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St. Ann Catholic Church, Channahon strives to be a welcoming, caring and faith-filled parish family who desires to bring one another closer to Jesus through Prayer, Involvement and Generosity on our way to the Heavenly Father.

FROM FATHER JOHN: *'The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults! From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.'* ~ Psalm 19

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart!!!

Why does the Church hold so strongly to its teachings especially in the area of morality? It is a question that many people wonder about.

Fr. Dennis Phiri is a friend of mine from Zambia. I met him through Mundelein Seminary when he was studying at the seminary for his Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He is currently Vicar General of the Diocese of Chipata in Zambia.

I remember when Fr. Dennis first came to the United States. He commented to me one day that, 'In my country, we have a lot of draughts. Sometimes it is very difficult to find water. So many of the songs we sing are about water. But I come to America and I hear so many songs about love. Do you have an absence of love in this country?'

We really don't have an absence of love in our country but I do think we have an absence of understanding what love actually is. Our society, our songs, our movies, our news media, our social media all portray love as an emotional feeling.

Don't allow yourself to be conned into thinking that love is a feeling. Love is not a feeling. It is actually a particular choice; it's an act of the will.

All we have to do to understand love is look to our Lord Jesus suffering on the cross. Our Lord Jesus said that "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" (John 15:13) Our Lord Jesus then went to Jerusalem and laid down His life for us. He cared so much for our salvation, for our greatest good, that he allowed Himself to be tortured and killed so that we might have life.

This then is the definition of love; caring more for the good of another person than we care for our own good, than we care for our own life. Love is not free. Real love involves dying to one's self, dying to selfishness, dying to self-centeredness. Real love means always living for the good of another person.

We see this type of love in families all the time. Good parents and grandparents do this every day. Good husbands and good wives do this every day. Parents, grandparents, husbands, wives choose to love each other every day. They make the choice to lay down their lives for each other and they do this all for the good of the people they love.

So why does the Church hold so strongly to our dogmas, doctrines and precepts concerning living a moral life? It's because the Church loves all people and cares for the good of all people with the greatest good, and the first law of the Church, being the salvation of souls.

Would we think a parent truly loves their child if they did not speak out against the child's destructive or immoral behavior? Would we think a parent truly loves their child if their child was an alcoholic or had a drug problem and they did not try everything they could think of to help their child?

In the same way, could we say that the Church truly loves the people of the world if it didn't speak out against destructive behavior or immoral behavior; if it didn't speak out against promiscuity, abortion, euthanasia, war, same-sex marriages, poverty, etc.?

A few years ago, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, wrote a great article that I saved entitled *All are Welcome*. It sheds light on why the Church speaks out on many of the social issues of our times. Here is the article.

"It was a lesson I began to learn when I was seven or eight. My buddy Freddie from across the street and I were playing outside. Mom called me for supper.

'Can Freddie stay and eat supper with us?' I asked. 'He'd sure be welcome, if it's okay with his mom and dad,' she replied. 'Thanks, Mrs. Dolan,' Freddie replied. 'I'm sure it's okay, because mom and dad are out, and the babysitter was just going to make me a sandwich whenever I came in.'

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Catholic parents have the responsibility to have their infant children baptized within the first few weeks of life when possible. Baptism prep will be the 3rd Saturday of the month @ 2 PM in the Fireside room, call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms will be the 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 AM (Exceptions for holiday weekends.) Please call the parish office to schedule and for information. parishoffice@stannchannahon.org or 815-467-6962, Ext. 10.

Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation for Children:

Formation is held during religious education sessions. Registration/questions contact Tom x13.

Reception of Baptism, Reconciliation, R.C.I.A.,

Eucharist & Confirmation for Adults:

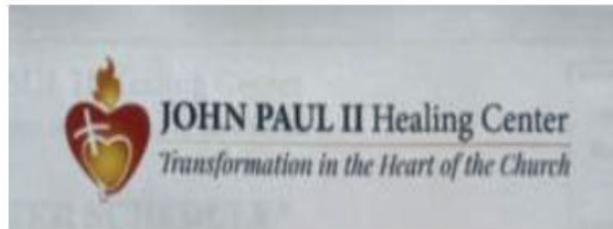
Inquiries about reception of Sacraments, contact Tom, Ext. 13.

Engagement Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples need to be registered and active in parish life and attend weekly Mass. Preparation begins eight months before proposed date. Contact Parish Office 815-467-6962.

Validation of a Civil Marriage:

If you were married civilly by the State and wish to validate your marriage as a Sacrament, contact Dcn. Bob, Ext. 12 or the parish office, Ext. 10



Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?
Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions?
Do you feel like you are bringing the same sins to confession, again?

Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

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When St Isaac Jogues Parish hosted this retreat in Fall of 2019, there were 450 attendees who experienced wonderful healing from Jesus.

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I was so proud and happy. Freddie was welcome in our house, at our table. We both rushed in and sat down. 'Freddie, glad you're here,' dad remarked, 'but looks like you and Tim better go wash your hands before you eat.'

Simple enough, common sense, you are a most welcome and respected member now of our table, our household, dad was saying, but, there are a few very natural expectations this family has. Like, wash your hands!

So it is with the supernatural family we call the Church: all are welcome! But, welcome to what? To a community that will love and respect you, but which has rather clear expectations defining it, revealed by God in the Bible, through His Son, Jesus, instilled in the human heart, and taught by His Church.

The Church is Catholic . . . that means all are welcome; The Church is one . . . that means we have a Person — Jesus — and His moral teaching that unite us; The Church is apostolic . . . that means that His teaching was entrusted to His apostles, and carefully handed-on by His Church.

The sacred duty of the Church is to invite people, challenge people, to live the message and teachings of Jesus. This balance can cause some tensions. Freddie and I were loved and welcomed at our family table, but the clear expectation was, no dirty hands!

Blessed John Paul II used to say that the best way to love someone was to tell them the truth: To teach the truth with love. Jesus did that — He was love and truth in His very person — and so does His Church. We love and respect everyone but that doesn't necessarily mean we love and respect their actions.

Who a person is? We love and respect him or her. What a person does? Truth may require that we tell the person we love that such actions are not consonant with what God has revealed. We can never judge a person but, we can judge a person's actions.

Jesus did it best. Remember the woman caught in adultery? The elders were going to stone her. At the words of Jesus, they walked away. '*Is there no one left to condemn you?*' the Lord tenderly asked the accused woman.

'No one, Sir,' she whispered.

'Neither do I condemn you,' Jesus concluded. *'Now go, but sin no more.'*

Hate the sin; love the sinner.

In my senior year of college, I led a delegation to the rector arguing that it was time to drop the 'outmoded' expectation that we seminarians be required to major in philosophy. Those 'revolutionary' days — this was 1971 — required, we insisted, that we future priests be specialists in more 'relevant' areas such as psychology or sociology.

The rector, a wise man, listened carefully and patiently. He thanked us and asked for some time to think and consult about our demand.

A week later he called us back and told us that the philosophy requirement would remain. (I'm now sure glad he did, by the way!) One of the more fiery students piped-up, 'See, you never listen to us! You do not respect us.'

The rector calmly explained 'Just because I do not agree with you, or do not accept your proposal, does not mean that I did not listen, nor that I do not love and respect you.' Not a bad philosophy lesson, by the way!

So, for example, the Church loves, welcomes, and respects the alcoholic but would not condone his binge.

The Church loves, welcomes, and respects a prominent business leader but would not condone his or her failure to pay a just wage to a migrant worker.

The Church loves, welcomes, and respects a young couple in love but would challenge their decision to 'live together' before marriage.

The Church loves, welcomes, and respects a woman who has had an abortion, and the man who fathered the child and encouraged the abortion but would be united with them in mourning and regretting that deadly choice.

The Church loves, welcomes, and respects a woman or man with a same-sex attraction while reminding him or her of our clear teaching that, while the condition of homosexuality is no sin at all, still, God's teaching is clear that sexual acts are reserved for a man and woman united in the lifelong, life-giving, faithful, loving bond of marriage.

The Church loves, welcomes, and respects wealthy people, while prophetically teaching the at-times-uncomfortable virtue of justice and charity towards the poor.

We are part of a Church where, yes, all are welcome, but, no, not a Church of anything goes.

Remember last Sunday's moving gospel of Jesus, the Good Shepherd? An effective pastor cherishes, protects, feeds, and leads his flock, while welcoming his sheep into the fold. But he will not let them wander off and do whatever or go wherever the sheep might want to go. His duty is to bring them back and rescue them from danger. This shepherd is still trying to learn how to be like that, to love all without ever compromising the truth." (Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York)

May God Bless you and all those who love the Lord.



Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:00 pm The People of St. Ann Parish

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8:00 am +Louie Moorman & +Kevin Hansen/Michael Hansen

10:00 am St. Ann Parish

Monday, October 4, 2021

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

8:00 am End to Abortion

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8:00 am +Bud Clark/Curt Clark

Thursday, October 7, 2021

8:00 am Presider's Intentions

Friday, October 8, 2021

8:00 am SI Elizabeth Walsh/Family

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:00 pm +Fred Dedin/Dedin Family

Sunday, October 10, 2021

8:00 am The People of St. Ann Parish

10:00 am +Victoria Recchia/CCW

† = denotes deceased person / SI = special intention

**Recurring Parish Organization Meetings
in Parish Hall**

Monday:

Ladies' Card Club: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 10am-6pm

Sew Helpful: 3rd Tuesday each month, 10am-2pm

CCW Meetings: 2nd Monday each month, 6:30 pm
(Aug-May)

Wednesday:

RE Sessions: 4-5:15 & 6-7:15 pm (Sept. - April)

Thursday:

Men's Club Meetings: 3rd Thursday each month,
6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study: 7-9 pm - Fireside Room (Sept. -
April) **Morning Session:** Date & Time: TBD

Friday:

Parish Formation Events/Retreats: dates vary

Teen Gathering: (Sept-May) Times vary

Saturday:

Fishers of Men: 7-8:30 am - Meetings on Zoom
Contact Herald Longton: 815-467-7839

Canasta/Euchre open to Men & Women : 2nd Satur-
day each month, 5 PM Hospitality; 6 PM cards
(sponsored by Men's Club) Cost: \$10

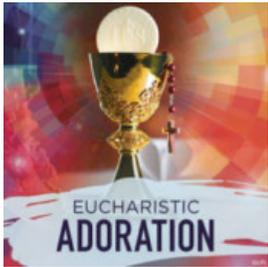
Sunday:

Year I & Year II - Confirmation Prep: 10am-1 pm
(Sept.-April)

Venture Crew/Adult & Youth: 1st, 3rd and last
Sundays each month, 7-8:30 pm;

Parish Events: various dates

Contact the parish office for more information.
815/467-6962



**Wednesday Mornings
8:30-10:30 AM**

*Marriage
& Banns*

Daniel Higgenbotham
& Melissa Esparza

Christopher Jones
& Gina Doughney



**Euchre & Canasta
2nd Saturday of the Month
Parish Hall**

**5 PM Hospitality/6 PM Cards
\$10.00**

Blessings
TO OUR
NEWLY MARRIED!



*Ryan & Amanda
Polito*



Stewardship of Treasure

October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.



September 19th, 2021

Our Weekly Offertory → \$ 7,725
Budgeted 8,169
Difference - 444

St. John the Evangelist Financial Summary - 2021
Weekly Offertory Summary - 09/19/21

	Actual		Budget
	Actual	2021	2021
Revenue			
Offertory	100,710	0	100,710
Other Contributions	10,000	0	10,000
Grants	0	0	0
Transfer from Fund	0	10,000	10,000
Other Unrestricted Revenue	100,000	10,000	110,000
Other Restricted Revenue	100,000	0	100,000
Transfer to Fund	0	0	0
Total Revenue	200,710	10,000	210,710
Expenses			
Administrative/Operational	100,710	10,000	110,710
Program & Development	50,710	0	50,710
Salaries	10,000	0	10,000
Stipends & Honoraria	10,000	1,000	11,000
Parish Expenses	0	0	0
Utilities	10,000	0	10,000
Office	10,000	0	10,000
Program Materials	10,000	0	10,000
Printing and Postage	1,000	0	1,000
Other Operating Expenses	0	0	0
Other Restricted Expenses	1,000	0	1,000
Capital Expenses	0	0	0
Transfer to Fund	0	0	0
Administrative/Operational Total	0	0	0
Administrative/Operational Expense	0	1,000	1,000
Transfer to Fund	100,000	10,000	110,000
Net Revenue - Expenses	100,000	0	100,000
Transfer to Fund	100,710	10,710	0
Revenue - Expenses	100,710	10,710	111,420
Administrative/Operational			
Administrative - Operating	100,710		
Administrative - Stipend	10,000		
Administrative - Other	0		
Administrative - Other	0		
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Administrative - Other	0		

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September 19, 2021

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