharistic Minister Scott Stolarz-C  
Eucharistic Minister Ron Kovach

#### October 21, 2023

**6:00 PM**

Lector Joan Baruffi  
Eucharistic Minister Perry Cartwright  
Eucharistic Minister Joe Estep-C

## God's Vineyard

We hate to hear that we have failed. But it is better to face failure than to ignore it. If we have sinned, it is better to confess to God than to imagine that we are righteous.



Isaiah's parable of the vineyard is a story of failure. It is hard to hear. He tells of a friend who planted a vineyard, cared for the ground, cleared the stones, and built a watchtower for its protection. The friend did all the things you should do if you want a successful crop. But the vineyard did not cooperate. The vineyard produced wild grapes, not good ones.

So Isaiah's friend tore up the plants, broke down the protective wall and reduced the field to

grazing. The one who loved the field so much gave up on it.

Isaiah tells this sad story about ancient Israel. God had nourished the chosen people like a vine grower, but they did not produce the desired fruit. They rebelled against the God who loved them. The vineyard of God was trampled by enemies who took over the land.

Our sins cause pain to ourselves as well as to others. When we fail, God can use our misfortune to turn our hearts back to the divine command.

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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 former parishioner, Margaret Heslin.

*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.

## Candlelight Rosary October 8th

The Spirituality and Worship Commission will hold a Candlelight Rosary on October 8th at 6:00 pm. This is a truly beautiful opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother in a very special way. Doors will be open at 5:30 PM for quiet reflection. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Catholic Service Appeal 2023 Update

Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal for Saint Ann of the Dunes. The parish goal was \$14,292.00. Through your generous response the amount that was pledged was \$31,102.92. The amount collected to this date is \$30,472.92 with an outstanding balance of \$630.00. The Catholic Services Appeal ends December 2023. Any amount above the \$14,292.00 is returned to the parish and will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the buildings. Thank you for your generous response to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Father Jon Plavcan

## Polish-American Society Meeting

On Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00 PM, the Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana invites everyone (junior high school or older) to learn more about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Father Walter Ciesla, pastor of St. Stan's Church in Michigan City will give a presentation about the Shrine as well as on Polonia in his home state of New Jersey. Admission is free and open to the public. Please use the entrance on the Church/Hall side of the school building. For more information, call Father Rakoczy at 219-405-4345 or email polamnwi@yahoo.com. Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana is also on Facebook.

## Black Tie—White Collar Gala

The Diocese of Gary Vocations invites everyone to come celebrate the priesthood by supporting our seminarians and forming priests for our future at a gala on Friday, October 20, 2023. The event will be held at Avalon Manor Banquet Center, 3350 E Lincoln Hwy in, Merrillville from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM. There will be an open bar, dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Cost is \$85.00 per person. Register online at GARYVOCATIONS.COM by October 13, 2023.

## Training Conference 2023

This year's conference is an invitation to allow Jesus to enkindle in our hearts that flame of faith, hope and love once again. The past few years has made our common journey difficult. It is Jesus who walks with us always, making our hearts burn within us to bring Him to our families, our co-workers and our communities. This annual conference is training and renewal for Lectors, Ministers of Care, Music Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Deacons.

**You can register at [dgary.org/event/conference-23](https://dgary.org/event/conference-23).**

The conference will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Schererville. The conference begins at 5:30 PM on Friday, October 27th and ends at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 28th.



## Stewardship

**September 30, 2023 ..... 6:00 PM**  
Saturday Mass Collection .....\$2,396.00  
Parish Utilities Collection..... \$349.00

*Your practice of stewardship is appreciated. It is a reflection of our Blessings that we have received from God.*

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).

## Light the Way Worship Night

### Attention all High School Students

In fellowship with other Duneland Community Churches, there will be booths set up in Thomas Centennial Park in Chesterton for the Light the Way Worship Night on Friday, October 20th from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. There will be featured bands and speakers promoting Christianity in an effort to lead young people to Jesus. For additional information or to volunteer contact Mrs. Chris Hoover at [choover1035@gmail.com](mailto:choover1035@gmail.com). Thomas Centennial Park is at the corner of Broadway and Calumet Rd in Chesterton—next to the spotlight.

## 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.