

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!

DIVINE MERCY



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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

**Children's Faith
Formation Secretary** Tracy Oliver

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, April 6

6:00 PM In Memory of Diane Estep
from Larry and Kathy Bennett

Saturday, April 13

6:00 PM In Memory of Victor Palmer
from James and Virginia Ertle

Saturday, April 20

6:00 PM 10th Anniversary of the
death of Gytis J Mildazis

Sunday, April 21

8:00 AM In Memory of Penny Harvey
from her sister

Sunday, April 21 **Lithuanian Mass**

1:00 PM For the People of St. Ann

Ministry Schedule

April 6, 2024

6:00 PM

Lector Brian McSweeney
Eucharistic Minister Phil Hargarten-C
Eucharistic Minister Cindy Hargarten

April 13, 2024

6:00 PM

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

April 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Lector Lynda Lancaster
Eucharistic Minister Perry Cartwright-C
Eucharistic Minister Scott Stolarz

April 21, 2024

8:00 AM

Lector Joan Crepeau
Eucharistic Minister Ron Kovach-C
Eucharistic Minister Dora Kovach

Share and Share Alike

Share and share alike. One of the first lessons we learn in life is the importance of sharing what we have. Whether we receive freely or give freely, sharing brings happiness to all involved.

When the first Christians formed a community, they shared everything they owned. The followers of Jesus were not content with



a personal relationship with their Savior. They craved a personal relationship with the community of believers.

Some believers had more than others. Those who owned property or houses sold them and gave the proceeds to the leaders, who distributed the money to those who needed it. Those who had more

realized they could live with less. Those who had less got what they needed to live.

Today many Christians feel good if we tithe. If we give ten percent of what we earn to charities, we feel like we've done our part.

The first Christians did more. Much more. They gave until everyone in their community had the same. Share and share alike.

Do you have more than you need of something? What would it take for you to give it away? All the early church needed was faith.

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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.

Thank you

We would like to thank the choir for their beautiful music on Easter. Thank you to Peace and Social Justice Commission for all of their hard work on the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry Drive. Thank you to our parishioners for hosting Stations of the Cross during Lent, our Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and especially Father Alan Wakefield for volunteering all year long. Your dedication to our church is amazing.

Special recognition goes to our talented trio, Father Jon Plavcan, Nancy and Mike Opat for their hard work in decorating the Church for Easter. The Church looks beautiful with the memorial flowers all of you donated as we remember those who have gone before us. Most of all, thank you to all of our parishioners and visitors who have kept our church going all year long. May God Bless you.

Lenten Food Drive—Thank you

Peace and Social Justice Commission wants to thank all who participated in the Lenten Food Drive for the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. It's clear that the good people of St. Ann's have responded with great generosity to this call. Thank you.

St. Teresa Avila—Café Manna

The Café Manna of St. Teresa Avila of Valparaiso is looking for volunteers on Thursdays from May 9th-August 15th from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Café Manna is a Community Outreach Soup Kitchen. . St. Teresa Avila is located at 1604 E Lincolnway in Valparaiso. Call 219-464-4042 or sign up online at <https://saintt.com/cafe-manna>

Marriage Preparation Classes

Below are dates for the 2024 Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program. Classes for the program are Fridays, 6:00-9:00 PM and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Registration and payment for the marriage preparation classes can be done at www.dioceseofgary.org or call the Diocese at 219-769-9292 ext 259. Classes are also available in Spanish, the dates are available on the website and are listed on the program brochure which is located in the book racks in the back of church.

Marriage Preparation Program dates are:

- April 19th-20th at St. Teresa of Avila, Valparaiso
- May 24th-25th at St. James the Less, Highland
- September 6th-7th at St. Teresa of Avila, Valparaiso
- October 18th-19th at St. James the Less, Highland

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Father, we thank You for all the vocations that You have given us. Send Your Holy Spirit to guard and guide these men and women In thanksgiving we ask Your blessings upon those who have so generously responded to Your call. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen



Stewardship

March 31, 2024	8:00 AM
Mass Collection	\$610.00
Easter Collection.....	\$2,549.00

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 and for the Haiti mission.

Save the Date—June 10, 2024

On Monday, June 10, 2024 at Innsbrook Country Club in Merrillville, Catholic Charities will hold a golf experience to help our neighbors in need. More information will follow soon. Contact Kevin Feldman at Catholic Charities if you would like to volunteer or participate. Kevin Feldman can be reached at 219-886-3549 ext 102 or email him at kfeldman@catholic-charities.org.

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.