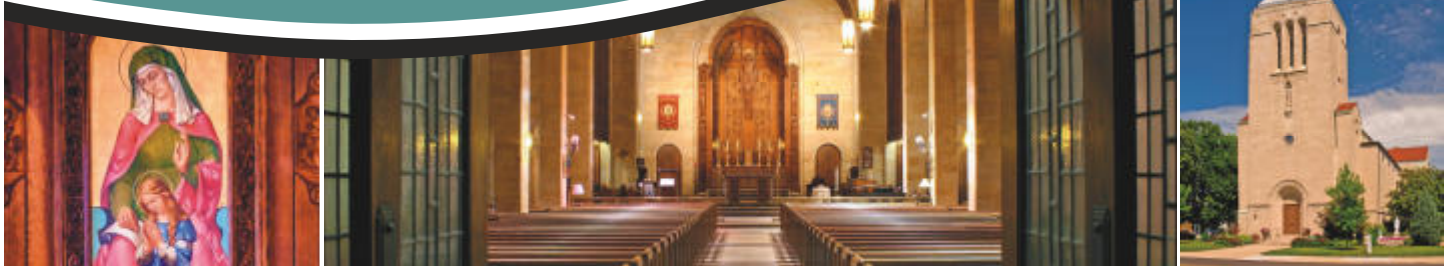


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DECEMBER 26, 2021 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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.

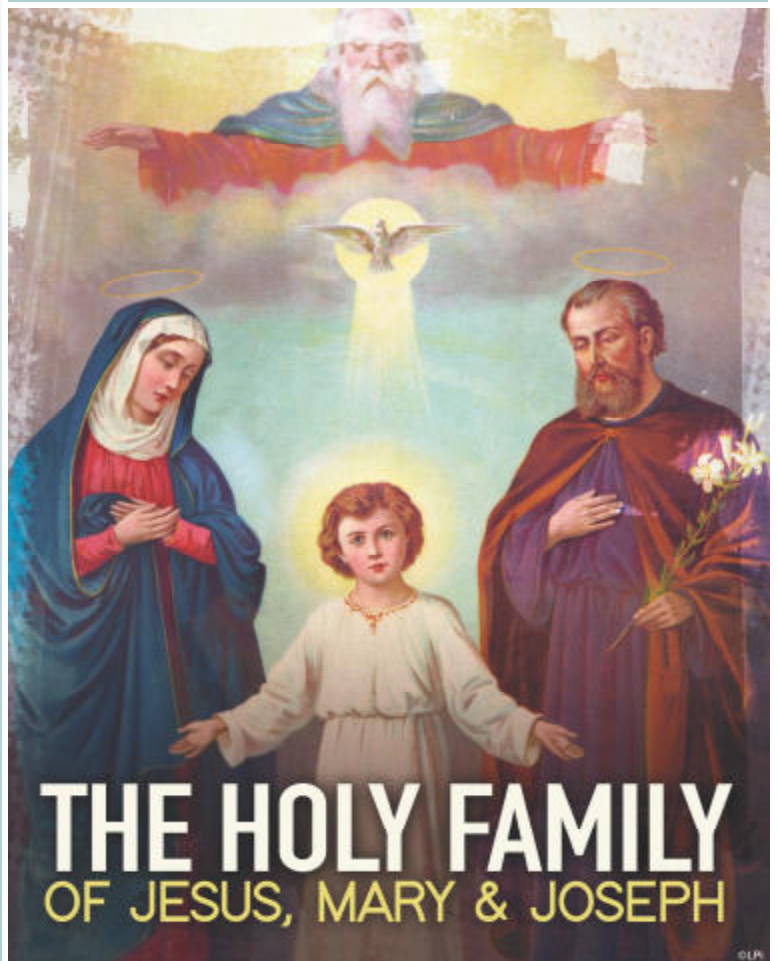
CONFESSION: Tuesday Evening 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Sanctuary of Life

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family -- a family which points the way for the rest of us.

The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be.

One of the many reasons why the St. John Paul II, in "The Gospel of Life" encyclical, identifies abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another.

May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life!

USHERS FOR JANUARY

5:15 P.M. - JOE KELLER, CHRIS FACKY, JOHN KELLER, CAROL VONSTEIN

9:00 A.M. - JESSIE KUNKEL, HEIDI KELLER, JUDY ODA, NEED 1!

11:00 A.M. - JIM BOKENO, DARLA BOKENO, DANNY VOGT, NEED 1!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USHER CONTACT JOE KELLER AT:
kellerjoe@zoomtown.com**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

Saturday, December 25th • The Nativity of the Lord

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

Monday, December 27th • St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 6:30 a.m. Efrain Hernandez Adames (Kathy Murphy)

Tuesday, December 28th • The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 6:30 a.m. Mike Schneider (Bill & Kathy Schneider)

Wednesday, December 29th • St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

- 6:30 a.m. Rocco A. Bokeno and Maudie Vaughn

Thursday, December 30th • Sixth Day within the Nativity of the Lord

- 6:30 a.m. David Martin (Mom and Dad)

Friday, December 31st • St. Sylvester I, Pope

- 8:00 a.m. For All Who Teach the Catholic Faith

Saturday, January 1st • The Epiphany of the Lord

- 5:15 p.m. Special Intentions of Father Tharp (Rita Fontaine)

Sunday, January 2nd • The Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Daddabbo (Mary Jo & Mike Mignery)
11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

- 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
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER 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 you 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Regular Mass schedule for New Year's Weekend

Because there is no precept obligation attached to New Year's Eve or Day (this year only) the Feast of Mary Mother of God is **NOT** a **Holy Day of Obligation this year**. Saturday morning is still technically the Feast of Mary the Mother of God, but there is NO obligation to go to Mass. Since New Year's Day is on a Saturday we will only have the regular Saturday morning Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God at Sacred Heart at 8:00 a.m. followed by confessions from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, New Year's Day (afternoon) we will have our regular anticipatory Mass at Sacred Heart at 4:00 p.m. and at St. Ann at 5:15 p.m. As far as Mass times and schedules, the weekend Mass schedule is exactly as it usually is on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Remember therefore that the Church requires you to attend Mass only once for the New Year's weekend, unlike Christmas the week before.

Synod 2021-2023

(The Archdiocesan coordinator for the Worldwide 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.



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.



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

Split the Pot

The winner for 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.

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:

It is rare that Christmas is on a Saturday, and then the Feast of the Holy Family is the next day (Sunday) but that is how it works out this year. Although my favorite religious feast is Pentecost, most Catholics would say Christmas or perhaps Easter. Holy Family would probably be a little further down the list. Nevertheless, the Holy Family is the context that makes the Hypostatic Union real. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. He is not a hybrid. He is not a genetic anomaly. He exists ontologically as fully human and fully divine. If we think of the reality of human existence and the reality of divine infinity, both measures of existence coalesce in Jesus Christ. For the divine to be fully human, Jesus needed a family. Thus, today's feast.

NEXT WEEK

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Theme: Epiphany



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.

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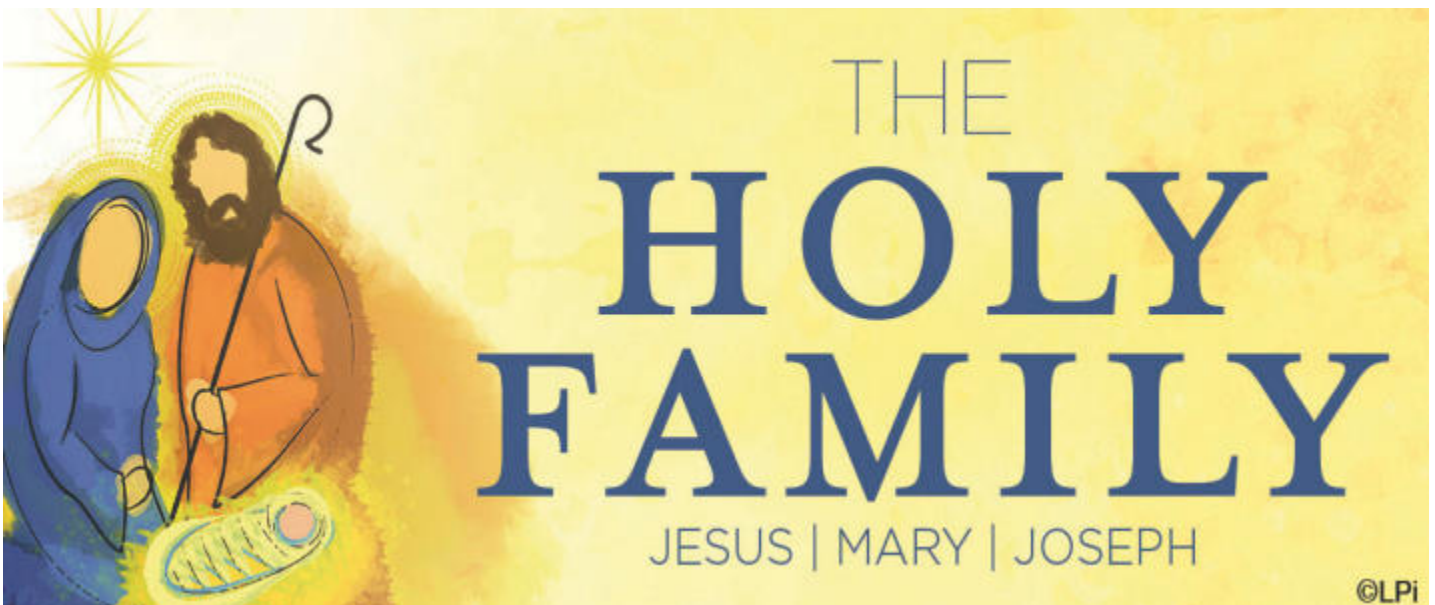
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The Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period runs from now through February 6, 2022. For more information, please go to <http://www.catholicbestchoice.org/>. To apply, please go to <https://factsmgt.com/>.





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The Welcoming/Hospitality Ministry has created a "Welcome Bag" for new parishioners or anyone who is visiting St. Ann Church. The bags contain information about St. Ann Catholic Church and School along with some spiritual gift items from the parish. These bags can be found in the vestibule area in a basket on the table. If you are a new parishioner or a visitor, please help yourself to one of the bags and

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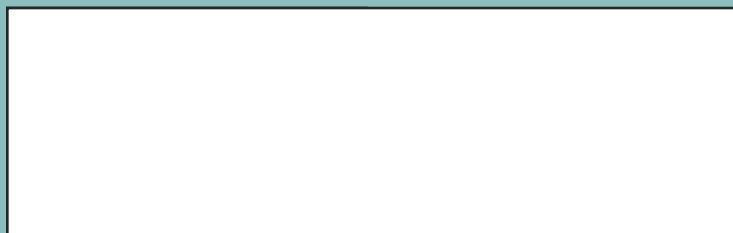
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