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DECEMBER 19, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

PARISH STAFF

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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

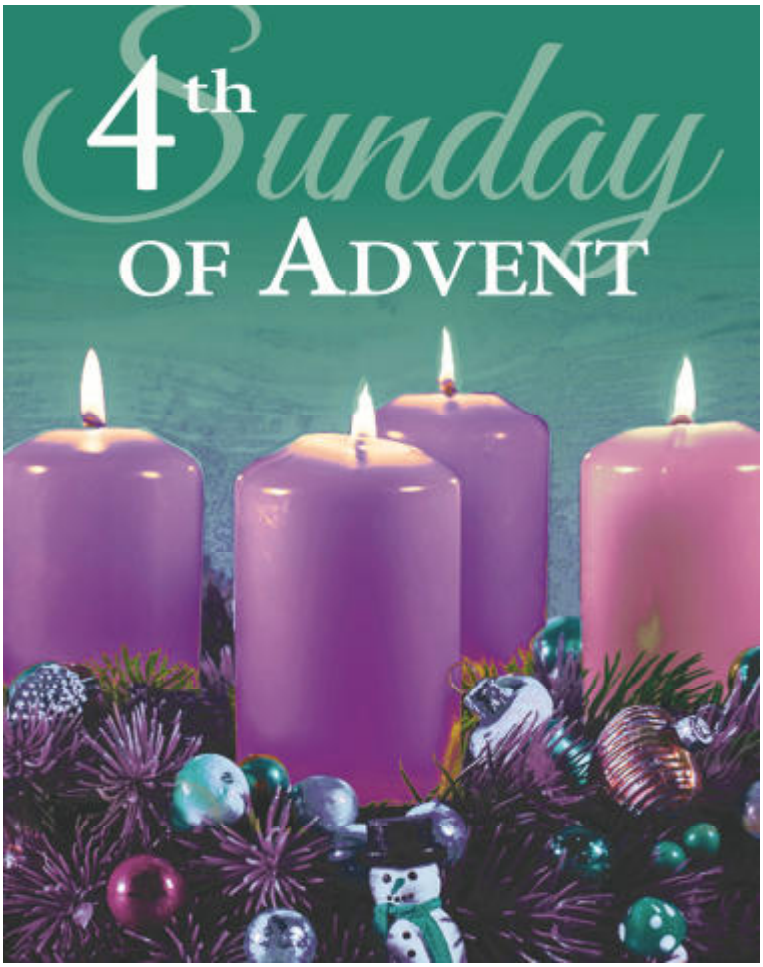
BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.
CONFESSION: Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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.



"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel"* (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

Saturday, December 18th • Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:15 p.m. Shirley Poppel (Cliff Poppel)

Sunday, December 19th • Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. Gerry Hodapp (Wanda Hodapp)

Monday, December 20th • Advent Weekday

6:30 a.m. Justin Johnson (Helen Johnson)

Tuesday, December 21st • St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. For All Who Teach the Catholic Faith

Wednesday, December 22nd • Advent Weekday

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Mickey & Jim Pate (Bill & Kathy Schneider)

Thursday, December 23rd • St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Andy Lampl (JoAnn Lawson)

Friday, December 24th • Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:00 p.m. Edith & Eddward Schuerfranz (Julia Mergy)

Saturday, December 25th • The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Sick & Shut-in Members of St. Ann Parish (St. Ann Rosary Society)

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

Sunday, December 26th • The Holy Family

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Andy Lampl (JoAnn Lawson)

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

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday:	*Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday:	*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family
Celebrant : Fr. Tharp

DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!

I am told that unsuspecting parishioners have received texts, emails, and telephone solicitations (some mimicking my voice) asking for a "favor." Be assured, it is NOT ME! All such messages are a SCAM. I promise that you will never receive any such messages from me, so if you receive one do not even answer it. Delete any such message as I assure I will NEVER contact you for a favor unless I am speaking to you physically in front of you at church. Don't be fooled by these criminals.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24) Masses at Sacred Heart: 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m. Christmas Eve (December 24) Masses at St. Ann 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Christmas Day (December 25) Masses at Sacred Heart 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Christmas Day (December 25) Masses at St. Ann 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Although Christmas is on a Saturday there are ***NO EVENING MASSES*** *on Saturday (December 25) Christmas Day (afternoon)*

EXPLANATION

When Christmas falls on a Saturday, the usual weekly schedule of Masses must be altered. Thus, on Friday December 24th (Christmas Eve) Masses at St. Ann will be at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Masses at Sacred Heart will be at 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Masses on Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day) we will follow the same schedule as we have for Sunday; namely St. Ann 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and Sacred Heart at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - and 12:00 (noon). However since the afternoon of Christmas Day is a Saturday, we will have neither the anticipatory (4:00 p.m.) Mass at Sacred Heart nor the (5:15 p.m.) anticipatory Mass at St. Ann. **In other words, there will be NO anticipatory Masses for Sunday (Feast of the Holy Family) on Saturday (Christmas afternoon).** The Masses for Sunday, December 26 (Feast of the Holy Family) will take place ONLY on Sunday. *These are the directions we received from the Archdiocesan office for Divine Worship and Sacraments.*

Since New Year's Day (January 1) falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass for the Holy Day is removed. Therefore there is NO MASS on Friday Evening (New Year's eve) at either St. Ann or Sacred Heart *although there is a wedding at St. Ann*; and there is only ONE MASS on New Year's morning (the regular Saturday morning schedule) at 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Remember the obligation to attend Mass attached to the Holy Day is abrogated. Nevertheless, we will have our regular anticipatory Masses on Saturday, New Year's Day (namely 4:00 p.m. at SHJ and 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann) as usual. Mass on Sunday, January 2 will follow the regular schedule.

Schedules explaining this will be available at the doors of church from now until Christmas. The schedule will also be posted on both church websites.

December 5, 2021 Offertory
……$ 6,559.63

Online Giving ***(week of 12/05/2021)***
……$ 1,678.50

December 12, 2021 offertory not available at time of printing.

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

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.

Synod 2021-2023

(The Archdiocesan coordinator for the World-wide Synod on Synodality has asked that this be posted in all bulletins:

The Holy Father has called a synod inviting ALL the Baptized to come together to discuss and discern how we can walk together in accomplishing the Mission of the Church. He wants ALL those who make up the Church to participate: elderly, youth, religious orders, clergy, lay faithful, poor, disabled, divorced, migrants, those who no longer practice the faith, etc. It is my understanding that the gathering for our deanery is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at Queen of Peace Church in Millville. More specifics to follow in the New Year. Questions? Please feel free to contact the Archdiocese at www.catholicaoc.org/synod.

Split the Pot

The annual "St. Ann New Year's Eve Split the Pot" is underway. Tickets are on sale in the vestibule of St. Ann after weekend precept Masses. This is a major fundraiser for St. Ann Church and School, so as Sacred Heart and St. Ann become a new Family, let's support each other. Split the Pot fundraisers always work best when lots of tickets sell early. This

encourages others to consider buying tickets as the pot grows.

Reminder for volunteers who work with or around children

If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc please note that you should have been moved to the Safe Parish program. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for anyone working with children. Please contact your parish safe environment coordination if you are uncertain whether you are registered or approved.

Please be aware that failure to register with and complete the requirements of Safe Parish will result in your inability to continue to work with or around children in any parish and/or school setting. We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

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

Since I live stream both the 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and the 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann; I usually manage to live stream both, but on rare occasions the internet is out at one or the other location. If this happens, be assured that I will make every effort to correct the malfunction before the next weekend.

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

Reflection on Scripture:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." This scripture passage from today's gospel, spoken by Elizabeth to Mary, is familiar because it makes up part of the prayer we refer to as the "Hail Mary." What Elizabeth is saying is that Mary is blessed because she has believed in God and acted on her faith. God is the source of everything; time and space, existence itself. God made us in his image and likeness, and gave us free will. Humanity abused God's gifts, and thus we have original sin. God keeps Mary free from sin from before she was conceived. Free of sin, she is enabled to be a worthy vessel to bring the Son of God (the hypostatic union) into time and space. Jesus dies on the cross to expiate our sins, rises from the dead, and ascends to the Father, so that all humanity is saved for all time by his sacrifice. Through God's grace, Mary said "yes" to God's plan. When we say "yes" to God's plan, we participate in salvation history as well. Are we postured in our life to say "yes" to God when he calls?

NEXT WEEK

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

Theme: Holy Family

RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for our Annual New Year's Eve Split the Pot Raffle are now on sale! Ticket Prices are as follows:

1 = $10
3 = $20
8 = $40
13 = $60
21 = $80
35 = $100
200 = $500

There is also a table in the back of church where you can pick up extra Split the Pot tickets. You may take blank tickets to fill out or to sell to others and then return the tickets along with your payment.

WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT THE MONEY FOR THE TICKETS WHEN THE COMPLETED TICKET STUB IS RETURNED ALONG WITH IT. THEY MUST BE TOGETHER!

This is a huge fundraiser for our parish, so pick up some tickets and sell, sell, sell! The more tickets you buy the greater your odds of winning. Let's make this year's prize the biggest one ever!

Our "pot" is now up to $8,772.00

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

"St. Ann School is more than brick and mortar. It is a place to begin a priceless journey of education. The teachers & staff are the best & genuinely care about their students. We are more than a school – We are a family. Love St. Ann!"

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 22nd at 6:30 p.m. We need several strong men to help carry some of the nativity pieces and Christmas Trees up from the church basement. Many hands make light work.

Please join us in decorating the church as we prepare to celebrate Christmas here at St. Ann!

THANK YOU!!!

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Thanks to everyone, who contributed to this year's successful St. Ann's Thanksgiving Food (& Personal Care Items) Drive, including our school children. ***We couldn't have done it without you!*** The *Open Door Food Pantry* was very appreciative of all of the donations we gave them! *"For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat . . . "* [Matt 25:35]

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul for the Sacred Heart/St. Ann Pastoral Region has helped 354 households so far this year. If you're making year-end charitable contributions, please consider our St. Vincent De Paul. Donations can be made at any time to our St. Vincent De Paul Society through the church office. The CARES Act provides a deduction of $300 per individual and $600 on a joint return for charitable contributions for those who do not itemize.

Every dollar received by our St. Vincent De Paul goes to help your neighbors in Fairfield, Lindenwald and Fairfield Township.

The Rosary Society would like to thank everyone for their donations to our baby shower benefiting Pathway Hope Pregnancy Center. We collected many items filling 2 cars and they were much appreciated! Thank you also to everyone who donated baked good items for bake sale at Turkeyfest. Both events were very successful!! We appreciate everyone's donations as we help support our parish and community!

We are also in need of ladies to join our funeral rosary ministry. If you are interested we will add your name to our on-call list and when a funeral rosary is needed for a deceased member, usually mornings, we will call all persons on the list to see if they are available to join us. This is a very important ministry for both the deceased member and their families, we appreciate anyone who can help us with this! For more information or to be added to the contact list please contact Angela at 513-377-7060 or angelagoldschmidt@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU - Coats for Kids Program

Fr. John Roettele, Council 8115, Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St Ann's parishes for their most generous support of the Coats for Kids program. We received $2,180.00 in donations. Our Council has been able to distribute 10 boxes of boys, girls and teen coats this year. We provided coats to our local St. Vincent DePaul Society to help fill request from local families, Resurrection School in Price Hill (an archdiocese CISE school), Fairfield schools and the Caring Closet in Hamilton. The success of the Coats for Kids programs is only possible because of your most generous and caring support.
If you would like to know more about the program, contact Fr. J. Roettele Council 8115 KofC, P.O. Box 18-355, Fairfield, Ohio 45014

Dan Martini Chairman, Frank Vitale Assistant

During these difficult times, families need help more than ever before. To keep both our parish, and the children of Riverview School safe, we are asking for gift card donations only.

We are **temporarily** selling gift cards in the back of church after Mass, with **limited vendors**, in order to facilitate our Giving Tree.

You may also pre-order you cards by sending an e-mail to: gift-cards@saintanncc.com by Wednesday at 12:00 noon and they will be ready for you to pick up at Mass the following week-end. You would pay for the cards at the time you pick them up. More information can be found on the flyer at the doors of church.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY TAKEN A TAG FROM THE GIVING TREE PLEASE DO SO. WE ARE GETTING CLOSE TO OUR DEADLINE AND STILL HAVE MANY TAGS ON THE TREE! IT IS EASIER THAN EVER. TAKE A TAG/ENVELOPE FROM THE TREE AND PURCHASE A GIFT CARD IN THE BACK OF CHURCH BEFORE OR AFTER MASS. JUST PUT THE GIFT CARD IN THE ENVELOPE AND PLACE THE CARD IN THE BOX AT THE BASE OF THE GIVING

Red tags are for Riverview School and must be returned by December 12th.

Green tags are for parish outreach families and must be returned by December 19th.

Thank you for helping these families in need have a better Christmas.

We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas season!!

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