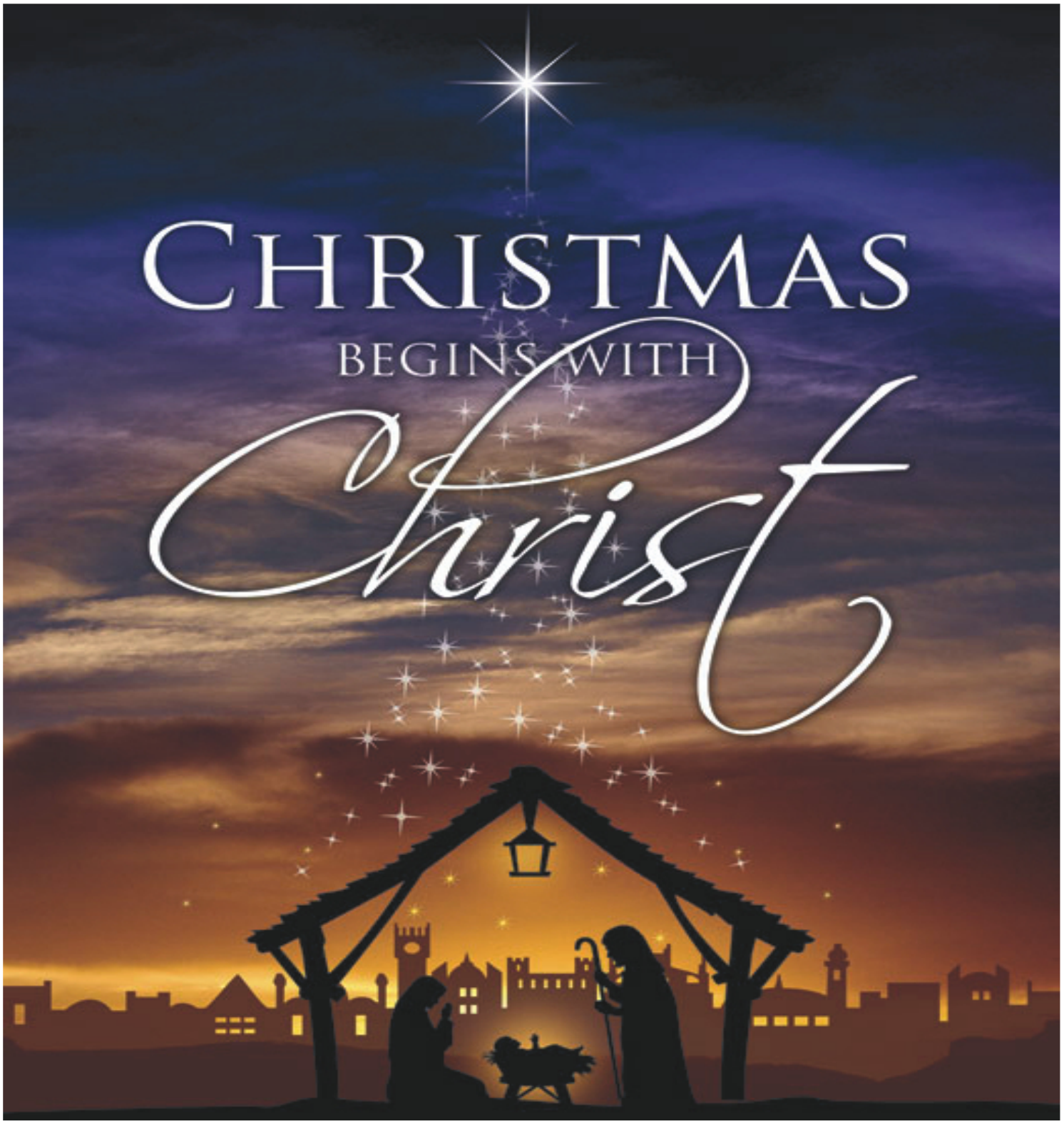
Saint Anne Catholic Church

1131 NE 10th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526

"We are Saint Anne Catholic Church. A welcoming community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to proclaim Christ's loving mission."

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020



St. Anne Liturgy Schedule

All attendees MUST sign in to attend any of the Masses.
Pre-registration is preferred but not mandatory.

Daily morning Masses live-streamed on Facebook
Saturday 5pm Mass live-streamed on Facebook

To register for a Mass, you can:
- Go on our website www.stannegp.com
- Call the Parish Office at 541-476-2240

Saturday:	5:00pm	Vigil Mass
	7:00pm	Misa en Español
Sunday:	8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am	
Weekday Mass:	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	8:00am
	Wed	8:30am
Reconciliation:	Saturdays – 3:30pm-4:30pm	

Our Lady of the River

3625 N. River Road; Gold Hill, OR 97525
PO Box 1596; Rogue River, OR 97537
Phone: 541-582-1373
Sunday: Mass 8:30 AM

St. Patrick of the Forest

407 W. River Street; PO Box 357
Cave Junction, OR 97523
Phone: 541-592-3658
Sunday: Mass 11:00 AM

Due to current State restrictions,
THE PARISH OFFICE is closed to the public.
We will continue to take phone calls
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

E-mail: office@stannegp.com
Website: www.stannegp.com

Parish Office:	**541-476-2240**
	Fax: 541-476-2194
Pastor	Fr. William Holtzinger
Parochial Vicar:	Fr. Arjie Garcia
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Robert Chapin
Business Manager:	Stephen Voehl
Parish Bookkeeper:	Carol Scherf
Administrative Assistant:	Debbie Todor
Parish Center Office:	**541-479-4848**
Admin Asst.-Pastoral Ministry:	Sandra Lopez
Coordinator of Music Ministry:	Ramey Perez
Faith Formation Coordinator:	Emily Suda
Kelly Youth Center Office:	**541-476-5802**
Coordinator Youth Ministry:	Dan Jones
Parish School Office:	**541-479-1582**
School Principal:	Colleen Kotrba
School Office Manager:	Shawna Prestianni
School Bookkeeper:	Sunny Barrett
Capital Campaign Office	**541-787-4711**
Campaign Secretary:	Carole Kay

Are You New to St Anne Catholic Church?

Please call the Parish Office at 541-476-2240 or stop by the office for a **"Welcome Packet"**

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020 MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ANNE

Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec 24th)
5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, Midnight

Christmas Day (Friday, Dec 25th)
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (bilingual)

Mary Mother of God
(Thursday, Dec 31st) **7:00 PM** (bilingual)
(Friday, Jan 1st) **8:00 AM, 10:00 AM**

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST

Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec 24th) **5:00 PM**
Mary Mother of God (Friday, Jan 1st) **9:00 AM**

OUR LADY OF THE RIVER

Christmas Day (Friday, Dec 25th) **9:00 AM**
Mary Mother of God (Friday, Jan 1st) **9:00 AM**

Dear Parishioners,

This multi-week bulletin is what I like to call our "Good News Bulletin," as it includes reflections from some of our staff as they look back on the year and the blessings God offered. This year has been unlike any we have experienced. The pandemic of the Coronavirus has many asking for a 2020 refund. However, no matter what befalls us, as Christians, we know that nothing can stop the love of God. Remember what St. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Rome:

> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39 NABre)

God's love is relentless and unwavering. Indeed, I saw a new kind of courage that rose from a strengthened faith and commitment to help others. I hope that you will be lifted up by the stories you read from the staff which serve as examples of how God has been at work.

So, how has this year been? Where has God shown himself? Well, despite the initial shut down of our public Masses in the beginning, God brought into our community some new and talented parishioners who were up to the task to take us online. I was so proud to be part of that experiment which developed and grew. The results were fantastic. Once we were able to open up the church more, the streaming moved to the main body of the church. Once again, a new sense of mission aided us into making a commitment to improve our troublesome sound system so that now we have a very capable AV system that allows us to stream online the Mass or any other event in the church in a completely unobtrusive way. I'm a proud papa to be part of such an endeavor. When we built our new church, we had installed a camera in the back of the church for the use of baptisms. The idea of streaming was thought about and discussed, but we really didn't take it seriously. But, in the current situation in which we find ourselves, it is a serious vehicle of evangelization for our parish. What a blessing it has been!

In addition to the blessing of technology, the low-tech approach of ministry still reigns via having Mass in person and being able to offer food via the Food Box Program. As of mid December, we gave out over 16,000 boxes of food! That is an immense accomplishment. The need is great, and it is wonderful to be part of something that has immediate and direct effects on other's lives in a way that goes beyond the confines of our church grounds. I am, once again, so proud of all those who have made it happen.

Finally, I feel so privileged to be part of a wonderful staff who stepped up to the immense and unprecedented challenges we have faced. I am happy to let 2020 slip right by, but I do not want to miss the lessons learned and the camaraderie we all felt. I am watching and wondering how we and the ministries will be different from the lessons we learned from this year. I look forward to 2021 to see what more we will learn. I pray that we will continue to build on the new way of thinking and doing things so that we can proclaim Christ's loving mission more effectively in the coming years!

Blessings,

Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor

Congratulations to Michael and Deanna Smole who won the Bazaar Guild's 2020 Quilt Raffle!

We raised $615 toward a new Parish Center stove. Thank you to everyone who sewed, participated, volunteered and bought tickets.

The Bazaar Guild wishes everyone a blessed and safe holiday and we are dreaming of sugar plums and a magical bazaar in 2021!

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

- Thursday 12/24
- Friday, 12/25
- Monday, 12/28
- Tuesday, 12/29
- Thursday, 12/31 at Noon
- Friday, 1/1

When we return, the office will remain closed to the public until the COVID restrictions are lifted.

We will be taking phones calls Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.
—William Cullen Bryant

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.
—J. Masai

PARISH MINISTRIES

Admin. Council Chair	**Grant Walker**	**541-848-7307**
Adoration Chapel	**Michael Bird**	**541-441-1258**
Altar Servers	**Vacant**	
Altar Society	**Tina Garncarz**	**580-583-5487**
Bazaar Guild	**Karen O'Brien quietbear2@gmail.com**	
Coffee & Donuts	**Bill Bailey**	**541-660-1482**
Contemplative Prayer Grp	**Paul Wilson**	**541-479-0601**
Eucharistic Ministers	**Sandra Lopez**	**541-479-4848**
Greeters	**Gail Travers**	**541-507-1406**
Jo Co Jail-Adult Ministry	**Terri Currie**	**541-476-0322**
Lectors	**Sandra Lopez**	**541-479-4848**
Music Ministry	**Ramey Perez**	**541-659-7068**
OYA-Youth Prison	**Rick Nelson**	**541-472-9498**
Pastoral Council Chair	**Scott Polen**	**541-633-5651**
Prayer Line	**Dave Currie**	**541-476-0322**
Prayer Line Email	**prayerministry@stannegp.com**	
Relationship Recovery	**David Barbian & Linda Hughes**	**541-474-7574**
Safety Committee	**Don Fasching**	**541-244-1646**
Sound Coordinator	**Phil Busch**	**541-218-1130**
Usher Coordinator	**Paul O'Brien**	**541-862-2919**
Vocation Ministry	**Paul Wilson**	**541-479-0601**

ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITY LIFE

Knights of Columbus– Phil Lothrop, G.K. 541-846-3046
Phil Lothrop, F.N. 541-846-3046

St. Vincent de Paul Store- Gary Quinn, Mgr. 541-476-5137
132 SE "H" Street, Grants Pass
Tues-Sat 10:00 AM —4:00 PM
Now accepting Credit Cards—$10 MINIMUM purchase required

St. Rita Retreat Center- Fr. Stephen Fister 541-855-1333
PO Box 310, Gold Hill, OR 97525

COMMUNITY HELP IN CRISIS

St. Vincent de Paul Social Services 541-479-0926
132 SE "H" St., Grants Pass
Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Masks required

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen
757 SE 7th Street 541-472-8579

Mobile Kitchen Locations: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Monday	Redwood Country Church-1640 Redwood Ave.
Tuesday	Church of Latter Day Saints-Harbeck Rd/Wms Hwy
Wednesday	Church of Latter Day Saints-Harbeck Rd/Wms Hwy
Thursday	Josephine County Jail Parking Lot-1901 NE "F" Street
Friday	Church of Latter Day Saints-Harbeck Rd/Wms Hwy

SACRAMENTS—Contact the Parish Office at 541-476-2240 for:

- **Baptism and Sacramental Preparation**
- **Marriage:** Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance.
- **Anointing** of the Sick or Communion to the Homebound

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 27, 2020 - January 10, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2020

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.— *Luke 2:30-31*

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him—
Psalm 72:11

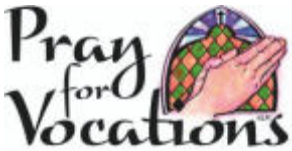
RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY

The program is all about using the broken places in our lives for spiritual growth.

Just a reminder that Relationship Recovery will not be meeting until our current health crisis is over. We wish all of you a healthy and happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe!

For questions or more information, 541-474-7574

Sun	Dec 27	8:00 am	All Parishionerd
		9:00 am	Susan Finley
		11:00 am	✞ Joseph Bettencourt
	RR	8:30 am	Sammie Burton
	CJ	11:00 am	Karl Stephen Voehl
Mon	Dec 28	8:00 am	Karl Stephen Voehl Julie Scott
Tues	Dec 29	8:00 am	Karl Stephen Voehl Sharon Brown Aubrey Brown
Wed	Dec 30	8:30 am	Tim Todor ✞ Walt Kaszuba
Thurs	Dec 31	8:00 am	Karl Stephen Voehl
		7:00 pm	Linda Schoolcraft
Fri	Jan 1	8:00 am	Adam & Nina Busch
		10:00 am	Darlene Harris
	RR	9:00 am	Our Lady of the River Parishioners
	CJ	9:00 am	St. Patrick's Parishioners
Sat	Jan 2	5:00 pm	Karl Stephen Voehl Tom Scherf Maxine Sutherland
		7:00 pm	Dr. Matthew & Natalie Miller & Family
Sun	Jan 3	8:00 am	Tom Scherf
		9:00 am	Raymond Finley
		11:00 am	All Parishioners
	RR	8:30 am	Debbie Todor
	CJ	11:00 am	Carol Scherf
Mon	Jan 4	8:00 am	Food Box Volunteers ✞ Renee Snodgrass
Tues	Jan 5	8:00 am	Josh Todor ✞ James Finley
Wed	Jan 6	8:30 am	✞ Ruth Affeldt
Thurs	Jan 7	8:00 am	Niki Brady
Fri	Jan 8	8:00 am	✞ Rita Hanks
Sat	Jan 9	5:00 pm	✞ Ron Kurt Heidi Jenson
		7:00 pm	Sandra Lopez



VOCATION MINISTRY

Contact: Paul Wilson
541-479-0601

We ask each Parishioner to pray the following Petition:

"That Catholic families will encourage their children to be open to vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life,"

We pray to the Lord

Something to Think About This Week:

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Mt 9: 37

If Christ may be calling you to serve Him as a Priest, Religious or Permanent Deacon, call the Parish office at (541) 476-2240 to make an appointment with Fr Bill or Fr Arjie (agarcia@stannegp.com). You can find information about the priesthood on our Parish website: stannegp.com - go to Vocations under the Resources & News tab. You can also find vocation resources on the Archdiocese website at: archdpdxvocations.org.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

ST STEPHEN (d. c. 36), a man "filled with the Holy Spirit" who worked wonders and miracles, he was the first martyr and one of the first Deacons of the Church. Charged with blasphemy, he gave a speech before the Sanhedrin reviewing the history of salvation and accusing the Israelis of idolatry and betrayal. Then, looking up to heaven he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." Furious, they dragged him out of town and stoned him to death. His last words were "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit…Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Acts 7: 54-60.

His Feast Day is December 26th

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't give each other things this Christmas, give each other the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God by participating in a Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Marriage Encounter Experience on February 19-21, 2021.

To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

LIFE, JUSTICE, AND PEACE
The Corporal Works of Mercy

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise.

Bury the Dead

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support in difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort those who mourn.

- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one.
- Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.
- Spend time planning your own funeral Mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals, and find our hope in the Resurrection.

Give Alms to the Poor

Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services to those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

- Skip the morning latte and instead put that money in the collection basket or poor box at Church.
- Find a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate.
- Take the money you would have spent on food from a restaurant and donate it to charity.
- Participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl and other charitable fundraising drives.

USCCB

"Whatever you did for [them], you did for me." Mt 25: 40

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION PROGRAM

Our donation program helps to serve the poor and marginalized within the Grants Pass community. The donated items do not need to be new, just clean and useable.

December's donation items are:

Men's Large & X-Large Shirts & Jackets

Men's & Women's Sweatpants and Thermal Underwear

Please being the monthly requested items (or any donations) directly to the **Thrift Store at 132 SE "H" Street,**
Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

There are NO collection bins in the Church, Parish Hall or Parish Office.

Thank you for helping us help others. God Bless You!

Week at a Glance

Sun	**Dec 27** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	**Mass** – Church **Mass** – Church **Mass**—Church
Mon	**Dec 28** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*	 8:00 AM	**No School– Christmas Break** **Parish & School Offices Closed** **Mass**—Church
Tue	**Dec 29** *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*	 8:00 AM	**No School– Christmas Break** **Parish & School Offices Closed** **Mass**—Church
Wed	**Dec 30**	 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	**No School– Christmas Break** **Mass** – Church Food Distribution
Thu	**Dec 31** *St. Sylvester I, Pope* *New Year's Eve*	 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	**No School– Christmas Break** **Parish Office Closed at 12 Noon** **Mass** – Church **Mass** – Church
Fri	**Jan 1** ***Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*** *New Year's Day*	 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	**No School– Christmas Break** **Parish & School Offices Closed** **Mass** – Church **Mass** – Church
Sat	**Jan 2** *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*	 3:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	 **Reconciliation– Church** **Mass**—Church **Misa en Español** —Church
Sun	**Jan 3** *The Epiphany of the Lord*	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	**Mass** – Church **Mass** – Church K-5 Family Faith Formation- PC Skyrm **Mass**—Church
Mon	**Jan 4** *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*	8:00 AM	**Mass**– Church
Tue	**Jan 5** *St. John Neumann, Bishop*	8:00 AM 6:30 PM	**Mass**—Church Baptism Class (No walk ins)- PC Rm 1
Wed	**Jan 6** *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*	8:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	**Mass**—Church Parish Staff Mtg by Zoom Clase de Bautismo (No Walk-ins)- PC Rm 1 RCIA Mtg– KYC K of C Officers Mtg– PC Rm 2
Thu	**Jan 7** *St. Raymond of Penyafort*	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	**Mass**– Church Liturgy Committee Mtg– KYC
Fri	**Jan 8**	8:00 AM	**Mass**—Church
Sat	**Jan 9**	3:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	**Reconciliation– Church** **Mass**—Church **Misa en Español** —Church
Sun	**Jan 10** *The Baptism of the Lord*	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	**Mass** – Church **Mass** – Church 1st Communion/RCIC Family Faith Formation—PC Skyrm Teen & Family Faith & Exploration– KYC **Mass**—Church

Catholic Radio in Grants Pass now has a new name.

Pick up a free magnet or a bumper sticker at the Lighthouse Kiosk in the narthex or the Parish Office and help us spread the word! We invite you to support this powerful ministry. You can make a donation on our website through PayPal.

His Mercy Radio
SEEK TRUTH. FIND MERCY. 107.9 FM
www.HisMercyRadio.com

Questions? Call Connie Murphy at 541-476-4600

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
—Benjamin Franklin

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
541-479-1582
website: stanneschoolgp.com

"St. Anne Catholic School is committed to faith formation, scholarship, leadership, and service according to our Catholic values."

Good News Letter from Colleen Kotrba

Good News Letter from St. Anne Catholic School:

We have so much to be thankful for and so many wonderful things happening at St. Anne Catholic School this year. Every year brings new students and families to whom we have the privilege of ministering. Over the past five years, we have gained an average of more than eight new students each year. I believe that each and every student and their family is brought to us for the purpose of ministering to them, sharing the Gospel, meeting their needs academically and spiritually, and showing them the love of Christ through our staff, parish, and other families.

I am ever grateful for the support of our families and parish. At our auction dinner last winter, I set a goal for our Endowment Fund to reach half a million dollars this year. At the time, we had no idea what COVID-19 had in store for us. But thanks to donations and a market that is bouncing back, we have reached that goal! The purpose of the Endowment Fund is primarily to provide tuition assistance. During this current time of reduced work hours, layoffs, and losses, our Endowment Fund is more important than ever. A strong Endowment fund provides the school with safety and security amidst fluctuations in our economy and gives our families the confidence that we are here to stay!

At a time of turmoil in our country, I am especially grateful for the constant love and compassion, care and support, that is foundational to this ministry. I believe it is what draws in those who visit and causes them to want to stay. I believe we are a light in our parish and community and a place where students and their families feel safe, loved, uplifted, and supported in their life and faith journey.

May the light of Christ continue to shine through us, and may we always exemplify the life he has called us to - spreading the Gospel to all people.

With much love and appreciation,
Colleen Kotrba, Principal

Good News Letter from Sandra Lopez

Let me begin by thanking you in advance for your continued active engagement in our parish. Although at this time we may be living some moments of fear, due to Covid 19, we have managed to stay connected either by continuing serving in our parish or by viewing and connecting via Facebook. I sure miss seeing all of you during our Sunday Masses, but get lots of joy when I do see some of you, even at a distance.

Know that all are in my prayers and thoughts. Let the true light of Christmas shine bright through all of you.

Sandra Lopez
Pastoral Assistant

Good News Letter from Ramey Perez

I am thankful for this community of St. Anne, and all the support they give to the music ministry and all ministries in general. This year of course has been a year of struggles and frustration on you, and all I can say is thank you and God bless our Pastor who has made sure to care for all of us, and you have been understanding through it all. On a plus my daughter Nina and Adam Busch were married through this all, wedding pictures in masks will be something to be told for years to come. Let us all keep praying that this coming year will be a joyful and fruitful one for all of us here at St. Anne.

God Bless

Ramey Perez
Music Ministry Coordinator

Any questions, please email our Youth Ministry Coordinator- Dan Jones at djones@stannegp.com

RECYCLING

Your donations make a difference! Thank you!

- **Please check your cans and bottles to make sure they are redeemable in Oregon. Please note that wine bottles are NOT redeemable.**
- **Please do not crush plastic bottles or cans.**
- **Please do not remove the labels from your bottles– in order to redeem the bottles, they must have the labels with the bar codes.**

Teen & Family Faith Formation is for **8th-12th grades and their parents or guardians**. We meet in the KYC on Sundays, 9:30am-10:45am

Upcoming Schedule:

12/27 – No Class	**3/21– No Class**
1/3 – Inquiry Meeting with Teens & Guardians	**3/28– Class—KYC**
1/10—Inquiry Meeting with Teens & Guardians	**4/4– No Class**
1/17– No Class	**4/11– Class—KYC**
1/24– Class—KYC	**4/18– Class—KYC**
1/31– Class—KYC	**4/24– Confirmation Retreat**
2/7– Class—KYC	**4/25– No Class**
2/14– No Class	**5/2– Class—KYC**
2/21– Class—KYC	**5/9– No Class**
2/28– Class—KYC	**5/16– Class—KYC**
3/7– Class—KYC	**5/22 Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass**
3/14– Class—KYC	

Teen Confirmation Classes begin in January. Registrations are available in the Parish Office. There is a $40 Sacramental Prep Fee which will provide funds for learning materials and the Spring Confirmation Day Retreat (TBA.) The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00am at St. Anne Catholic Church. Archbishop Sample will be presiding. Attendance of the Teen Confirmation Classes Sundays at 9:30am in the KYC and the Spring Teen Confirmation Day Retreat are requirements to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22nd.

FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation sessions continue for **Sacramental Prep (First Communion and RCIC)** families only. Please contact Emily at esuda@stannegp.com if you have not yet registered or attended and want your child to receive their First Communion in May.

All families with children in grades K-5 are welcome to join us for our next **Family Faith Formation session on Sunday, January 3rd**. See the list of dates below for other sessions coming up.

All sessions are from **9:30 to 10:45** in the **Parish Center**, and **at least one parent must attend each session with their child(ren)**. Please enter through the doors closest to the church; all children and adults must wear masks and practice social distancing from others not in their household.

Upcoming Faith Formation Sessions:

- *No gathering December 27th.*
- **January 3rd: K-5 Family Faith Formation**
- **January 10th: Sacramental Prep**
- **January 17th: K-5 Family Faith Formation**
- **January 24th: Sacramental Prep**
- **February 7th: K-5 Family Faith Formation**
- **February 14th: Sacramental Prep**
- **February 21st: K-5 Family Faith Formation**
- **February 28th: Sacramental Prep**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Suda at esuda@stannegp.com.

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

Good News Letter from Stephen Voehl

Dear Parish Family,

What a year of blessings! I have now been working here at St Anne for seven years and 2020 has had some particular challenges but as we all know those are just special blessings in disguise! This years' challenges have as always been accompanied by God's grace and the amazing witness of so many of our amazing parishioners. I can't begin to number all of the times I have been humbled this year by the good example and generosity of so many of you! As another year comes to a close I would like to end it with a prayer for all of you. I pray that God give you the grace of the Christ Child's peace in your hearts which no challenge big or small can take from us. God bless and Merry Christmas!

Regards,
Stephen Voehl
Business Manager

Good News Letter from Carol Scherf

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Family,

2020 has brought many blessings and a new awareness of humanity to our world. National tragedies, fires, Pandemics, and life's disasters have brought tears, hurt, uncertainties, and a lack of normal life as we have known it. What a Blessing God has given us!

This year has given me a deeper humility in dealing with others, and a true respect for all. Seeing the God given gifts in each person daily has only made me more aware of our real human spirit.

Through these struggles I have seen a whole new side to people as they each face life's challenges. Men, women, and our youth coming forward to help feed and care for those in need. What a blessing for this experience and those who have given of themselves and trust in their Faith and in God's Love.
Thank you to all who have shared, helped, and provided comfort to those in need and our office. The staff I have the pleasure of working with are truly wonderful people and such a blessing to us all.

2021 is coming and I trust God will continue to be with us in our hearts, minds and all that the New Year has to offer. God Bless each and all of you.

Carol Scherf
Bookkeeper

Good News Letter from Debbie Todor

Dear Friends and Parish Family:

I can't believe another year has passed and what a year this has been. COVID has brought us all many changes and inconveniences. It has also brought many families closer as they have spent more time together and has given many a greater appreciation of life. I continue to be grateful for my incredible family. They are the core and happiness of my life. No matter how this time has affected you, we can all take comfort in knowing that "God has this" and there will be an end. God's time is not always our time but I feel strongly that this will all be over soon. I miss seeing all of you and look forward to the day that we can all see each other's smiles and hug one another again. I continue to be inspired by your courage and faithfulness.

Every day that I come to work, I am reminded of how blessed I am to work here. There is never a dull moment. I'm blessed with the amazing people I get to work with and call my "work family". The office has been especially busy during this time and we are so grateful for our volunteers. I want to especially thank Beth Feller and Susan Finley who stepped up and have been helping answer phones from their own homes. They have been a blessing and I couldn't get as much done as I do without them.

I hope I always show God's love in all of the things that I do and make you feel welcomed. Thank you for allowing me to service you and for all of the support and prayers that you give me and my family.

God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Debbie Todor
Administrative Assistant

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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2nd Weekend of Dec	'19-'20 Last Fiscal Year	'20-'21 Current Fiscal Year	$	%
Weekend Collection	$ 15,928.55	$ 11,613.54	$ (4,315.01)	-27.09%
Month to Date	$ 31,764.85	$ 29,938.37	$ (1,826.48)	-5.75%
Year to Date	$ 325,141.77	$ 278,469.08	$(46,672.69)	-14.35%

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	$	%
YEAR TO DATE	$ 278,469.08	$ 301,765.59	$(23,296.51)	-7.72%

(Fiscal Year = July-June)

Regards,
Stephen Voehl, Business Manager

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—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Face Covering Requirements
From the Archdiocese December 1, 2020

Face coverings are legally required at indoor gatherings, including in churches, per statewide directive. All who are 5 years and up must wear face coverings in church in Phases 1 and 2 of reopening (ages 2-4 are urged to wear them). Those are excepted who perform activity that makes wearing a face covering "not feasible," like the presider (throughout Mass) and the lector (while reading). Singers and musicians are not excepted (they must wear face coverings even while singing). Exceptions are made for people with disabilities or diagnosed medical conditions that preclude them from wearing face coverings. In these few cases, special accommodations should be made so those unable to wear face coverings have seating in a cry room or choir loft away from the rest gathered. Wearing a face covering at church is not optional. Churchgoers cannot be allowed entrance without a face covering. The pastor and door monitor must strictly enforce this requirement. By archdiocesan requirement, face coverings must still be used by ministers when distributing Holy Communion. A presider (to the extent possible) may wear a face covering during Mass. Masses should normally be conducted in the church. The offering of Masses should take place in strict accord with the directives and numbers allowed by the State.

- In general, it is required that people wear a mask or face covering, with or without a face shield, whenever they are within six (6) feet of people who do not live in the same household.
- It is not recommended that individuals wear a face shield instead of a mask or face covering. Face shields can be very good at blocking droplets that individuals release, but they are not as effective at limiting the release of aerosols that can go around the shield.

Those who cannot wear a face covering according to the guidelines will be asked to use the Cry Room or Bride's Room. Only people from the same family can use the area together. If these spaces are already being used, you may be asked to attend a different Mass.

For everyone's safety, please wear your mask properly.

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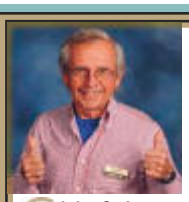

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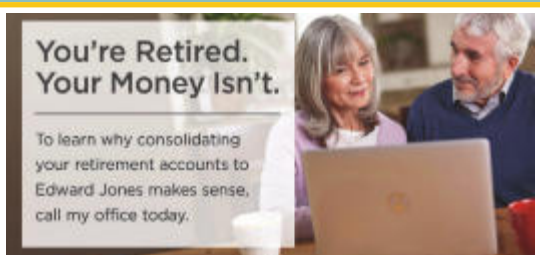

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