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FEBRUARY 14, 2021 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO THE ST. ANN PARISH COMMUNITY!

If you would like to register in the parish, please call the office at 863-4963. Once registered you will receive a Welcome packet with more information. The parish leaders and staff are here to be of service to you. Additional information about St. Ann's parish can be found on our website.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:15 p.m.
Sunday ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday–Thursday ..... 6:30 a.m.
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.
Holyday ..... watch bulletin for times

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.
CONFESSION: Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WEDDINGS: No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

REPORT PARISHIONERS IN LOCAL HOSPITALS: Call 513-858-4210, ext. 3014 to report a parishioner of Sacred Heart or St. Ann in the hospital. Please remember that the hospitals are NOT permitted to inform parishes or priests as to admissions to the hospital.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ann Catholic Church, Hamilton, Ohio, share in the mission of the Apostles to bring Jesus Christ to the world. As individuals we seek to live as Christ would have us live. As a community we seek to provide all types of ministry to the Parish and to the wider community. We come together on the Lord's Day to listen, to celebrate, to receive Jesus.

Pope Benedict's Encyclical "God is Love"

Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. … Love of God and love of neighbour are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. … Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.

Please remember that your weekly offering can be made online from our website: www.saintanncc.com.

Offering envelopes may also be mailed directly to the parish office. We appreciate your support in ensuring the successful future of St. Ann Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

Saturday, February 13th • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Kiep & Baumann Families (Max & Carol Kiep)

Sunday, February 14th • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

11:00 a.m. Patricia Renners (Family)

Monday, February 15th • 6th Monday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Harry Epp (Joe & Susan McAbee)

Tuesday, February 16th • 6th Tuesday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. Shannon Rae McCormick (Ryan Rooks)

Wednesday, February 17th • Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Phyllis Moeller (Family)

Thursday, February 18th • Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Nancy Wolke (Harry Wolke)

Friday, February 19th • Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Kyle Barth (Conrad Family)

Saturday, February 20th • First Sunday of Lent

5:15 p.m. Intentions of the Celebrant (St. Ann Parishioners)

Sunday, February 21st • First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Harry Epp (Mike & Mary Jo Mignery)

11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Fr. Tharp

Ash Wednesday February 17

This year (2021) COVID has even impacted the distribution of ashes. **We are not permitted to distribute ashes on the forehead.** The only procedure allowed is to sprinkle ashes over the top of the head. The following is the directive from Rome:

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Therefore, since ashes are "sprinkled" without words, ONLY those who want the ashes in their hair should come forward. Remember, I am not allowed to touch your forehead or even your hair.

Dietary Rules

During Lent, Catholics are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent, and fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence simply means "abstaining from meat." The flesh of mammals and birds (essentially any animal that is warm blooded) is considered meat. The flesh of reptiles, fish (cold blooded), bird "eggs" and cheese are not considered meat. The chicken itself is warm blooded and thus is considered meat. Anyone fourteen years of age or older who will not be physically harmed by the diet is asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent.

We define fasting for Lenten purposes as meaning eating only one regular meal and two smaller meals or snacks, with no eating between meals. Fasting only applies on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and then only to those between the ages of 18 and 59 who have no medical problem aggravated by the practice.

Personal Devotions

Sometimes people like to "give up" something as a self-imposed penance during Lent. It is also possible to "do something" as a Lenten practice. I will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction (with all proper social distancing) at St. Ann on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m. (Good Friday of Holy Week is different) and Stations of the Cross during Lent on Sunday Afternoons at Sacred Heart at 3:00 p.m. (Palm Sunday excluded)

CMA 2021

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati asks every parish to do its part to fund essential programs and services in the Archdiocese that are beyond the capacity of any individual parish or pastoral region, but can be funded if all the parishes pool their resources and provide the services on a diocesan-wide basis. The "fair share" target that has been set by the Archdiocese for St. Ann is $21,210. Please prayerfully reflect on the mailed materials which you should have already received in the mail. Please consider your commitment. If you did not receive the mailing from the Archbishop, there will be plenty of additional pledge cards and envelopes available at the church doors.

February 7, 2021 Offertory
……$ 7,669.25

Online Giving *(week of 02/07/2021)*
……$ 1,851.50

Thank you for your stewardship and involvement in your St. Ann Parish family.

Basketball versus Parking for Saturday Evening Mass

As you know, I have the 4:00 p.m. Mass every Saturday at Sacred Heart and then rush to St. Ann to have the 5:15 p.m. Mass. It is not infrequent during good weather, and on days when there is no wedding at 2:00 p.m.; that upon my arrival at St. Ann at about 5:05 to 5:15 p.m. the local youth are playing basketball on the parking lot. We have a sign that says "No basketball during Mass times" on the side of the stand-alone garage. I will either ask them to leave or I will ask them to play half court so that at least some cars can park in the area. Gaining compliance has proven to be very difficult, and by the time I arrive almost all St. Ann cars are already parked, or have left because there is no parking. Asking the basketball people to leave by the time I get there is too late. I think resolution may require hiring an off duty police officer or sheriff deputy to correct the situation. I will keep you informed.

Moral implications of COVID-19 Vaccines

Some have accused the Catholic Church of moral duplicity in its teaching regarding abortion and the use of fetal cells harvested from aborted babies in the development and testing of vaccines like the COVID-19 vaccine. The USCCB website cited below reports the following: One of the three pharmaceutical companies making the vaccine apparently did use a compromised cell line in design, development or production, but it would seem that the other two **did not**. Later confirmatory tests applied to this vaccine manufactured by the three companies may have used the compromised HEK293 cell line. The entire document is

available on the USCCB.org website at: https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines. The following statement from page 5 of the referenced document seems to sum up the advice of the USCCB regarding the moral issue associated with the vaccines. It reads, *"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines."*

Communion on the Tongue

Please remember as I stated in recent articles, until the threat of COVID is over; if you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, you must come to me (Fr. Tharp) ONLY and you must be sure you are at the end of my line. Please do not present yourselves to Fr. Schmitz or any of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers for communion on the tongue! If on Sundays, you see that I am going to be at St. Ann, then you must come to St. Ann that Sunday if you want to receive ONLY on the tongue. I am not willing to ask Fr. Schmitz or any of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers to take a risk with which they are uncomfortable. Be assured, I will follow all the protocols necessary to administer on the tongue safely.

Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week

Please remember to access the Sacred Heart / St. Ann Pastoral Region youtube site by clicking on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLLqbEY5hKWinwz069MVcg

Reflection on Scripture: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings from Sacred Scripture are about doing what is socially acceptable according to your culture and your time. The first reading from Leviticus suggests that only one of the priests should make a diagnosis of leprosy, and impose quarantine. (Remember this is before the practice of modern medicine.) It was felt that a religious liturgical practitioner would make the most objective medical analysis. In First Corinthians, St. Paul says that it is an act of charity to adhere to good manners as defined, not by your sensitivities, but by the culture of those around you. In the gospel, Jesus heals the leper and then says (paraphrased), "Don't make a big deal about this. Just take the steps your culture suggests." Instead, the healed leper tells everyone what Jesus asked him to keep secret. Jesus did not ask this out of humility! He asked to keep it quiet because it caused people to want to see a healing show from Jesus rather than listening to the gospel.

The readings remind us that we must be cordial, compassionate, and socially proper if we wish to be beacons of faith. Nevertheless cordiality and propriety are never to serve as an excuse for deception or lying. We must tell the truth kindly and gently; but we must tell the truth. After all, that is what Jesus did!

Next Week: **First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Theme: Repent

MEAT RAFFLE

Fr. Butler Assembly 814, Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be available for sale after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, February 20-21 and March 6-7 until all tickets are sold. $10.00 Donation. All proceeds to support K of C Charities Programs. If you need tickets or more information contact: Barry De Roo at deroobarry@gmail.com, 513-805-3395.

GIFT CARD UPDATE

We have been holding the following gift cards in our inventory for over a year now. **If you or anyone you know uses any of these vendors, please consider purchasing these cards from us so that we can reduce our inventory. Thank you!**

Bass Pro— we have a $100 card
Wayfair—we have 2 $100.00 cards
Outback—we have 11 $10.00 cards
Macy—we have 4 $25.00 cards
I-Hop—we have 6 $10.00 cards and 11 $25.00 cards
AMC—we have 7 $10.00 cards and 4 $25.00 cards

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

The students and staff had a fun Catholic Schools Week!

There are 2 classes in the spotlight this week: (Kindergarten and 1st grade)

Kindergarten:

Happy New Year!!! While we really enjoyed spending time with our families and friends during our Christmas break, we are super glad to be back in school. We really miss our classmates and teachers when we are not at school. Our teacher, Mrs. Lindsey, misses us terribly when we are not here at school. She said we all look so much bigger!

We had fun participating in all the fun activities like Catholic Schools Week, the 100th day of school, and Valentine's Day! Who said the winter months are boring? Not us!

Anyway, we are super glad to be back in school. Mrs. Lindsey said we are not allowed to be off school anymore because she misses us too much! (Well, except for maybe a snow day or two, because those are just plain old fun!) Well, it's time to get back to work! We got things to learn, books to read, people to see, and stuff to do!

Have A Great Weekend!

Yours In Monkey Business,

Mrs. Lindsey + All 18 Kindergarten Snow Monkeys (That are super excited for fun snowy days!)

1st Grade:

We cannot believe the second quarter is already over! We have been having so much fun in first grade! In Math, we have been learning how addition and subtraction facts are related, how we can use a fact we already know to help us solve another problem, and learning basic Math facts. In Language Arts, we are becoming superstar readers! We are learning how to spell all new words too! In Social Studies, we are learning all about the past, present, and future. It is crazy how different things were in the past!

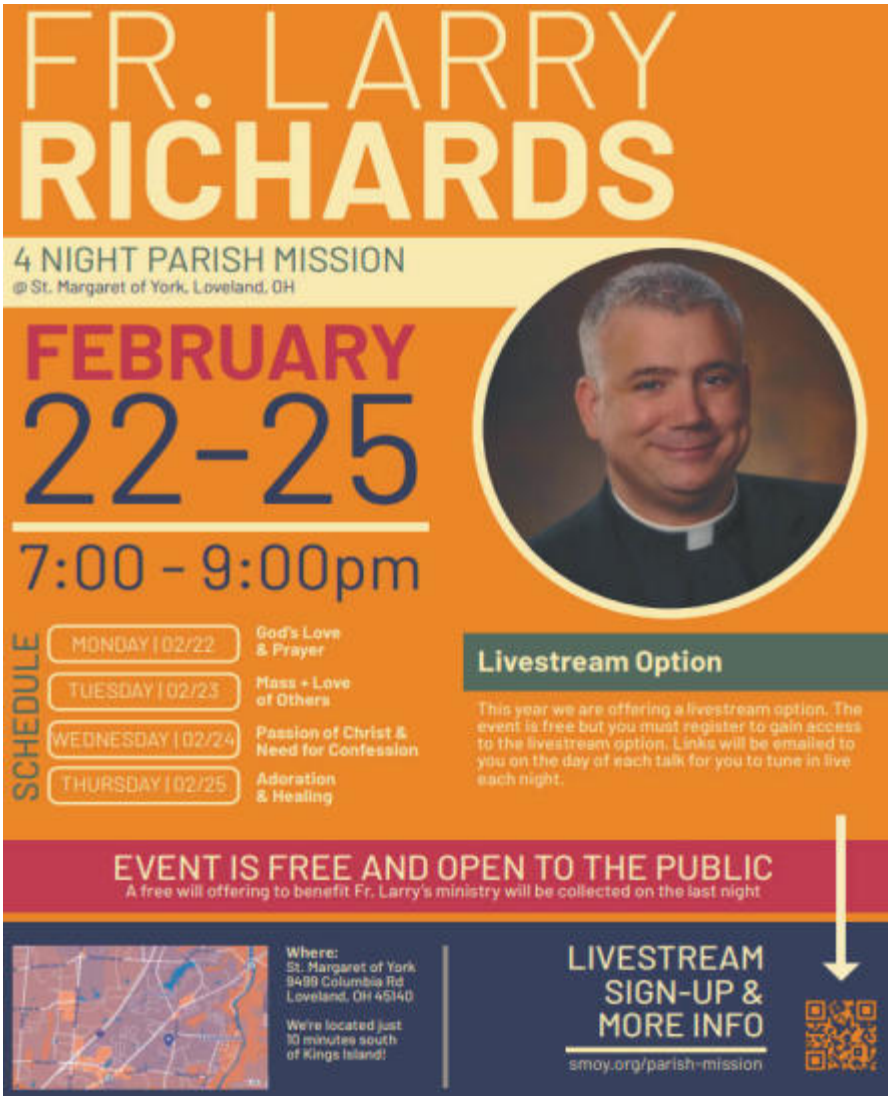
Once again, we'd like to say a huge thank you to the maintenance staff for keeping us safe and keeping our school clean! We are so thankful for you! If it weren't for you all, we might not be in school today. THANK YOU!

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

Ms. Fontaine + All 18 First Graders :)

As always, thank you for the constant support.

God Bless,
Sarah Bitzer
Principal

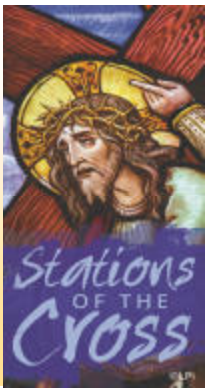


The **6th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference is back for 2021 with live streaming this year.**

Men. Become better spouses, parents, children, brothers and neighbors by growing in masculine virtue. Be the leader, protector and provider that Christ is calling you to be. The 6th annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference will take place on 2/27/21 (starting at 8:50) and features 3 of the world's most dynamic Catholic speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jason Evert and Patrick Coffin. Due to social distancing limitations in 2021, this conference, hosted by All Saints Parish in SE Indiana, will be live streamed.

Watch it LIVE! Easy one-click online access for only $10. Host a "watch party" with your friends, family, men's group or entire parish. These tickets are available online so google "E6 All Saints" or by clicking e6catholicmensconference.com/registration.

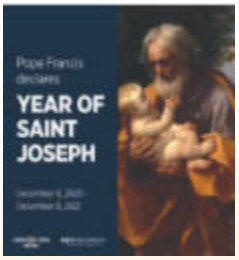
Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Ann who has pledged to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year.

You will find extra pledge envelopes at the doors of church for your convenience this weekend. To make a donation online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank you!



With the Apostolic letter "Patris corde" (With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from **8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.**

Let us pray,
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man,
Blessed St. Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen.

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