

*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2



St. Ann
of the Dunes

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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.

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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, January 6

6:00 PM In Memory of all the Priests who faithfully served our Parish

Saturday, January 13

6:00 PM In Memory of Diane Estep from Nancy Hlebasko

Saturday, January 20

6:00 PM In Memory of Edith Muller from Ken and Margaret Wyckoff

Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM In Memory of Margaret Heslin from Judy Murphy

Sunday, January 21 Lithuanian Mass

1:00 PM In memory of Algis Zukauskas, Ausra Karaitis, Lora Medeine Krumplis, Fele Krumplis and Vytautas Beleska from Dana and Gedi Plenys

Ministry Schedule

January 6, 2024

Lector Brian McSweeney
Eucharistic Minister Perry Cartwright
Eucharistic Minister Linda Sperling-C

January 13, 2024

Lector Joan Baruffi
Eucharistic Minister Annaliese McSweeney
Eucharistic Minister Joe Estep-C

Caravans of Camels

About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could



have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" he proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the magi realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.

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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 Frank Goldak.

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.

With Grateful Hearts

Thank you to the generous donor of a wonderful gift to St. Ann of the Dunes of \$6,000.00. This was found in the Christmas collection. May God bless this person for their generosity.

Also, thank you to Father Alan Wakefield who continues to graciously offer me assistance on a regular basis for Masses at St. Ann of the Dunes. Father and I have given up many benefits that would be given to priests in order to serve the Faith Community of St Ann of the Dunes. So in this New Year, I am grateful to Father Alan and his unselfish ministry.

Sincerely, Father Jon Plavcan

The Epiphany of the Lord

Copartners in the Promise

The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God’s goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

- Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?
- Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?
- What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

Knights of Columbus Meetings

The Knights of the Chesterton council #5929, will be meeting on the 17th of January. Interested parishioners are invited to join. All council meetings will be in the Chapel Hall at St. Patrick’s and start at 7pm. To contact membership director, Dwight Noble, at 219-395-6822 or at [dwightwnoble@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightwnoble@gmail.com)

Rosary for Vocations

All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in saying a rosary each month on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15am. The rosary for January will be on the 7th in St Patrick’s church. Knights of Columbus will be praying for religious vocations for our parishes and the Gary diocese monthly. All are invited to have some donuts and pray this rosary for our seminarians , and our religious advocates present and to come.

Support Our Bulletin Sponsors

2024 Envelopes Are Available

Your 2024 envelopes are available for you to pick up at the back of church. Envelope availability is based on usage in the past year. Some may notice your envelope ID number has changed. This is due to the reordering process and does not affect the recording of your contribution or record keeping information. It is just a change in the ordering process. If you have any questions, please email the office at stannesdunnes@comcast.net or call 219-879-7565.



Stewardship

December 30. 2023.....	6:00 PM
Mass Collection	\$2,059.00
January 1. 2024	10:00 AM
Mass Collection	\$957.00

Dear Parishioners and Guests-

Thank you for your practice of Stewardship to St. Ann of the Dunes. May God Bless you for your generosity.

..... 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.

Next weekend the second collection will be for Parish Utilities

Parish Email List

If you would like to receive up to date information about our Parish and you are not already on our email list, send the parish office your email address and we will happily add you to our list. The address is: stannesdunnes@comcast.net.

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.